

March

"Following the Spirit of Truman's Leadership in ROA"

**2021** 

# President's Message

By Col Richard E. Nelson III, USAF (Ret)

Though Spring is just around the corner, with its warmer weather and blooming scenery, lingering Covid concerns and restrictions require ROA HQ and MOROA to conduct virtual meetings in the near term. hope you were able to attend virtually ROA's Annual Leadership Conference over the weekend of March Col Richard Nelson



13/14. A specific point of emphasis was the first of three Town Hall meetings conducted by ROA President Davenport to overview 18 proposed amendments to ROA's Constitution and By-Laws. The Organizational Structure and Policy Review Committee, appointed by Past President Don Stockton, compiled recommended changes to help determine the future direction of ROA into its second century. All Departments will need to "chew-on" these changes, and eventually vote up or down on each at the October Convention in Memphis. While some are minor, some are far reaching and potentially controversial. We request all members to become familiar and voice your opinions to your Missouri leadership to assist them in the voting. Next is our virtual MOROA Conference on Saturday, April 24. We will have annual reports, Leader of the Year awards, and a ROA Legislative update from our guest speaker, Susan Lukas, Director, Government Affairs. Please join us on that Saturday morning to receive a live update about our collective ROA efforts. Like the ROA conference, there are no fees and log-in details are available at ROA.org and Missouriroa.org (our award-winning website!). The link to the ZOOM convention conference is lengthy. To download the address, email your request for an invitation to info@MissouriROA.org An email invitation with the hyperlink will be returned to you.

You can look forward to your 2021 copy of the Reserve Voice magazine to arrive in April. So far, various Departments (Missouri donated \$2000) and four individuals (including two from Missouri) have contributed \$44,400 to fund its publication. Last year's regenerated publication was well received by ROA members and by our Congressional Representatives. They and their staff find it helpful

as an additional reference ROA provides to highlight the accomplishments and needs of our Reserve Forces. Following the Department of New York's lead to purchase 200 additional copies for outreach, education, and recruitment, your ExCom decided to acquire 500 copies. Some members of the ExCom offered to cover part of the cost. We will put them to good use around Missouri.

Related to providing info about ROA efforts, Legislative packets are being developed by Susan Lukas for distribution to Congressional offices in their respective States. This effort is necessary due to our current inability to visit them in their Capitol Hill offices as in past March Leadership Conferences.

This is a special request for each member to enter or update their email address. Less than 50% of our members have an address on file. Email is an efficient way for us to contact you with "Reserve Voice" and "call to action" messages. Please enter your information at roa.org or inform the Secretary dickkall@charter.net Your information will not be distributed to any other organization.

I hope to "see" you in April. Thank you for your past service and membership in ROA.

# National Council Report

By Col Bob Shankel, USAF (Ret)

As I am writing this, ROA Headquarters building is within the perimeter of the 8' fence around Congress patrolled by National Guard troops. Access through entry points is limited to those on a pre-approved list. Mail is not delivered but is picked up weekly delaying arrival. Many of the staff are working from home, like many of us. The 8' fence is in process of being removed. However, how long the Guard troops will remain deployed is uncertain."

The Top of the Hill meeting and catering venue on the top floor of the building remains closed and will be for an uncertain time. Some organizations are starting to inquire

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# MOROA Department Convention Virtual ZOOM Conference

For the second year the convention will be held virtually. Start time is 9 AM CDT. Every member is invited to attend. No formal registration required however since we cannot give you a hyperlink in the newsletter we would recommend submitting an invitation request for the ZOOM call to <a href="mailto:info@MissouriROA.org">info@MissouriROA.org</a> by 21 April so you have the address below as a hyperlink.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82977419969? pwd=elk4ZIFGYWh0cVIZaIFzb0cvZnQrUT09

Meeting ID: 829 7741 9969 Passcode: 476864

If you cannot use the internet then dial in at your nearest area location: 346 248 7799 (Houston), 253 215 8782 (Tacoma), 312 626 6799 (Chicago), 646 558 8656 (New York), 301 715 8592 (Washington DC), Meeting ID and Passcode or the same.

