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President's Notes

Hey members!



Happy 250th Anniversary of the United States. July was the big celebration, but we can go on doing things the rest of the year!

August 1st - Air Force Day August 4th - U.S. Coast Guard established August 7th - Vietnam War started in 1964

August 14th - Japan surrendered in 1945

August 16th - National Airborne Day

I attended the Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC) quarterly meeting on Saturday 18 July in Columbus. There is a need for a new council president to take over in January 2027. There is also a need for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President.

Chapter reports: Central Ohio has stabilized their membership count/they gave out \$6K in scholarships

Dayton has had luck in personally contacting eligible persons to join.

Cleveland gives new ROTC graduates a book from the National Defense Council on officers duties.



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Cincinnati is developing the plans for an Ohio convention of MOAA members in 2027.

Mahoning and Shenango Valley Chapter reported zero replies on postcards mailed out to prospective members.

Ohio Western Reserve hosted the annual JROTC/ROTC banquet and gave out two scholarships worth \$1K.

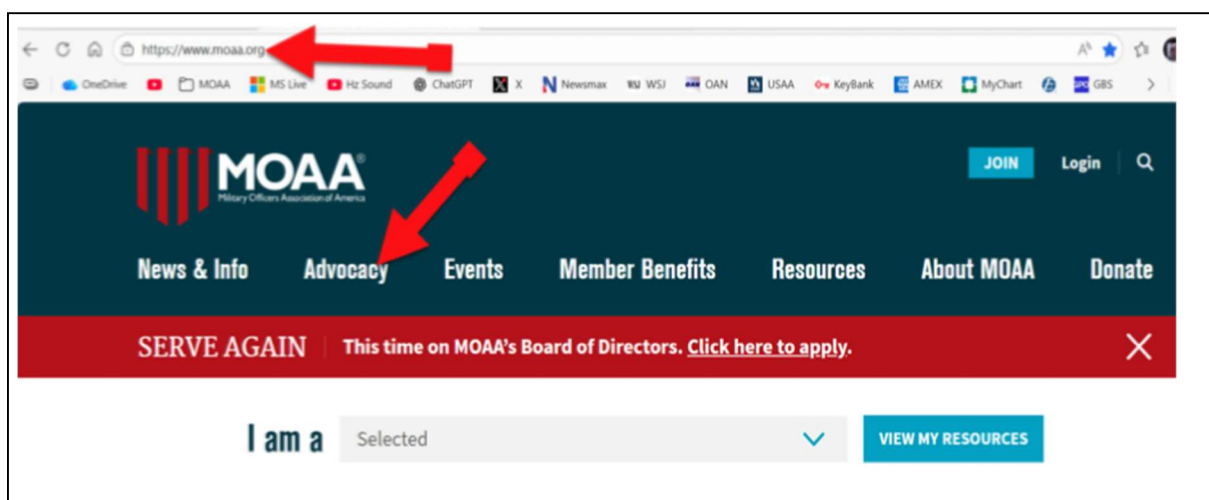
Legislative support through MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) is the way to make our needs known to Congress.

Major (R) Joseph Mersol of the Mahoning and

Shenango Valley Chapter has volunteered to be the legislative chair for the OCC. He is doing an outstanding job. Expect more information on Ohio bills that need support.

I will see you at the OWRC Annual Picnic on August 16th at the VFW in Cuyahoga Falls, 1581 Main Street. Food at 2:00.!

Major William J. Maki, President, OWRC
23 July 2026



You can click on the legislative items that have the word "Write" by them. You may have to fill out your name, street and city address, and other items. Once you do this, next time the areas may automatically fill in for you. So, it will be easier and faster the following months.

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction>

There are also five areas on the bottom of the screen, like Currently Serving, Families and Survivors, Retirees and Veterans and more. You may click on those to see special legislative requests that MOAA is also advocating.

