

## Your FMA Monthly Grassroots Update

Dear FMA Member,

Welcome to your February grassroots update. We hope you had a wonderful President's Day Weekend. The goal of these communications is to inform you about the critical issues facing FMA, the responses of our national office team and leadership, and the many ways you can help. We are very excited about the work we are doing with the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

This month we are celebrating several major victories that you helped to achieve. First, after many weeks of tremendous public pressure, lawmakers and administration finally ended the longest government shutdown in our nation's history. Feds from all walks of life said enough, is enough forcing the passage of a three-week continuing resolution (CR) in order to find a long-term funding solution. As those three weeks came to a close, the resulting pressure from feds and FMA members led to passage of a long-term spending bill which included a retroactive 1.9 percent pay raise for all feds for 2019.

These victories represent major victories for FMA and could not have happened without you. Action letters represent the foundation of our grassroots work and our victories will allow FMA to advocate for more substantial reforms throughout the federal government in the upcoming weeks and months. Click here: (<https://www.fedmanagers.org/Action-Letters>).

To be clear, your voice makes a real difference. Thanks to you and your fellow FMA members' tireless efforts, over **1,000** action letters were sent in the past few weeks. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to send an action letter on some additional issues such as feds serving in the reserves to be able to enroll in Tricare, and urge your fellow FMA members to send one as well!

## Recent FMA Wins Thanks to You!

- ✓ **Government Funding Package**
- ✓ **1.9 Percent Pay Raise for 2019**
- ✓ Repeal of Cuts on DOD Long-Term TDY Per Diems
- ✓ Extension of Disabled Veteran Leave to Title 38 Employees
- ✓ Administrative Leave Reform

## FMA-PAC Events This Past Month

This past month saw an uptick in events attended by FMA-PAC representatives where FMA was able to flex its muscles. FMA-PAC is in a solid position at the start of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress and it is important to us to support our FMA champions. FMA members across the country, as well as our government affairs department, attended events for Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK), and Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA). FMA-PAC events are open to any FMA member. If there is an event you would like to attend on behalf of FMA-PAC for your Congressman, please let us know and we will try to make that happen.



## Registration for FMA 2019 National Convention Is Still Open!

FMA's 81<sup>st</sup> National Convention & Management Training Seminar will be held March 10-13 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The national convention is an amazing experience bringing together federal managers from across the country to discuss important issues affecting their departments, agencies and chapters. Complete with training day, keynote addresses from lawmakers and a lobbying day on Capitol Hill, there is something for everyone at the convention.

We are pleased to announce that current and former Office of Personnel Management trainers will be presenting at our seminar. Additionally, keynote addresses will be delivered by Rep. Derek Kilmer, Rep. Anthony Brown and Rep. Jamie Raskin. We are still working on other addresses to be announced. This year, we will also be taking a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building for a closer look at how laws are made. Please [click here](#) to register for this exciting event.

**To Do List:**

- [Register for National Convention](#)
- [Begin a payroll deduction contribution to FMA-PAC](#)
- Ask your chapter leaders about joining them on their next visit with senators and local representatives**

Sincerely yours,