#### 0900 OPENING

| Call to Order        | Col Richard Nelson      |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Invocation           | CAPT Richard Kallemeier |
| Pledge of Allegiance | All Personnel           |

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

#### **Guest Speaker**

Susan Lukas, National ROA Legislative Director

Leader of the Year Award Recipients
Brigade of Volunteers Award

CAPT Frederick Lydic, USN (Ret)

#### President's Award

CDR Ann Sedovic, USN (Ret) LCDR Joseph Bilodeau, USN (Ret)

| Chapter Roll Call        | CAPT Richard Kallemeier |
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#### **CONVENTION BUSINESS**

| Old Business | Col Richard Nelson |  |
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| New Business | Col Richard Nelson |  |
| CLOSING      |                    |  |

# **National Leadership Conference**

By CAPT Dick Kallemeier

The virtual National Leadership meeting was held March 13 and 14. This is a summary of the presentations and actions taken by ROA in support of Reserve Strength, Reserve Life. The presentation slides are available at <a href="https://www.roa.org/event/Leaders2021">https://www.roa.org/event/Leaders2021</a>

State of the Association

**Jeff Phillips**, our Executive Director, reported that the pandemic which forced the closing of the Top of Hill Conference Center would create a \$499K operating deficit. To continue operations \$260K has been borrowed from the contingency fund. We have applied for COVID PPP and economic injury disaster loans.

Net membership is down coinciding with pandemic. Recruiting is limited and the death rate of older members has increased. A Mentorship program under development and led by the Department of Pennsylvania is to be launched at the Memphis convention. It is planned to launch a new "Reserve Readiness Center" during FY22. It will include the ROA Mentorship Program, an Employment portal and Future programs (promotion packet review, etc.) Recently added programs, student loan refinancing, free hearing consultation and discounted hearing aids, pet insurance, identity theft protection product, and Estate of Mine planning.

#### Legislation

**Susan Lukas** has returned to lead the ROA legislative effort. Listed below are samples of the legislative agenda items and some of last year's accomplishments. ROA urges the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress to:

- confer veteran status for RC federal hiring veterans' preference after 180 "cumulative" days versus "consecutive" days on AD.
- ensure RC receive equal Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay at the same rate as AD as they meet the same monthly standards for performance of duty.
- provide the same health care plan to retirees who qualify for early age retirement.
- create a target group for uniformed services spouses under the Work Opportunity Tax Credits.

In support of Guard and Reserve, ROA accomplished numerous actions with DoD and the legislature.

- USPHS Ready Reserve was passed into law with ROA's Call to Action which convinced Congress this group could be another resource in future pandemics and other national emergencies or disasters.
- ROA proposed the award of constructive credit for RC servicemembers during the pandemic shutdown when drill weekends and other training orders were cancelled; it was included in the NDAA for FY2021.
- ROA wrote the President about COVID-19 orders which resulted in an Executive Order to change National Guard state active-duty orders to federal activeduty orders.
- After years of raising the issue to Congress about dis-

- ruptive medical care when RC change orders, DoD was directed to conduct a report on lapses in TRI-CARE coverage.
- ROA identified how the Dept of Veterans Affairs Center for Women Veterans did not have a separate funding line, The Deborah Sampson Act was passed to establish the Office of Women's Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs which guarantees a dedicated funding account.

#### Resolutions

Many of our legislative issues are in support of the approved organization resolutions. This year four resolutions have been added to the cumulative list of 74. The resolutions, listed on the website, remain active for 3 years. Those that were approved in 2018 will expire unless they are resubmitted and approved for the current year. The new ones are:

- Military Spouse Employment Tax Credit
- Child Care Support for RC Families
- Full Funding and Protection for RC Full Time Support Personnel
- Federal Benefits on Title 32 and State Active-Duty Orders

#### Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

Starting in 2019 the Organization Structure and Policy Review Committee studied the organization's structure and governing instruments. The intent is to prepare ROA for the next century and the changing membership base. They submitted 18 C&BL changes to the Excom and these amendments will be discussed in three virtual town hall meetings on Wednesday, 14 April, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 14 July, 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 6 October, 7:00 p.m. All times are Eastern Daylight Time and the call-in numbers will be listed on <a href="https://www.roa.org">www.roa.org</a> before the meetings. Many of the proposed amendments deal with the movement of items from the constitution to the bylaws, etc. However, several change the structure of the organization.

