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**Please Reelect me to the Reserve Organization of
America Executive Committee.**

I have been a life member of the Reserve Officers Association, now the Reserve Organization of America (ROA), for 43 years. When I joined this organization in 1982, we had 125,000 members with a healthy age range, from the World War II and Korean War veterans of the “Greatest Generation” to the “Baby Boomers” like me. (I was born in 1951.) Today, our membership is down to 36,000, and only 5,800 of those members were born after 1964, the last birth year of the Baby Boom Generation.

ROA has had a great first century, but if our organization is to survive and thrive for a second century, we need to get started doing a much better job than we have been doing recruiting, retaining, and mentoring new ROA members who are much younger than we are. That has been my principal message since I joined the EXCOM in 2021.

I invite your attention to www.roa.org/lawcenter. You will find more than 2,300 “Law Review” articles about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), the Uniformed and Overseas

Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and other laws that are especially pertinent to those who serve our country in uniform. You will also find a detailed subject index, to facilitate finding articles about specific topics. ROA initiated this column in 1997, and we add new articles each month. The articles are available for free to everyone, not just ROA members. Through these articles, and by other means, including amicus curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs that we file in the Supreme Court and other courts, ROA advocates for the rights and interests of service members.

I am the author of more than 90% of the “Law Review” articles that ROA has published on its website in the last 28 years, but I am seventy-four and will not be around forever to author and update these articles. Accordingly, during the last four years I have recruited and trained three understudies who are young enough to be my grandchildren. Captain Lauren Walker, USMC graduated cum laude from Baylor Law School in February 2022 and is now on active duty as a judge advocate at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Captain Tara Buckles, USMC graduated cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in May 2022 and is now on active duty as a judge advocate at Camp Pendleton in California. First Lieutenant Allison Van Splunder, USMC graduated cum laude from Marquette University Law School in May 2025 and is now at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

All three of these young officers are now life members of ROA, and Lieutenant Van Splunder is our only life member who was born in this century. As law students, and during the months between graduation and entry on active duty, these young officers authored new “Law

Review” articles for ROA and updated some of our existing articles, under my direction and supervision.

Our “Law Review” articles are read by serving members of the armed forces; they find our articles by doing Internet searches. They send me emails asking follow-up questions. I answer their questions, and I recruit them to join ROA. This is exactly the kind of activity that we must do to make our organization relevant and helpful to the younger service members that we must recruit if our organization is to survive.

Thank you for supporting my candidacy to remain on the EXCOM and to continue my efforts.

Very respectfully,

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