

Join ROA's 22 Days of Service

October 1–22, 2026

Secure the Future · Champion the Reserve · Strengthen the Institution · Empower the Member

About the 22 Days of Service

- Founded by WWI veterans in 1922, ROA is the nation's premier advocate for the readiness and well-being of America's Guard and Reserve members and veterans.
- Each year from October 1–22, we honor that legacy by giving back to the communities and service members who keep our Reserve Components strong and ready.
- Open to all current and prospective ROA members — and anyone who wishes to serve their community.
- Choose a project that resonates locally: clean military memorials, volunteer at shelters, help veterans, visit assisted-care residents, or brief civic groups on ROA's mission.
- Rooted in the values we hold dear: camaraderie, service, collaboration, and advocacy.

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Partner Spotlight: Veterans Last Patrol

- A national nonprofit that brings companionship and dignity to terminally ill veterans in hospice care.
- Its mission: ensure no veteran takes their “last patrol” alone.
- ROA is proud to partner with Veterans Last Patrol during the 22 Days of Service.
- Send Cards of Gratitude to veterans in hospice.
- Volunteer to visit veterans in hospice in your community.
- Sign up to volunteer: veteranlastpatrol.org/volunteer

Partner Spotlight: VetJobs

- VetJobs is a leading nonprofit that connects veterans, Guard and Reserve members, and military families with meaningful employment.
- Visit local employers and encourage them to list their vacancies on VetJobs to recruit Guard and Reserve members.
- Highlight the benefits of hiring Guard and Reserve members: proven leadership, discipline, technical skill, and reliability under pressure.
- Help build a pipeline that keeps our Reserve Components financially strong and career-ready.
- National has several hundred small cards with VetJobs contact information to leave with prospective employers and Service member.
- Get started: vetjobs.org

Partner Spotlight: Veterans History Project

- Every Veteran of the Guard and Reserve has a unique story to tell.
- The Library of Congress' Veterans History Project enables volunteers to interview veterans, gather photographs and documents of their service, and submit them for inclusion into America's largest collection of Veteran stories on earth.
- The overall process is at <https://www.loc.gov/programs/veterans-history-project/how-to-participate/step-1-prepare/>
- Anyone over 15 can conduct the interview, providing submitted documents, audio and video meet the Library's format standards at <https://www.loc.gov/static/programs/veterans-history-project/documents/vhp-field-kit-media-formats.pdf>
- Contact Steve Minyard at sminyard@roa.org if interested. With enough interest, National will sponsor a webinar in September for interested members.

Department & Chapter Led Events

- Departments and Chapters are encouraged to develop their own channels of volunteering and community service.
- Organize local service opportunities that highlight ROA and the contributions of Guard and Reserve members to their communities and national security.
- Project ideas: clean military memorials, support local shelters, assist veterans, visit assisted-care residents, or brief civic groups on ROA's century of service.
- Strengthen the bonds of camaraderie, service, collaboration, and advocacy that unite us.
- Share your events with ROA so we can amplify your impact across the organization.

Let Us Know What You're Doing!

- Email sminyard@roa.org with questions and to let National know which projects your Department/Chapter is doing.
- Throughout October, send pictures and video of your projects to mharig@roa.org for posting on ROA's social media and inclusion into the Reserve Voice.
- Provide feedback on project partners or ideas for ROA to champion next year!