EVERY TIME YOU "VOTE" MOAA CAN TAKE THOSE VOTES TO OUR ELECTED MEMBERS. THIS SHOWS THEM THE ACTIVE AND RETIRED AND SURVIVING SPOUSES WANT ACTION!

So please, fellow members, do your part. Send in your requests each month.



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OWRC Legislative Corner

Hello everyone! I have volunteered, and subsequently been appointed by President Maki, to be the new Legislative Liaison for OWRC. As you know, legislation is one of the key elements of MOAA National, our Ohio Council of Chapters (OCC), and OWRC. I have been approved to provide information to you through our newsletter and website postings. I plan to do so at least monthly. I will also be our representative to the OCC for Legislative Affairs. I will also receive information from the OCC Legislative Liaison, and will pass along that information.

As I start this endeavor, let me say that you play a critical role in this effort. To start, President Maki starts off each "OWRC Briefing Board" with instructions as to how to reach your Legislator, and he recommends doing that monthly. DO IT! It is critical that we keep in communication with our elected officials.

There is an absolute plethora of legislative information, both at the national and state level. I will do my best to keep you informed on important matters. As I wade into this, if there is a topic you want me to pursue, be sure and let me know.

For starters, MOAA publishes important topics; just go to moaa.org, look under Advocacy, and then Legislative Action Center. That's a good way to see what's current at the MOAA level. And, from time to time, MOAA will send you items they recommend you write to your representative on, and they do it in a prepared letter format to make it easy for you (you can always modify their recommended letter). And then there's the annual Advocacy in Action, or AiA program. Once again, crucial to MOAA's effort to support our Uniformed Service people and their families. You need to know these topics and be able to discuss them, just in case you get asked what MOAA stands for!

The MOAA Military Officer Magazine is also a good source of information. For example, in the July 2026 issue, pages 18 and 19 list MOAA's FY2027 National Defense Authorization Act priorities are outlined.

Lastly, regarding the State veteran legislative matters, a document called the Ohio Legislative Report is published monthly. It is full of veteran State-related matters. I'll use it in future articles, but you can subscribe to it by emailing

oh.leg.report@gmail.com I'll look for other sources as well, but this is a good start.

That does it for this month. Again, let me know if you have any thoughts/recommendations/ideas. Remember, "Never Stop Serving."

Dick Calta



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OWRC MEETING NOTES

21 Jul 26

Attendees:

Allen, D. / Calta, D. / Chapman, J. / Emanuele, A. / Harnden, T. / Luczynski, T. / Maki, W.
Rivedal, L. / Smetan, R

President MAKI started the meeting at 1400 with the Pledge and a Prayer, then the following was discussed.

Fireside Chats are being planned for the JROTC and ROTC units to get the opportunity to discuss with MOAA members "What would you like to know?" Should be no more than a 1 hour meeting with no slides required.

STANDDOWN scheduled 14 & 15 Sep 26. The 14th would be training, and 15th is for escorting the Vets around the area for orientation and hands on with the participating agencies.

Don Allen was announced as the new **EDITOR** for the Briefing Board and newsletters. Members are encouraged to provide information on any participation in events, as well as photos and news articles.

Finance Report (Lisa Rivedal) was provided to each member with Checking @ \$3932.97 and Savings at \$ 6189.86. Our organization is in good standing.

Legislative: All members are urged to Vote each month on the MOAA website and provide our President with feedback. Dick Calta requested information on any contact with State or Federal Congressional staff or members. He is analyzing at our MOAA district maps and looking for cross reference with ZIP CODES to help obtain info for new members.

MOAA INFORMATION: MOAA has information on several topics on the website to include MOAA checklist for what to do in the event of death of a member. Convention in 2027 in Cincinnati Sep 2027.

CHAPTER INFO / THINGS TO DO *.** 1) Review 501C Rules. 2). Review Chapter by-laws to help link with overall MOAA BY-LAWS.



