



# National Convention

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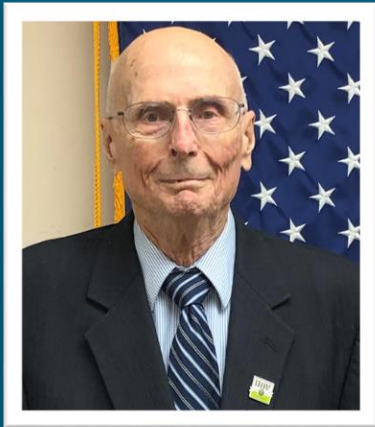
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# THANK YOU!

- 2023 we received **520** resolutions from **36** states
- Advocacy efforts over all (emails to Congress on legislation) **541,503**



# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

## Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

**Chairman:** Jon Tester (D-MT)

**Ranking Member:** Jerry Moran (R-KS)



## House Veterans' Affairs Committee

**Chairman:** Mike Bost (R-IL)

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# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

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# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

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# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

## HOUSE VETERANS' COMMITTEE

### Democrats (11)

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# CRITICAL POLICY GOALS | 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

- **Correct inequities** and provide parity in compensation benefits for veterans and survivors
- Implement the **PACT Act** and address gaps in toxic exposure benefits
- Ensure **equity in VA care**, services and benefits for women, LGBTQ+ and minority veterans
- Provide a full spectrum of **long-term care** options for service-disabled and aging veterans
- Bolster **mental health** resources to ensure continued progress in reducing veteran suicide
- Expand the **VA's capacity** to deliver timely, high quality care to veterans

# DAV Legislative Resources



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DAV's Legislative Program includes all of the legislative resolutions adopted at our most recent national convention, which guide DAV's positions on federal programs, policies and legislation.



## [Congressional Testimony](#)

Read official testimonies DAV has delivered to the Senate and House of Representatives, which cover legislation, funding, policies and proposals to strengthen and reform veterans health care services and benefits programs.

## [Issue Briefs](#)

Through a series of DAV issue briefs, learn more about the most critical issues challenging veterans today. Topics include veterans health care reform, caregiver support, women veterans, burn pits and survivor benefits.

## [Legislative Webinars](#)

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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

### First time being selected to serve on a convention committee?

Please join the National Legislative Department for an overview:

- ✓ Resolution process
- ✓ What to expect
- ✓ Duties and responsibilities
- ✓ How to best prepare to serve as a delegate on a convention committee

PREPARING TO  
SERVE ON A  
CONVENTION  
RESOLUTION  
COMMITTEE

Friday August 4, 2023

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Room: Avalon 30 (access via 4)

# WORKSHOP: Preparing for Convention “Resolutions” Committee

**Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**3:45 pm**

**Room: Avalon 30**



# VA LEADERSHIP—

- Key note speaker
- August 5<sup>th</sup> Opening Session



VA Secretary Denis McDonough



# DAV SERVICE AND LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

## SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2:00 PM



**Dr. Ryung Shu**

Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration



**Mr. Mike Frueh**

Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits  
Veterans Benefits Administration

Please arrive by 1:45 pm



*Thank You!*

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# Correct Inequities and Provide Parity in Compensation Benefits for Veterans and Survivors

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# CRITICAL POLICY GOALS

DAV urges Congress to:

1. Allow receipt of earned compensation and military payments without offsets
2. Provide parity for survivors receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS

DAV urges Congress to:

Enact legislation to repeal the inequitable offset between rightfully earned military retired pay and VA disability compensation for all veterans, including medically retired veterans.





# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS



H.R. 1282/S. 344—the Major Richard Star Act

- House/Senate action
- Quorum campaign

# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS

- H.R. 1282, The Major Richard Star Act
- On June 21, 2023, passed out of the House Armed Services Committee



# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS

- S. 1515, the Retired Pay Restoration Act



# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS

DAV urges Congress to:

Afford justice for veterans by enacting legislation that allows them to keep military separation payments based on their service, which differs from VA disability compensation.



# ALLOW RECEIPT OF EARNED COMPENSATION AND MILITARY PAYMENTS WITHOUT OFFSETS

- H.R.3489, the Restore Veterans' Compensation Act of 2023





# PROVIDE PARITY FOR SURVIVORS RECEIVING DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

DAV urges Congress to:

Enact legislation that would index the rate of compensation for DIC payments to 55% of a 100% service-disabled veteran with a spouse to achieve parity with similar compensation federal employees' survivors receive.