#13- Move details of ROA's investment accounts from bylaws to ExCompolicy.

#14-Allow ROA to conduct voting by in person, mail-in, virtual (e.g., phone or video) or electronic ballot.

#15-Restructure to five service sections to facilitate equitable representation across the services-Army-Air Force (includes Space Force)-Navy-Marine Corps-Coast Guard (includes NOAA and USPHS).

#16-Restructure the ExCom; reduce from 17 voting members to 11.

#17- Restructure the Departments into 11 Districts, Missouri would be in District 4 with Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Arkansas.

#### Centennial Celebration

The mission statement is, "To raise awareness of ROA while celebrating 100 years of success representing the Uniformed Services' Reserve Components." ROA will enter its celebration at the National Convention October 23-24. At this time there are 21 lines of effort proposed

by the centennial committee. The LOEs are designed to create interest in ROA and bring the organization to attention of our country. Included are ideas to create a centennial logo, a citizen-warrior day, an ROA historical MMB display, a first day issue Pershing stamp, state/federal proclama-



tions, ringing the NYSE closing bell and inducting Gen Pershing into the ROA Hall of Fame to name a few. This effort will be done at minimum cost and be focused on recruiting.

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about future dates in anticipation of restrictions on meetings to loosen but no firm plans yet. The loss of revenue for ROA has been substantial.

Budget planning has begun for next fiscal year starting in April. A deficit budget is expected due to the loss of income from the Top of the Hill. Pledges and income from the STARS Foundation are helping fund programs that otherwise would not happen. Pledges received are about one-third the way to the fund's goal. Please consider making a pledge of you have not done so.

Susan Lucas says legislation is moving very fast this year and it is hard to keep up much less keep ahead. Most of ROA's legislative goals are moving forward. One that has lagged is revision of the DD214 for reserve and guard. The active-duty folks are reluctant to make changes preferring an alternate form. A study group is to make recommendations.

Annual memberships are due for renewal in March. Initial notices are being sent via email. Renewed can be completed on-line at the roa.org site. Mailed renewals will take longer than normal.



# Legislative Affairs

By CAPT Michael Nolan, USN (Ret)

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2021 passed both houses of Congress by wide margins and became law in ear-

ly January. This legislation fulfills the critical constitutional obligation of Congress to provide for the common defense and authorizes the funding for the personnel and equipment in support of our military forces. The bill provides essential care for our men and women and their families who defend our nation. Included in the bill is a 3.0% pay raise, significant expenditures in military infrastructure and crucial support to training and sustaining activities that continue to enhance military operations.

The funding level for the FY 2021 discretionary spending is \$732 billion dollars and this compares with \$724 billion which was approved for the FY 2020 budget. The 2021 bill authorizes a defense enterprise that is inclusive,

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accountable and responsible in the management of its resources. It ensures America's military maintains its competitive edge while increasing accountability so that Congress and the American people know how defense resources are allocated and spent.

While the NDAA does not direct reserve component participation in the newly formed U.S. Space Force, it does direct DOD to recommend how the reserve components would be included in the Space Force. ROA regards this as a good step forward.

The MOROA leaders will not be traveling to Washington, DC this spring for the annual Leaders Conference and visits to the offices of the Missouri congressional members. Instead, we will work with ROA's Legislative Director, **Susan Lukas** and develop the legislative issues which we will send to our members of Congress in April.

Our plan is to send the copy of the MOROA legislative issues to the Legislative directors of our 8 members of the House of Representatives and two Senators in late March 2021 and follow up with phone calls to the Directors during April. We will also compile and send our "Report to Congress" booklet (for the 117th Congress which began in Jan 2021) to our members of Congress. CAPT Fred Lydic and CAPT Dick Kallemeier are doing the bulk of the work on this excellent document which is provided to our members of Congress, current reserve center commanding officers and others.