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OWRC 2026 Calendar:

August 7th – Purple Heart Event Guest Speaker Lunch & Learn, SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

August 12th OWRC General Meeting at Michael's A.M.

16th Annual picnic at the Cuyahoga Falls VFW

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

September 7th Labor Day

18th – POW/MIA Event Lunch & Learn, SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

Summit County Stand down (14-15)

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

October 14th OWRC General meeting at Michael's A.M.

17th OCC Quarterly meeting – Columbus

17th Saturday Luncheon, Persian Gulf Veterans Benefits SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

20th OWRC Quarterly meeting - Akron VSC

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

November 11th Veterans Day

13th – Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon Guest Speaker SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

18th Doughboy Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting

(select next year's officers)

26th Thanksgiving

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

December 4th Annual Christmas/Holiday Party

4th VA Healthcare/Ancillary Benefits Lunch & Learn SAM Center/Stark County – see flyer page 21

25th Christmas

31st New Years Eve

Weekly Wednesday luncheons

USAA Driver Safety Information

USAA Can Help You REDUCE Your Auto Insurance Bill!

USAA has a cell phone app (program to me) that tracks your driving.

When you sign up/enroll you get 15% off on your auto insurance bill.

You have to have your phone on when you drive.

I am getting a power cord to plug into my phone. There was a warning the phone battery could be "severely depleted" on long trips.

You receive reports on your driving. Speed, stops, acceleration, etc.

If your combined score - after a while - exceeds 87 (out of 100) you could get a lower drivers insurance bill.

So try it out.

Bill Maki, President, OWRC

<https://www.usaa.com/insurance/vehicles/auto/safepilot/?akredirect=true&akredirect=true>



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August 2026 Steak Roast and Membership Meeting

Event: Annual Steak, Chicken and Corn Roast

When: Sunday, August 16, 1:00-4:00 pm \$15 per person

Where: NB This is a new location. Tadmor Shrine is no more.

Cuyahoga Falls VFW Post 1062

1581 Main St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH Exit Route 8 at Howe Ave, go north at the light, VFW on your left (west) side of the street.

1) The VFW is buying and preparing the meat. We have to pay for it. They provide plates and cutlery.

2) Pot Luck: Members bring potluck—casseroles, salads, fresh fruit, desserts.

If your last name begins with **A thru L** bring a casserole or side (i.e. baked beans, potato salad etc.)

If your last name begins with **M thru Z** please bring a salad, fresh fruit or dessert (i.e. brownies, cookies etc.)

We might modify this when we see who is registering.

3) We have to buy all drinks from the VFW.

4) Arrival at 2:00 pm or later. Meal to be served at 4:00. Party ends at 6:00 pm. Members can take their leftover food items home at that time.



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The chapter is looking for a new 2nd Vice President

2d Vice President duties are described in Section 65 Article V of the Chapter Bylaws:

Section 6. The Second Vice-President shall be a person who can be expected to serve in the future as President. This person is prepared to assume the duties of the First Vice-President in the event of the death/disability of the First Vice-President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. Additional duties include:

- Serves as a member of the Executive Committee
- Has executive oversight of the Membership Committee
- Is Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee (Government Affairs). [This may be delegated or assigned to another member.](#)
- Assists the First Vice-President in the development of the Chapter's annual income objectives
- Serves as principal assistant to the First Vice-President in the State Council Convention affairs
- Shall perform other tasks as the President may assign when those tasks are not specifically assigned to another by these by-laws.

If you are interested in helping the Chapter please contact the Chapter President, William Maki at william_maki@att.net . Please reply before 30 June 2026.



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Veterans Omnibus Bill Represents ‘Unique But Fleeting Opportunity’

JULY 15, 2026



MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), speaks during a July 14 press conference on Capitol Hill in support of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act. (Photo by Anjanette “AJ” Manandic/House Committee on Veterans' Affairs)
By MOAA Staff

Supporters of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) – omnibus legislation including more than 20 MOAA-backed bills – gathered on Capitol Hill on July 14 to stress the need to move quickly to secure long-overdue benefits for millions of veterans, caregivers, and survivors.