# PROVIDE PARITY FOR SURVIVORS RECEIVING DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION



- S. 414 – the Caring for Survivors Act of 2023

# PROVIDE PARITY FOR SURVIVORS RECEIVING DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

- S. 1266/H.R. 3651—the Love Lives On Act





*Thank You!*

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# Implement the PACT Act & Address Gaps in Toxic Exposure Benefits

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Update August 4, 2023

# Critical Policy Goal

DAV urges Congress to:

1. Monitor the implementation of the PACT Act
2. Recognize exposures and related diseases at K2
3. Provide parity for radiation exposed veterans and remove the dose estimate requirement



# Congress must

- Conduct oversight of disability claims,
- Require VA provide data on claims granted and denied,
- Require transparency regarding quality assurance.



# Monitor the Implementation of the PACT Act



It is imperative that we monitor the number of claims filed related to the PACT Act, how these claims impact the overall workload, how many are approved or denied and why.

# Monitor the Implementation of the PACT Act

As of July 5th, VA has over 850,000 claims pending and 243,000 of them are considered backlogged as they have been pending over 125 days.



# Monitor the Implementation of the PACT Act

Let's put these numbers into perspective:

- Over 700,000 claims received by VA
  - Over 380,000 claims decided
  - Over 3.9 million toxic screenings
- Over 98,000 new PACT Act related VHA enrollees
  - Claims filed prior to August 10<sup>th</sup>

**For more updated information, attend the DAV Service and Legislative Workshop tomorrow at 2 pm.**

# Monitor the Implementation of the PACT Act

Since last year, DAV has provided testimony on the implementation

- December 2022 before HVAC
  - April 2023 before HVAC
    - July 2023 SVAC

# Congress must



- Enact legislation that concedes exposure to radiation, jet fuel and chemical weapons at K2, and provide for studies and recognize presumptive diseases related thereto.

# Recognize Exposures & Diseases at K2



More than 15,000 service members exposed:

- Chemical weapons
- Radioactive depleted uranium
- Jet fuel and petroleum products
- 400 other chemical compounds

# Recognize Exposures & Diseases at K2

As of today, we do not have any specific legislation introduced; however, PL 116-315 section 2010 mandated VA to contract with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to study health effects at K2. The final report is expected by December 2024.



# Congress must



- Enact legislation to remove the VA dose estimate requirement for radiation exposure. This will provide parity with the RECA program and treat veterans' radiation exposure claims on equal footing with civilians.

# Provide Parity for Radiation Exposed Veterans



Legislation has been introduced by Rep. Titus, Nevada, to remove the dose estimate requirement.

H.R.4566, the Providing Radiation Exposed Servicemembers Undisputed Medical Eligibility Act or the PRESUME Act.



*Thank You!*

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# Ensuring Equitable Benefits and Services for Women, LGBTQ+ and Minority Veterans

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# Includes

## The VA must:

- Ensure equitable access to health care and services and improve health.
- Improve methodologies for data collection and analysis to identify health trends, access issues, disparity in health outcomes, and differences in patient experience.
- Improve environment of care to ensure all veterans feel safe and welcomed when seeking VA care.



# Includes

## The VA must:

- Enhance diverse representation and culturally sensitive programming.
- Ensure that all veteran subpopulations have representation on federal advisory committees, in the VA's strategic plans and internal programming.

# Women, LGBTQ+, and Minority Veterans Focus In 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Women, LGBTQ+ and minority veterans continue to be a focus of Congress and VA.
- Introduction of legislation to improve services and programs for minority and underserved veteran populations.
- DAV continuing our efforts to ensure women and minority veterans have access to comprehensive, quality care and gender-specific services.