Our members of Congress and their legislative directors are interested in hearing from our ROA members on legislative issues. I encourage you to call your member of Congress (your member who serves the House District in which you live plus both senators) and discuss these legislative issues with them. Missouri members of the Senate and House for the 117th Congress follow:

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| Senate/House Members                      | <b>Telephone</b> |  |
| Senator Roy Blunt                         | 202 224-5721     |  |
| Senator Josh Hawley                       | 202 224-6154     |  |
| Congresswoman Cori Bush                   | 202 225-2406     |  |
| Congresswoman Ann Wagner                  | 202 225-1621     |  |
| Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer            | 202 225-2956     |  |
| Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler              | 202 225-2876     |  |
| Congressman Emanuel Cleaver               | 202 225-4535     |  |
| Congressman Sam Graves                    | 202 225-7041     |  |
| Congressman Billy Long                    | 202 225-6536     |  |
| Congressman Jason Smith                   | 202 225-4404     |  |

#### **Naval Services Affairs**

By CDR Ann Sedovic, USN (Ret)

#### Changes to the Navy Physical Readiness Program

In the constant drive to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 to the fleet, the Navy has adjusted the Physical Fitness Assessment schedule to just one cycle for 2021. From 1 July to 31 December 2021, all sailors must participate regardless of "Excellent or Above" validations from previous cycles which gave the sailor the option so pass on a subsequent readiness test. The Department of Defense re-

quires service members to do one physical fitness assessment per year. Shifting the cycle to July is after the main influenza season and allows more time for the COVID-19 vaccines to be more widely distributed.

The biggest change that stands out to this retired sailor is NO MORE CURL-UPS. That's right...sit-ups, curl-ups, crunches – whatever you like to call them are a thing of the past along with the sit-reach. (How I remember the sore back and ache in my neck and thighs from trying to crank out as many as I could in two minutes.) Curl-ups are now prohibited from any official or mock testing or any group physical training. Instead, they have been replaced by the forearm plank and join the PRT sequence with push -ups and cardio.

In May 2019, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral John Richardson announced the change stating, "The stabilization of your core when you're pulling on that line to moor the ship or carrying a box to put it in the storeroom, the stabilization of your core is where you're developing all that power from. So being able to do that and test that and make sure that our sailors have a strong core is going to help make us more ready and healthier." Since then, the rules and guidelines have been written, Certified Fitness Leaders prepared, and training/demonstration videos developed to launch the new program.

The focus as described in NAVADMIN 024/21 is to better engage the musculature of the body and reflect physical requirements of shipboard tasks involving pushing, pulling, lifting and carrying. In addition to the forearm plank, the 200-meter row has been added as another alternate-cardio option. The forearm plank is a better test of core strength and abdominal endurance. Participants hold their bodies in a push-up-like position, with weight resting on their forearms. The 200-meter row is a low-impact exercise that provides a full body cardio workout. "Similar to the stationary bike, the Concept 2-Rower is space saving and can be used on any naval vessel or installation." Both modalities are scored based on time and varies by age and gender.

The plank is a safer exercise than curl-ups which can aggravate the lower-back and helps strengthen the core and back muscles thereby preventing problems. And during this pandemic, the plank does not require someone to hold your feet thereby eliminating that face-to-face contact.

The Navy will continue to assess the new changes as performance data comes in. The plank can be a difficult exercise that requires development over time, but I believe is a better reflection of one's core fitness. Can't say that I will miss those sit-ups...

#### First Female Carrier CO

The Navy recently announced that CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt will assume command of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) marking the first time a female commanding officer will lead the crew of one of the Navy's 11 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. She will take command of Lincoln this summer, upon completion of the nuclear pow-



CAPT Bauernschmidt

er, aviation, and leadership training required of aircraft carrier COs.

Bauernschmidt was also the first woman to serve as the executive officer aboard an aircraft carrier, a position she held from September 2016 to January 2019, also on the Lincoln. She is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and graduated from the United Stated Naval Academy in May 1994, the first graduating class in which women were al-

lowed to serve aboard combatant ships and aircraft. She was designated as a Naval Aviator in 1996 and served with several helicopter squadrons throughout her career.