“Veterans don’t need this legislation tomorrow. They don’t need it even today. Veterans needed this legislation yesterday. And the day before that. And their families and survivors as well,” MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), said during the event. “It is already well past time to make this happen, and we have a unique, but fleeting, opportunity.”



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[TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Support the Take Care of America's Veterans Act](#)]

Kelly spoke alongside lawmakers and representatives from the American Legion, Wounded Warrior Project, Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), and other organizations backing the omnibus bill. Nearly two dozen such groups signed onto [a recent letter](#) to leaders on the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees explaining the need to "translate long-standing bipartisan agreement into meaningful action."

Speakers highlighted different parts of the sweeping legislation, which includes meaningful relief for tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans whose military retirement pay is offset by VA disability compensation.

"We have an opportunity, folks, to make history with the Richard Star Act and all of these bills that we've been working on for many, many years," said Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), longtime lead sponsor of the Major Richard Star Act in the House. "This is the time to get it done."

TCAVA Provisions

Along with assisting combat-injured veterans, the legislation would:

- Offer education, employment, and retirement support to caregivers, many of whom sacrifice financial and personal well-being to provide for those who served.
- End penalties faced by surviving spouses who lose benefits if they remarry before age 55.
- Reduce eligibility requirements for enhanced Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for survivors of veterans diagnosed with ALS.

[MORE DETAILS: [Comprehensive Veterans Package Includes Several Top MOAA Priorities](#)]

"We have found a pathway to finally get these benefits and transformations done for the first time in years," said Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.), chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, at the press event.

Keeping Our Promises

"MOAA believes that the nation makes a promise to those who serve, their families and their survivors, and it doesn't end when service ends," Kelly said. "The Take Care of America's Veterans Act keeps that promise."

Kelly and other advocates brought up the bill's funding mechanism, which would codify a proposed change to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities for tinnitus and sleep apnea. The change would not reduce benefits for veterans already diagnosed with those conditions, and any updates would be made prospectively to future claims or requests to revise ratings.



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“It is not an approach that anyone likes or prefers,” Kelly said, “but the alternative is not acceptable. Doing nothing risks having veterans’ funds inevitably returned to the Treasury with nothing to show for it except reduced ratings and the frustration of once again going back to Square One.”

TCAVA was brought to the House floor the morning of July 16 but a planned vote on the bill was postponed.

When MOAA Speaks, Congress Listens

Learn more about MOAA’s key advocacy issues, and contact your elected officials using our messaging platform.

Read more at: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2026-news-articles/advocacy/veterans-omnibus-bill-represents-unique-but-fleeting-opportunity/#:~:text=Opportunity'-,Veterans%20Omnibus%20Bill%20Represents,using%20our%20messaging%20platform.,-TAKE>



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How to stay safe and healthy during extreme heat

Tips for surviving a heat wave

July 2, 2026

VHA Public Health & VHA Office of Emergency Management

Extreme heat season is in full swing. *First published 6/27/25. Updated 7/2/26.

Temperatures high enough to be dangerous to health are occurring across the country. Extreme heat, defined as temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit for at least two days, can lead to serious medical issues, medical emergencies and even death.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to prevent health problems and stay safe during extreme heat.

Follow these safety tips for extreme heat



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- Try to stay indoors during the hottest part of the day (usually 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- If you must be outside, dress in light, loose-fitting clothes that cover arms/legs and frequently apply SPF 30+ sunscreen. Stay in the shade as much as possible.
- On hot days, avoid outdoor exercise. Do any needed outdoor activities during the coolest parts of the day or evening when possible.
- Drink extra water and avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- If you feel too hot and cannot get to a cooler area, cool off with wet cloths.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles. Check on vulnerable family, friends and neighbors during times of extreme heat.
- Fans will not cool you enough at indoor temperatures above 90*! You must seek a cooled or air-conditioned location. If your home is too hot, find a cool location: Go to the library, a shopping mall, a friend's home or a [designated cooling center](#).
- Be prepared for [power outages](#) during extreme heat. If you rely on medical equipment or refrigerated medications, talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan.

