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We need local members to step up and take leadership roles at chapter levels!

- **NO STATE CONVENTION SPRING OF 2010.** Spring Department EXCOM meeting will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Waco, TX from 10 am to 3pm (lunch included). All ROA members are welcomed especially chapter presidents or their representatives!
- Next State Convention is slated for November 12-13, 2010 at The **Hyatt Place** located in the heart of the historic Stockyards of Fort Worth. Meeting will be held on Carswell JRB. Department officers will be elected and resolutions will be reviewed and voted on at this meeting. Possible DEF event and tour of Lockheed Martin plant are also being discussed and may expand to a more robust Friday afternoon. More details TBA!
- Texas ROA members need to work through their Service Section VP's on submitting proposed resolutions and nominations for JR/Company Grade Officer of the Year/Unit of the year honors. Not sure how to do this? Contact COL Marin or COL Pare.
- ROA National Council meeting will be held at the Las Vegas Hilton, 23-28 June 2010. See published agenda on the ROA and Texas ROA website. ROA Academy, National Army Section Meeting and National EXCOM meetings will be held. PLUS, there will be a special recognition event for our very own Major General Homer Lewis!

Texas ROA has joined the Texas Coalition of Veteran Organizations (TCVO) and CAPT Morgan Little, USNR (Rtd) from Chapter 5 was recently elected as TCVO Chairman. Texas ROA has started to focus our Department efforts on State Legislative issues which help our

Texas based Veterans, active duty personnel and drilling reservists. We believe Texas ROA is in a good position to voice our member's concerns and make Department efforts more relevant. TCVO represents approximately 500,000 veterans in Texas. When advocating for veterans legislation with State or US elected Representatives, the number of constituents represented is what counts. TCVO efforts in Texas for veterans supported during the 81st Texas Legislative session, which ROA supported, resulted in:

- 100% property tax reduction for 100% disabled veterans
- scratch-off lottery ticket to benefit the Fund for Veterans in Texas (will be worth ~\$8 million annually)
- mental health intervention program for military veterans
- military absentee voting by electronic means
- Senate concurrent resolution requesting the US Congress to restore Agent Orange presumptive diseases to "Blue Water" Navy Veterans

In spite of severe weather conditions in Washington DC, four Texas ROA members were able to attend National Convention. A comprehensive report was provided by COL Ron Pare, Executive Secretary & Treasurer and is posted on the Texas ROA website. ROA Legislative highlights which were discussed included:

- Proposed amendment to the Constitution concerning direct voting was tabled
- Bylaws change regarding the calculation of withdrawals from the Life Member Trust fund was passed that now sets a permanent cap to the formula
- Convention voted to approve new dues structure (first change since 1991), which will go into effect April 1, 2010
- National Resolutions Committee reviewed 48 resolutions and recommended 34 resolutions to the convention for approval.
- The Delegates, after passionate debate on both sides, voted not to renew a longstanding resolution that supported a ban on military service by gays that is stricter than current law. The group also rejected a new resolution that specifically would have expressed support for the current law and the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.
- Presidential Group-21, presented a proposed new Constitution and Bylaws for the association. ROA's 2011 national meeting will address a new, proposed governance structure for ROA.

Visit our website at www.TexasROA.org for announcements of future events sponsored by your Department or contact COL Marc Marin at (214) 864-8841 (mobile). ROA Chapters and all ROA members are encouraged to post information on the website by contacting webmaster via the website with your request. In the future, Department communiqués will be posted via the website as the norm. This will include Texas Reporter (being read by you at this moment!) which costs approximately \$2,000 per edition (published twice a year).

And thanks everyone for your service for your support of ROA!

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