

**Trip Report**  
**MOAA AiA, Washington DC**  
**13-16 April 2026**

**All events were in the Hilton Arlington National Landing.**

**The first day, 13 April, was a travel day with a Reception and Welcome Dinner.**

**The second day, 14 April, consisted of a Partnership Presentation. Each company presented their particular benefit to MOAA members. Following, was the AiA Training led by the Government Relations Team. Each of the MOAA initiatives were discussed in length and detail to familiarize the attendee in preparation for the actual AiA Day, 15 April. Four initiatives were presented:**

- 1. Stand with our wounded warriors. This is better known as the Major Star Act. This only affects a total 54K wounded veterans. They most desperately need the benefit promised to them. They do not need their retirement reduced by their disability payment. Both retirement pay and disability pay are earned and must be reinstated.**
- 2. Stop Predatory VA Claims sharks. This is a bill (HB1732), GUARD Act, presented by our own Congressman Pappas. MOAA is a supporter of this bill. This bill reinstates penalties that Congress striped from previous legislation. At this time there is no comparable Senate Bill. NH also has a similar Guard Bill, SB66.**
- 3. Address MTF (military treatment facility) Access Problems. This bipartisan bill would require the Defense Health Agency**

**to establish a digital system that allows beneficiaries to report and track access to care problems.**

- 4. Protect Servicemembers Pay During a Shutdown. The Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168 / H.R. 7137) ensures members of the armed services, to include the reserve component, receive their pay during any future lapse in appropriations. As written, the bill does not explicitly include members of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps or the NOAA Commissioned Corps, who should be added before the bill moves to a vote.**
- 5. We were also informed that if at our events we allowed a person campaigning for an office to speak, we must then allow others campaigning for the same office to speak, equal time, regardless if they are an incumbent.**

**The AiA day, 15 April, MOAA had a record setting campaign: 160 MOAA volunteers, 300+ in-person office visits, 50+ direct meetings with principals, and nearly 25K constituent messages sent to lawmakers, the most ever during a campaign.**

**1. At Senator Shaheen'S office we were informed that the \$1.2B in the NDAA budget for the Manchester Hospital was not for a "full service", but a "replacement" hospital.**

**2. The MOAA-NH team met with two principals and their staff, ie Congressman Pappas and Senator Maggie Hassen. We did not meet with Congresswoman Goodlander or her staff. So, we just left information about MOAA's four issues. The team did meet with Senator Shaheen's staff member. All of the CODELs and staffers we did meet with were very supportive of each of our issues.**

**MOAA Awards Ceremony recognized four members of Congress and two staffers, and one Foundation:**

- 1. Sen Tim Caine**
- 2. Sen John Boozman**
- 3. Rep don Breyer**
- 4. Rep Mike Kelly**
- 5. staffer Patric Flood**
- 6. Jordon Nasir**
- 7. Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation**

**The last day, 16 April, MOAA conducted the Council Presidents Seminar. All LOE Awards were presented to each Council/Chapter. And, Excellence Awards were presented. Pat Miller, from MOAA-NH, was awarded the Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award for service and dedication to the surviving spouse community. The highest MOAA serving spouse award. A formal MOAA-NH award ceremony will take place later in the year.**

**Each of the Councils/Chapters were presented with their LOE Awards. MOAA-NH was awarded 5 Star Level of Excellence and 5 Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award.**

**As a reminder, the Total Force+ event is scheduled for 1-3 February 2027, National Harbor, MD.**