Recognize early signs and symptoms of heat-related illness

- Heat cramps: Muscle pains or spasms are the first sign that heat is affecting the body.
- Heat exhaustion and heat stroke: Heavy sweating, paleness, fatigue, lightheadedness, headache, nausea, vomiting or fainting are more severe forms of heat-related illness.
- If signs of heat-related illness occur:
 - Stop any exercise
 - Move to a cooler location
 - Drink water or a sports drink

Stay prepared and informed

- Look for local emergency alerts at weather.gov and sign up to receive alerts on the [FEMA](#) or [Weather Channel](#) apps.
- Understand the difference between [Heat Outlooks, Heat Watches, and Heat Warnings/Advisories](#).
- Identify nearby cooling shelters, particularly for those without access to reliable air conditioning, or other cooled spaces. Cooling areas are found [online](#) or by calling 2-1-1 (state helpline) or 3-1-1 (city helpline) or on your local health department website.
- Go to heat.gov for the latest heat information and printable materials. Additional resources are available from CDC on [heat health](#) and [heat stress on the job](#) and from HHS on [tools and resources](#).
- Remember, always follow your local guidance related to any weather emergency.

Prepare for future heat waves



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- Update personal [Heat Action Plans](#), particularly if you or your loved ones are [at higher risk of extreme heat effects](#) due to age, pre-existing conditions, [certain medications](#) or reliance on medical devices.
- Ensure you are registered for local emergency alerts.
- Make friends and family aware of available heat preparedness actions, including preparing their home for extreme weather with the support of [home energy assistance programs](#).
- Share information on heat preparedness or recognizing heat-related illness early. Information is available to people at greater risk of severe weather impacts, such as [those experiencing homelessness](#) or taking [certain medications for mental health conditions](#).
- If you are a health care provider, educate yourself and your colleagues on early signs of heat-related illness and what to do. Use available [toolkits](#) to screen patients for heat-related risk factors and help them create a [Heat Action Plan](#).

VA heat resources

- [VA Homeless Veterans Support](#): Helps Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness connect with housing and services. Contact your local Homeless Programs Coordinator, or the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](#) at 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838)..
- [VA Housing Support](#): Offers Veterans home loans to buy, refinance, build, improve or keep their home, and other housing assistance services and benefits.
- [VA Disaster Assistance](#), [Disaster Logistics Assets](#) and Mobile Medical Units: Assistance with temporary housing, emergency prescriptions and replacement of damaged medical equipment, with various mobile assets deployed to affected areas to ensure continuity of care, including temperature-controlled medical/pharmacy units.
- [Mobile Vet Centers](#): Vehicles with space for free, confidential counseling and crisis support with no appointments needed.
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#): Available 24/7 at 988 (press 1) or text 838255. You do not have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.
- [VA Health Connect](#): Enrollees can access health care 24/7 from wherever you are.

Together we can prepare for and stay safe during severe summer heat this year and every year.

Read more at: <https://news.va.gov/140948/how-to-stay-safe-healthy-during-extreme-heat/>



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Pastor Raul Ries: The Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

Jun 3 Written By Carmel Flippen Photos by Carrie Rosema, Sadie Lyda, and Steve Shambeck

This story was first published in the Summer 2012 issue of Calvary Chapel Magazine, Issue 52.