# Pending Legislation for Women Veterans\*\*

## H.R. 544: Veterans Infertility Treatment Act of 2023

- Require infertility care, including Assisted Reproductive Technology (like IVF), part of the medical services provided by VA to any veteran and/or partner who needs infertility care to achieve a pregnancy
- Allow IVF for up to three successful pregnancies or six attempted cycles
- Allows use of donated gametes and embryos

## H.R. 894 Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act

- Improve access to the full range of contraception and related counseling that improves women's health.
- Active-duty service members also have access to contraception without co-pays through TRICARE

# Pending Legislation For Women Veterans

## H.R. 3303: Maternal Health for Veterans Act

- Builds on Protecting Moms Who Served (P.L. 117-69)
- Calls for a report to congress on maternal health outcomes of veterans
- Authorizes \$15m relating to Maternity Care Coordination through 2028

## S. 2014/H.R. 1753: The “Jax” Act

- Ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service

# Pending Legislation For Underserved Veterans

## H.R. 984/S. 106: Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act

- Grants to States and Indian Tribes to improve outreach to veterans.

## S. 185: Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act of 2023

- Improve the marketing of the program making it more accessible for Native veterans living on trust land, and allow Native veterans to use the program to refinance any other existing mortgage on the same property.

# Pending Legislation

## S. 1028/H.R. 2441 SAVES Act of 2023

- Report on military sexual trauma in the digital age.
- Claim may not be denied until notifying the veteran of needed evidence and giving them an opportunity to present or identify it.
- Ensures veteran deals with MST team through BVA
- Annual review of MST-related claims decisions
- Over 28,000 pending MST claims. Over 60% are in the backlog.



*Thank You!*

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Provide a full spectrum of  
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service-disabled and aging  
veterans

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# CRITICAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

DAV urges Congress / VA to:

1. Increase veterans' access to long-term care
2. Modernize and expand VA Community Living Centers and State Veterans Homes
3. Expand home- and community-based care services
4. Improve the program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers



# EXPANDING VETERANS' OPTIONS FOR LONG-TERM CARE

- Over the next two decades, an aging veteran population, including a growing number of service-disabled veterans with specialized care needs, will require long-term care (LTC).
- LTC services and supports will need to double by 2037 just to maintain current services.
- Congress must provide VA the resources to significantly expand home- and community-based programs, while also modernizing and expanding facilities that provide institutional care.

# S. 495 & H.R. 1815; EXPANDING VETERANS OPTIONS FOR LONG-TERM CARE ACT

- Require the VA to carry out a pilot program to provide assisted living services to a rapidly growing population of aging and/or disabled veterans who are not able to live safely at home, but who do not yet require skilled nursing care.
- DAV supports

# H.R. 2543; VETERANS CHOICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- Evaluate all programs of the VA that furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to determine the most intensively used specialized care programs of the Department and to ensure such programs are maintained as centers of excellence.
- DAV supports

# S. 1828; VETERANS HOMECARE CHOICE ACT OF 2023

- Direct the VA to recognize nurse registries for the veterans community care program to include: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, home health aides, companions, or homemakers.
- Such individuals may provide health care-related or assistive services, including services provided directly to veteran patients or in support of health care facilities and receive compensation for such services.
- Veterans deserve to live independently in their own homes but sometimes need extra assistance to do so. Veterans need care options to include home care professionals for everything from occupational therapy to housekeeping.



*Thank You!*

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# Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

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# Critical Policy Recommendations

DAV urges Congress / VA to:

1. Reduce rates of suicide among veterans
2. Fund lethal-means safety efforts
3. Improve specialized programs and services critical to preventing suicide
4. Increase staffing levels of VA mental health providers
5. Improve clinical competence of providers in VA Community Care Network

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# CONGRESSIONAL AND VA CLINICAL PRIORITY

- An obligation to ensure that our veterans have timely access to the mental health services they need.
- Congress and the VA have been working diligently to address the epidemic of veteran suicide.
- We must work collectively until we get that number down to zero.



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# H.R. 1639 / S. 853 VA ZERO SUICIDE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT OF 2023

- Aims to improve safety and care for suicidal veterans by launching the Zero Suicide Initiative Pilot Program at the VA.
- DAV supports

# H.R. 2768 PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM ACT

- Require the VA to establish a grant program eligible to nonprofit organization having historically served veterans' mental health needs, congressionally chartered veterans service organization and state, local, or tribal veteran service agency, director, or commissioner to establishing peer-to-peer mental health programs for veterans.
- DAV supports

## **S. 1612 REIMBURSE VETERANS FOR DOMICILIARY CARE ACT**

- Require VA to publish a proposed rule to the VA to waive existing eligibility requirements for a veteran to receive per diem payments for domiciliary care at a State Veterans Home.
- The bill requires VA reimburse State Veterans Homes retroactively to January 5, 2021.
- DAV supports

