**MOAA Legislative Goals for 2015**

**Reserve Force/Family Issues**

* Ensure active duty, Guard and Reserve force sizes meet mission requirements
* Sustain military pay comparability with private sector pay as required by law
* Protect currently serving and retiree benefits from severe, arbitrary sequestration cuts
* Credit all Post-9/11 active duty service toward Guard and Reserve early retirement
* Create new incentives for employers to hire and retain drilling Guard and Reserve members
* Restore tax deductions for reservists’ out-of-pocket expenses for travel of 50 miles or more
* Create new incentives for employers/government/contractors to hire military spouses
* Protect funding for commissaries, exchanges, dependent schools and family support programs
* Ensure service sexual assault and suicide prevention measures provide positive outcomes
* Improve professional licensure transferability for service members and spouses
* Require better education on the financial disadvantages of the REDUX retirement option

**Health Care Issues**

* Avert a 24% Medicare/TRICARE payment cut and fix the statutory formula to improve care access
* Oppose means testing of TRICARE Prime and TRICARE for Life enrollment fees
* Block the consolidation of TRICARE health plans into a single plan providing less choice
* Improve seamless transition and protect Defense and VA health budgets/programs and benefits
* Authorize the option to retain operational reservists’ civilian family health insurance upon call-up
* Increase orthodontia payment cap under active duty plan
* Authorize TRICARE coverage for Applied Behavioral Analysis for active and retired members

**Retirement/Survivor Issues**

* Evaluate Military Compensation & Retirement Modernization Commission recommendations; February 2015
* Oppose military benefit changes that are inconsistent with service career sacrifices
* Preserve full-inflation cost of living adjustments (COLAs)
* End the deduction of VA disability compensation from military retired pay
* End deduction of VA Dependency & Indemnification Compensation from Survivor Benefit Plan annuities
* Implement a more equitable military disability retirement system
* Restore VA Dependency & Indemnification Compensation for spouses who remarry after age 55
* Reform the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) calculation for reservists who die performing Inactive Duty Training
* Authorize survivors to retain a deceased retiree’s full final month retired pay
* Reform the Uniform Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA)

**Veterans / Other Issues**

* Eliminate VA claims backlog and improve quality, efficiency and transparency of claims processing
* Improve VA healthcare services and access for women veterans
* Extend caregiver services and support to qualifying disabled veterans of all conflicts
* Authorize pre-tax payment of health, dental, and long-term health care premiums
* Prevent disproportional Social Security and Medicare penalties for any population segment