Pastor Raul of CC Golden Springs (CCGS), CA, pays respects at the wall. Raul touches the name of Kenneth Stutes, a close friend who died while they served together in USMC company Alpha 1/7. Photo by Sadie Lyda



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As the film *Taking the Hill* ended and the lights came up, a veteran sat stunned in his seat. The pain from Vietnam he had worked hard to bury had been unearthed during the last 54 minutes. A phrase uttered by Raul Ries halfway through the movie echoed in his head: “I didn’t think God could forgive me.” Yet Pastor Raul’s story, which opened with torment this man understood, ended with hope he couldn’t imagine. As the auditorium slowly emptied, the man gathered his courage and, with two fellow veterans, approached *Taking the Hill*’s campaign coordinator. As they discussed the film, he began to say, “Raul’s words really hit me: ‘I didn’t think God could for-’”

Before finishing the word, he began choking on tears. In his head, he was back in Vietnam. A woman was walking toward him out of rice paddies, carrying a basket. She was crying, shouting, and getting close when she dropped the basket and a gun spilled out. “We had to kill her,” he sobbed. “They told us to be always on guard. We had to kill her.”



*Desert Storm veteran Mike Hernandez of West Covina, CA, participates in a candlelight vigil for POWs and those missing in action. The event was held at the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, during the wall’s stay at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA. Those who attended also had opportunity to attend free screenings of the film *Taking the Hill*, which includes Raul Ries’ story of how Jesus’ power liberated him from psychological damage inflicted by war. Photo by Carrie Rosemary*



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It was explained to the veteran that Christ paid the penalty for all sin on the cross and that he simply needed to receive God's forgiveness by faith. The man prayed to accept Christ, and immediately his face reflected a sense of joy, peace, and relief.

Raul stated, "This film is so important because it opens a doorway to true healing and wholeness that no medication can provide. We cannot erase the past with a delete button—these veterans will always carry their memories. But through the power of God's Spirit, they can find freedom from guilt, victory over their wounds, and the strength to overcome."

Raul's story of struggle and redemption has catalyzed change for veterans nationwide through the *Taking the Hill* campaign, which brings the documentary to churches, military bases, and other venues. Despite pouring rain, the three screenings at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, CA, were attended by many veterans. The screenings were hosted in conjunction with a traveling Vietnam memorial, a nearly 300-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. At each showing, people came to know Christ. Raul, senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Golden Springs (CCGC), CA, connected personally with many, both after speaking at one showing and while at the wall. "Every single *Taking the Hill* event is very intense for me," he said. "But Christ comforts me. Abiding in Him is completely life-changing."

Read more at: <https://calvarychapelmagazine.org/articles/taking-the-hill#:~:text=Pastor>



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Air Force Veteran Lindsey Graham's Death Shows Double Standard Between Military, Congress

The military tracks the health of those guarding its weapons. The Senate asks the public to trust what it cannot see.

By [Adam Gramegna](#)



Colonel Lindsey Graham gives a speech at his retirement ceremony held at the National Guard Memorial Museum, June 24. Graham retired from the U.S. Air Force reserve after serving more than three decades in the Air Force

Credit: (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airmen Jennifer Stone), Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Here is a fact-based summary of the story contents:

Twice in four weeks, Americans learned about the medical emergency of a sitting U.S. senator the same way: not from the U.S. Senate but from a police scanner.



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On June 14, responders performed CPR on a man in cardiac arrest at an address associated with Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), according to scanner audio obtained by NBC News. His office confirmed a hospitalization but said little else for nearly a month.

On Saturday night around 8:30, responders were dispatched to a Capitol Hill home owned by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) for a man suffering from chest pain, according to scanner audio obtained by The Washington Post. Graham died that night. He was 71 years old.

His office initially said only that he died following a “brief and sudden illness.” Preliminary findings released Sunday by the District of Columbia medical examiner identified the cause as an aortic rupture associated with arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. A final death certificate remains pending toxicology and microscopic testing.

Graham spent most of his adult life inside an institution that would not have treated medical fitness as a purely private concern.

The Standard

Graham served 33 years in the active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, retiring in 2015 as a colonel in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. For much of that career, his health was subject to standards ordinary civilian officials never face.

