

Your FMA Monthly Grassroots Update

Dear FMA Member,

Welcome to your January grassroots update. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. 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 much looking forward to working with the 116th Congress.

As the government shutdown persists, FMA continues its multi-pronged strategy to ensure your voices are heard. We continue to meet with members of leadership in both chambers of Congress and administration officials to help them understand the human cost of this shutdown. Both sides continue to dig in, meaning **our fight perseveres!** FMA National President Renee Johnson has sent a letter to Sens. Cardin and Collins to thank them for their introduction of legislation that would provide feds with a 1.9 percent pay raise for 2019. However, the most effective tools in this fight are your action letters! Please personalize and send the prepared FMA action letter on this issue today. Click here: (<https://www.fedmanagers.org/Action-Letters>).

FMA has also signed onto coalition letters urging the President, Senate and House to end the partial government shutdown.

To be clear, your voice makes a real difference. Thanks to you and your fellow FMA members' tireless efforts, over **800** action letters were sent in the past month. These continued efforts are starting to have an impact with several Senate Republicans indicating their willingness to end the partial government shutdown. The House of Representatives has already passed several bills to open the government and include a retroactive 1.9 percent pay raise for all federal employees. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to send an action letter on this, and urge your fellow FMA members to send one as well!

Recent FMA Wins Thanks to You!

- ✓ Repeal of Cuts on DOD Long-Term TDY Per Diems
- ✓ Extension of Disabled Veteran Leave to Title 38 Employees
- ✓ Administrative Leave Reform

Ongoing Efforts!

- ☹️ 1.9 Percent Pay Raise for 2019
- ☹️ Government Funding Package

Registration for FMA 2019 National Convention Is Open!

FMA's National Convention & Management Training Seminar will be held March 11-13 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.

The itinerary is still being finalized, but the program will ensure your time is well spent and your satisfaction will be high. Please [click here](#) to register for this exciting event.

To Do List:

- [Send a prepared action letter on federal pay](#)
- [Send a prepared action letter demanding an end to the government shutdown](#)
- [Begin a payroll deduction contribution to FMA-PAC](#)
- Register for the National Convention
- Ask your chapter leaders about joining them on their next visit with senators and local representatives

Sincerely yours,