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To: Council Presidents and Legislative Chairs

Subject: MOAA State Legislative Consortium

With respect to federal advocacy, MOAA has an established program of involving membership through initiatives like Storming the Hill, Calls to Action, and the recent Summer Storm. We also are appreciative of those who have an interest in state level advocacy which also benefits our members and our organization at the local and national level. The national focus understandably consumes MOAA's allocated resources; as such, extending resourcing to councils and chapters for state level advocacy programs is not a viable option. However, MOAA has already made adjustments to the national staff to accommodate a Legislative Advisor function. Further, we have encouraged affiliate leaders to initiate a forum to share best practices.

Two members, Col Tom Robillard, USAF (Ret) (South Carolina) and LTC Don Wolfinger, USA (Ret) (Missouri), have come forward to champion this effort. I, along with the Vice President for Council, Chapter, and Member Support, have been briefed on the strategy and initial plan for a State Legislative Consortium and we support the initiative. Tom and Don also briefed council presidents at our most recent quarterly webinar which earned positive feedback.

The State Legislative Consortium will be a community of practice for council and chapter leaders who are charged with, or have an interest in, legislative advocacy. It will facilitate information sharing, electronically and through periodic calls and webinars, between affiliates and with MOAA national in order to leverage resources and maximize coordination. In furtherance of this effort, I urge you to share this information with your chapters and encourage all interested councils and chapters to contact Tom or Don as soon as possible with contact information for legislative chairs, liaisons, and/or any other interested participants. Tom and Don anticipate scheduling an initial call on 14 November at 8:00 pm Eastern time.

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Thank you for your support of this important initiative. Together, we can all make this a valuable experience for all those interested, from beginner to the seasoned advocate.

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