[DOD Instruction 6130.03](#) establishes medical standards for appointment, enlistment, and induction. Separate retention, deployability and disability systems determine whether a condition prevents someone already in uniform from continuing to serve.

Together, those systems operate on the same premise that when a person’s body affects the mission, the institution is entitled to ask whether that body can still perform it. A service member who may no longer meet retention standards can be referred to the Disability Evaluation System, where medical and administrative boards determine whether the member remains fit for service.

The scrutiny becomes more meticulous in special-duty programs.



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U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) today joined President Donald Trump for the swearing-in of Attorney General William Barr.

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Any airman certified under the Nuclear Weapons Personnel Reliability Program [is subject to](#) continuing medical evaluation. Each time that an airman visits a health care provider, regulations require a designated competent medical authority to assess whether the condition, prescription or treatment could affect the member's reliability.

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Forms are signed, agreeing to all of this. On the Navy's version, the member authorizes commanders and medical officers to review relevant medical information and acknowledges in writing that health information "determines my fitness for duty."

Read more at: https://www.military.com/lindsay-grahams-sudden-death-highlights-senate-secrecy-double-standard-military-congress?lid=j7kvpvy4kf70&utm_source=MLT-nl_daily-brief_2026-07-13&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MLT-202607131048&user=YWxsZW5kbDQzQGhvdG1haWwuY29tOm1sdA&utm_source=MLT-nl_daily-brief_2026-07-13&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MLT-202607131048&user=YWxsZW5kbDQzQGhvdG1haWwuY29tOm1sdA#:~:text=Air



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The U.S. military measures readiness. What about adaptability?

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U.S. Marines maneuver downhill with a disassembled M2 .50 caliber machine during Fuji Viper 26.3 at Camp Fuji, Japan, on June 29, 2026 (Lance Cpl. Oscar Ocampo/U.S. Marine Corps)

The U.S. military can tell commanders how many troops are deployable, how many aircraft are mission-capable and how quickly units can mobilize for combat.



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As military leaders prepare for wars shaped by drones, artificial intelligence and rapidly shifting battlefield conditions, however, defense experts say the Pentagon still struggles to answer a more difficult question: How do you know whether a force can adapt when the unexpected happens?

Future conflicts are widely expected to unfold faster and with greater uncertainty than the wars the United States has fought in recent decades. Communications may be disrupted, battlefield conditions may shift rapidly and long-held assumptions about how wars are fought could prove wrong almost overnight.

The military has spent decades refining how it measures readiness.

Yet, many of the qualities defense experts say will matter most in future wars — judgment, initiative and the ability to adapt under pressure — remain difficult to define and even harder to quantify.

Adaptability matters more than ever

Military leaders have long understood that no plan survives first contact unchanged. The challenge, according to defense experts, is that rapid technological change is making future conflict increasingly difficult to predict.

The Pentagon has acknowledged as much.

The [2022 National Defense Strategy](#) describes a security environment undergoing profound strategic and operational change shaped by evolving threats, emerging technologies and growing uncertainty. That uncertainty presents a dilemma for military planners.

Militaries must make long-term decisions about doctrine, force structure and expensive weapon systems years before conflict begins, said Nora Bensahel, professor of practice at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

“You have to train your forces to fight in a particular way, but the odds are you’re going to be wrong,” she said. “Any prediction for the future at any point in history has always been difficult, and now with the really exponential pace of change, the odds that you get it wrong are even higher.”

Lessons emerging from Ukraine have intensified those concerns.

Bensahel said the proliferation of drones is fundamentally reshaping warfare and forcing military organizations to reconsider longstanding assumptions about ground combat. The rapid evolution of unmanned systems, she said, demonstrates how quickly the character of warfare can change.

Military leaders across the services have responded by expanding experimentation and accelerating modernization efforts.

