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Matthew Schwartzman became the legislation and military policy director of the Reserve Organization of America (ROA) on July 1, 2022.

Responsible for the management and execution of ROA's government relations program and public policy portfolio, Matthew brings more than seven years of experience in government affairs, legislative analysis, customer relations, and communications.

Founded in 1922, ROA is the only national military service organization dedicated to supporting the reserve components of the uniformed services and their critical role in national defense. With more than a century of experience in advocating for the readiness of the reserve components and the well-being of reserve families, ROA is a powerful voice in Washington, D.C., engaging with all branches of government and national security offices.

Since joining ROA, Matthew has led advocacy campaigns resulting in the establishment of a reserve component preseparation counseling track within the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), an increase in paid military leave for federal employees who are members of the Reserve or National Guard, and the modernization of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

During his time in the military and veterans' policy arena, Matthew has testified before Congress, analyzed more than 300 public policy proposals, cultivated relationships with more than 60 mission partners in a non-partisan manner, planned events with more than 100 attendees, and presented briefings before crowds exceeding 500 people.

Previously, Matthew served as the policy advisor, legislative affairs for the Air Force Sergeants Association, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization. In this role, Matthew was a federally registered lobbyist representing the personal and professional interests of more than 75,000 service members and their families. Matthew was also a legislative aide in the Maryland General Assembly, state field director for a United States senatorial candidate, and a marketing coordinator for the Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

Matthew holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Towson University.

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