

Legislation (CW4(Ret) Don Hess): Report presented to AMM. Copy of report to be published in DEC 09/JAN 10 NEWSLINER.

Highlights –

- The Military Coalition was established in 1986 with 16 military organizations. Today's TMC is 36 military organizations strong with 5.5 million members.
- 1/3 of organizations have offices in Washington DC to facilitate lobbying.
- Each organization is required to sit on one committee within the TMC. USAWOA sits on the Guard/Reserve committee and occasionally invited to sit on the Military Personnel committee.
- TMC has a great reputation on The Hill.
- A summary of every piece of legislation is provided in a summary on both House and Senate committees and then TMC determines which bill is more favorable to the TMC to support.
- Building relationships with Congress is just as important as building relationships within the Army.
- Regardless of the Association, TMC sends the "Best Qualified" to meet with congressional staff prior to Congressional testimony – realizing established relationships are essential to gaining access to the key lawmakers on The Hill.
- Health Care remains an extremely important issue amongst TMC.
- USAWOA has been with TMC since the very beginning.
- CW4(R) Don Hess presented, "Sharing the Canteen" in conclusion.