U.S. Army leaders have cited lessons emerging from Ukraine as they [adapt formations](#) and concepts for large-scale combat operations, while the Navy has expanded experimentation with [unmanned surface and undersea systems](#). The Air Force continues pursuing autonomous aircraft concepts and [collaborative combat aircraft](#) programs.



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The limits of readiness metrics

The military tracks everything from personnel strength and training proficiency to equipment readiness and mission-capable rates. Those metrics remain essential for determining whether units can perform assigned missions.

Current readiness systems are largely designed to assess whether military units can execute assigned missions using established criteria. Army unit status reporting, for example, tracks personnel levels, equipment on hand, equipment readiness and training proficiency, while broader Defense Department readiness systems focus on resource levels and mission capability.

Military officials can readily determine whether a unit is manned, trained and equipped. Predicting how that unit will respond when battlefield beliefs collapse is more difficult.



A U.S. Marine uses a topographic map to coordinate indirect fire support during Fuji Viper 26.3 at Camp Fuji, Japan, on June 29, 2026. (Lance Cpl. Oscar Ocampo/U.S. Marine Corps)

“Readiness indicators are very important, but they can’t tell you anything about adaptability,” Bensahel said. “They’re not designed to do that.”



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Current readiness systems primarily assess personnel, equipment, training and mission capability, while qualities such as adaptability, judgment and cognitive flexibility are addressed more indirectly through doctrine and leader development.

Bensahel defines military adaptability through three interconnected elements: doctrine, technology and leadership. All three, she argued, must evolve as conditions change if military organizations are to remain effective.

What adaptive leaders look like

Army doctrine offers one institutional answer. Although adaptability is not formally measured, military doctrine incorporates many of its core characteristics through the concept of mission command.

Mission command encourages subordinate leaders to exercise disciplined initiative, accept prudent risk and adapt their actions to changing conditions while operating within a commander's intent. Rather than prescribing exactly how tasks must be accomplished, mission orders are intended to maximize freedom of action and enable leaders to respond when battlefield conditions change.

Mission command doctrine also teaches many of the behaviors associated with adaptive leadership. Leaders are expected to think critically, exercise disciplined initiative, accept prudent risk and empower subordinates to make decisions when circumstances change unexpectedly.

Military leadership frameworks describe adaptive leaders as individuals capable of critical thinking, learning agility, decentralized decision-making and operating amid uncertainty while building trust and empowering subordinates to act independently when conditions demand it.

Embedding those qualities across a force of more than two million service members and civilians presents a different challenge.

Bensahel argued that the U.S. military has not always adapted quickly enough during recent conflicts.

Although junior leaders frequently demonstrated adaptability during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, she said senior leaders and institutions were often slower to adjust to changing battlefield realities.

Lessons emerging from Ukraine have heightened concerns about whether military organizations can adapt quickly enough to rapidly changing battlefield conditions. Battlefield innovations can now emerge, proliferate and alter combat operations in a matter of months, rather than years.

Read more at: <https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2026/07/14/the-us-military-measures-readiness-what-about-adaptability/#:~:text=The US military>



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<https://dvs.ohio.gov/news-and-events/all-news/odvs-monthly-newsletter-june-2026#:~:text=camaraderie!-,Join ODVS at the,memorable Boundless Freedom yet..-Battle>

If you have any questions about this event, you can reach us at contactus@dvs.ohio.gov or by calling 380-223-1193.



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Sept 12	T-34 “Fly In”
Oct 2-3	SAM Veterans Resource Fair
Oct 25	Fall Military Show
Oct 30-31	The Big Show
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Nov 7	Veteran’s Day Program
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13 Feb 26

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10 Apr 26

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Ohio Veterans Nursing Homes

12 Jun 26

Women Veterans Appreciation

17 Jul 26

County Veteran Service Officer
Panel | Q & A

7 Aug 26

Purple Heart Event | Guest Speaker

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POW | MIA Event

17 Oct 26

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13 Nov 26

Veterans Appreciation
Luncheon | Guest Speaker

4 Dec 26

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