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Senator Bill DeSteph Named 2025 Legislator of the Year by the Military Officers Association of America

Richmond, VA – The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Virginia Council of Chapters has recognized Virginia Senator Bill DeSteph as its 2025 Legislator of the Year during a ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.

Senator DeSteph was honored for his steadfast advocacy on behalf of veterans, servicemembers, and their families, including his strong support for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP).

“The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) of the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) is grateful for the dedicated efforts of Virginia Senator Bill DeSteph on behalf of veterans and their families as demonstrated by his efforts in supporting the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP),” said Monti Zimmerman, COL (Ret), USA, Vice President for Legislative Issues, MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters. “The VCOC is happy to recognize Senator DeSteph with its Legislator of the Year Award.”

In accepting the award, Senator DeSteph stated, “I am honored to have been named 2025's Legislator of the Year by the Military Officers Association of America Virginia Council of Chapters in Richmond. It is a great privilege to fight for our veterans, servicemembers, and their families—ensuring they receive the support, benefits, and respect they have earned. I will continue working every day to uphold the values of service and sacrifice that define our military community. Thank you to MOAA Virginia for this recognition, and to all who wear and have worn the uniform—your dedication inspires me to serve with the same commitment.”

The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. MOAA is an independent, nonprofit, and nonpartisan organization comprised of more than 350,000 active duty, retired, former, and National Guard and Reserve officers, as well as surviving spouses and family members. MOAA advocates with Congress, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal agencies to preserve and protect earned benefits for the uniformed services community. Guided by its commitment to “Never Stop Serving,” MOAA provides leadership, education, and advocacy in support of servicemembers, veterans, and their families.