#### Air Force Affairs

By CMSgt Russell Burton, USAF (Ret)

The past year has been a trying time for everyone, and we are all looking forward to a more normal new year. I was captivated by the USAFR Commander's and his Command Chief's joint presentation at the 2020 ROA National Convention. I attended virtually. Their statement that while the USAFR is only 3% of the USAF budget, the USAFR performs 20% of the missions. I was reasoning this is similarly true for the other Services' Reserve Commands. What are their actual numbers?

If you get a chance, please read "The National Commission on Military Aviation Safety" Report, December 2020. This covers military aviation accidents from 2013-2020. The Commission found that aviation and maintenance experience, the key to doing a job safely and efficiently, is declining. Newly trained pilots and maintainers are reporting to operational units without basic skills. Flight hours are being replaced with simulator hours, yet the simulators are often outdated, out of service, or unavailable. Aircrews and maintainers are saddled with additional nonaviation duties that are more valued than their primary duties for purposes of promotion. That last statement is so true, I was a C-130 Loadmaster for 28 years and was always doing: pre-planning, tactical airlifts equipment and personnel, air drop loads, aircraft configurations, chemical – biological training, planning ORE's, implementing ORI's, drop zone support, flight line support, annual testing, annual medical, annual requirements for flying or ground support and whatever the Commander needed or requested. I think that Congress and DOD adhere to their recommendation "Our findings and recommendations focus on four areas where Congress and the Department of Defense can take immediate steps to reduce aviation mishaps: Pilots should fly; maintainers should maintain; data can save lives; and funding should be consistent". SO TRUE, ROA is actively working to eliminate Continuing Resolutions that can delay funding for Reserve Forces, to include flying training.

Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White, AFRC's Command Chief Master Sergeant, issued a memorandum for all Reserve Citizen Airmen on November 30<sup>th</sup> titled *AFR Strategic Priorities – Our Current Progress and Future Path*. Here is the text of the memorandum: You are our greatest resource. Directing efforts toward making your lives better has been our top priority. To that end, when I assumed command two years ago, the Command Chief and I established our strategic priorities:

**Prioritize strategic depth and accelerate readiness:** Ensure we have the manpower, capabilities and surge capacity required to support the joint force in the high-end fight by focusing on efforts aligned with preparedness for future fights.

**Develop resilient leaders:** Provide our Airmen the tools to operate independently, develop their emotional intelligence, build trust in their units, and take smart risks to generate combat power in tomorrow's battlespace.

**Reform the organization:** Optimize our internal processes to cost effectively maximize mission capabilities and ensure that we provide the highest levels of support to our Airmen.

#### F-15EX first flight

The F-15EX fighter recently completed its maiden flight. The Boeing-made jet took off from St. Louis Lambert International Airport flown by Boeing test pilot **Matt** "**Phat"** Giese. During the flight, Giese tested the avionics, systems and software while a team monitored the data in real time to grade the jet's performance. The "successful flight proves the jet's safety and readiness to join our na-



tion's fighter fleet," said **Prat Kumar**, Boeing vice president and F-15 program manager. The Air Force is expected to take delivery of the first two jets at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, by the end of March. The remaining six aircraft should be delivered in fiscal 2023, according to the service.

The F-15EX will be able to "launch hypersonic weap-

ons up to 22 feet long and weighing up to 7,000 pounds." The company has said the fighter will be equipped with improved avionics and radars and could carry more than two dozen air-to-air missiles. By comparison, F-15s can carry four AIM-9 Sidewinder and four AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile, or eight AM-RAAMs. The aircraft's most significant upgrade will be its open mission systems architecture, allowing its software to be upgraded and installed more easily compared to its aging F-15C/D cousin, which the service has been on a quest to replace.

The Air Force expects to keep a well-rounded mix of fourth-and fifth-generation aircraft through the 2030s, including the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-22 Raptor, A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-15 Eagle/

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Strike Eagle, officials have said. It intends to build an inventory of at least 144 EX aircraft over the next decade, but the contract with Boeing gives the Air Force the option to purchase up to 200.

