



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

July 16, 2025

Ms. Diane Markham
Director, Administration
Reserve Organization of America
One Constitution Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Markham,

The Department of Virginia enthusiastically endorses the candidacy of **Colonel Tony N. Kanellis, US Army (Retired)**, for the office of **ROA Army Executive Committeeman**.

Tony has been a member (and life member) of ROA since 1993. He is well known around ROA and has actively taken the reins through the years, most recently as Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee through 2023. He served as Chairman of Army Individual Programs, was a member of the Public Affairs Committee on the CIOR US Delegation, Coordinator of the ROTC Cadet Mid-Winter Meetings, and Army VP in the Department of Massachusetts.

While in uniform, COL Kanellis was assigned as Director of RC Integration in the Office of the Chief of Staff Army, Senior Analyst on the Commission on the Guard and Reserve, has held command, been Assistant Director of Recruiting Programs for OSD, and Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve. Tony has stood up for Reservists before policy-makers, and as an ROA Executive Committee member he will continue his effort on connecting with Reserve units; it is essential that ROA understands the issues facing today's Reservists.

There are few who possess the comprehensive knowledge of the challenges of Reserve Life and Reserve Strength. I know Tony will serve the Army Section, the Executive Committee, and all ROA members with the utmost devotion.

The members of the Department of Virginia strongly urge the Army Section members to elect COL Tony Kanellis, US Army (Retired), as ROA Army Section Executive Committeeman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Monti G. Zimmerman'.

Monti G. Zimmerman, COL, USA (Ret)
President