This event is important to the economy of Missouri and the St. Louis area. There is also a close tie to MOROA, the test pilot is **Lt Col Matt Giese**, USAFR, an active reserve commander and the new President of Chapter 30.

### **Proud Missouri Veterans**

By CMSgt Russell Burton, USAF (Ret)

The Cole family has two Air Force veterans and one soon to be minted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. **SMSgt Hershel Cole USAF (Ret)** started his military service in 1962 after graduating from Adrian H.S. in Missouri where he grew up and still lives. He served a tour in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart. He later transferred to the inactive Reserves.

In 1973 he joined the USAFR and served for the next 30 years. Originally stationed at Richards-Gebaur AFB with the 442<sup>nd</sup> TAW for 9 years and then the next 21 years at Peterson AFB, Colorado with the 901<sup>st</sup> TAG/302<sup>nd</sup> TAW. He flew as a C-130 Loadmaster for 18 years. He was an Instructor, an Evaluator, and the Chief Loadmaster. He was awarded the "Air Medal" during the Nicaragua conflict. For medical reasons, he was forced to stop flying and was reassigned as the Superintendent of the 1st Air Operation Squadron, attached to the 302<sup>nd</sup> TAW at Peterson AFB. During his military career Hershel earned more than 28 awards and medals.

In his civilian life, he was an Air Reserve Technician and later transferred to the US Treasury Department – Iternal Revenue Service as an Investigator. After he retired from the Treasury Department he served as a police officer and Police Chief of Adrian and currently is the Mayor. Hershel serves on the MOROA Executive Committee and has been active in recruiting many Reservists from all services to join ROA.

Hershel's daughter Dondria Cole McGuire was also a

USAFR veteran serving for 12 years. Dondria started in June 1989 as a Medical Administration in the 442<sup>nd</sup> Medical Squadron at RG. Then a Medical Technician at MacDill AFB and assigned to the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at RG.

Dondria and Doug McGuire's daughter **Peyton McGuire** earned an appointment to the US Air Force Academy in December 2016. **Brig Gen Sam Mitchell** (Past ROA Na-



**Peyton McGuire** 

tional President and Department of Missouri President, and longtime Air Force Academy liaison) presented Peyton with her Appointment Certificate and administered the Oath of Office during a student award ceremony at Butler, Missouri High School. She entered the Air Force Acade-

my in August 2017. Her first two years were with the Cadet Squadron 21 Blackjacks and the last

two with the Cadet Squadron 36 Proud Pink Panthers. On 26 May 2021, she will graduate and pin on her new gold bars. 2Lt Peyton McGuire will serve her first assignment as an Acquisition Officer at a yet to be announced duty station. Congratulations to all her family.

### **MOROA Connections**

By Col Rick Nelson and COL Jose Thomas-Richards

Though our ROA National President, COL Judi Davenport, USA (Ret), now resides in Tennessee, she has roots in Missouri as a young officer. According to her former Commander, COL Jose Thomas-Richards, USA (Ret), she served well with the now deactivated 25<sup>th</sup> Mobile Ar-



my Surgical Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He states, "Her standard of performance and dedication to duty were instrumental in the medical mission of the 25<sup>th</sup> MASH. She was always an advocate for ROA".

Her husband, COL John Davenport, USA, (Ret), was a MOROA leader both as a President of Chapter 82 affiliated with the St. Louis Army Personnel Center, and as MOROA

COL Judi Davenport President, 1990-1991. He is currently the Department of Tennessee

President. MOROA is proud of their past service in Missouri, and of their many years of unselfish leadership efforts toward a better Reserve Organization of America.

# Kramer Awarded ROA Henry J. Reilly Scholarship

Elaine J. Kramer, of Goodson, Missouri, was awarded a scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year from the Reserve Organization of America's Henry J. Reilly Scholarship Program. Kramer will receive an award of \$2,500 for Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia where she is pursuing a Doctor of Education degree.

Kramer is a Major in the Army Reserve with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade (Chemical), 102<sup>nd</sup> Training Division (Maneuver Support) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and is a lifetime member of ROA and a past President of MOROA Chapter 28

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