## S.928 NOT JUST A NUMBER ACT

- Expand the VA National Veterans Suicide Prevention Annual Report to examine how veterans' suicides correlate with the utilization of VA health care and benefits.
- Elements of the report would include the findings of the national analysis of veteran suicide rates for the latest year data and include trends and comparisons to previous years.
- 15,771 Commanders Action Network actions taken
- DAV supports

# H.R. 236 BATTLE BUDDY CHECK WEEK

- VA has made the prevention of suicide among veterans one of its highest priorities and developed data models to continually monitor, improve and tailor suicide prevention strategies and initiatives for veterans.
- Require the VA to designate one week per year as “Battle Buddy Check Week” for the purposes of organizing outreach events and educating veterans on how to conduct mental health wellness checks.
- 6,415 Commanders Action Network actions taken
- DAV supports



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# Expand VA's Capacity to Deliver Timely, High-Quality Health Care to Veterans

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# Vacancies and Staffing Shortages

- Accelerate Recruitment & Retention Efforts
- Expedite Hiring & Onboarding Processes





# Aging Health Care Infrastructure



- Create Strategic Plan to Modernize VA Infrastructure
- Bolster Construction Funds to Increase VA's Capacity

# IT & Electronic Health Record Modernization

- Rigorous oversight of VA's new EHR system
- Ensure patient care, safety & other mission critical work, including research



# Expand Access to VA Care Through Telehealth



- Carefully study efficacy & effectiveness of virtual health care to determine optimal use

# VA Fourth Mission for National Emergencies

- Maintain sufficient health care capacity to meet fourth mission functions
- Ensure veterans have uninterrupted care



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# Key Legislation:

## Electronic Health Record

- S. 1125/H.R. 2809—EHR Program Modernization Act

## Infrastructure

- S. 42, the BUILD for Veterans Act of 2023



# VA Budget for FY 2024



- Increase VA Total Medical Care by 14% to \$140 billion
  - + \$1.7 billion for PACT Act
  - + \$2.8 billion for Vacancies
  - + \$1 billion for Long Term Care
- Increase Major Construction to \$5.1 billion, 3x FY 2023 funding

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# VA Budget for FY 2024

## Other key funding recommendations:

- VBA = \$4.1 billion (+11%)
- NCA = \$573 million (+33%)
- BVA (Board) = \$325 million (+14%)
- VA Research = \$980 million (+7%)
- Dental Care = \$500 million (new program)

IB Recommendations for FY 2024 and FY 2025 Advance [in thousands]				
	FY 2023 Appropriation FHA	FY 2024 Adv. Approp. vB-FHA	FY 2024 Appropriation IB Recommended	FY 2025 Adv. Approp. IB Recommended
<b>Veterans Health Administration (VHA)</b>				
Medical Services	70,584,000	74,004,000	88,058,000	102,279,000
Medical Support and Compliance	11,073,000	12,300,000	13,469,000	11,888,000
Medical Facilities	8,634,000	8,800,000	8,953,000	9,270,000
Medical Care Collections (VA Medical Care)	3,128,000	3,174,000	Note 1	Note 1
<b>Subtotal, VA Medical Care</b>	<b>93,419,000</b>	<b>98,278,000</b>	<b>108,480,000</b>	<b>123,437,000</b>
Medical Community Care	28,457,000	33,000,000	33,398,000	33,799,000
Medical Care Collections (Community Care)	782,000	794,000	Note 1	Note 1
<b>Subtotal, Medical Community Care</b>	<b>29,239,000</b>	<b>33,794,000</b>	<b>33,398,000</b>	<b>33,799,000</b>
<b>Total, Medical Care</b>	<b>122,658,000</b>	<b>132,072,000</b>	<b>138,878,000</b>	<b>157,236,000</b>
Medical and Prosthetic Research	916,000		980,000	
<b>Total, Veterans Health Administration</b>	<b>123,574,000</b>		<b>140,858,000</b>	
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>				
Veterans Benefits Administration	3,683,000		4,091,000	
General Administration	433,000		461,000	
Board of Veterans Appeals	285,000		325,000	
<b>Total, General Operating Expenses</b>	<b>4,401,000</b>		<b>4,877,000</b>	
<b>Department Admin and Misc. Programs</b>				
Information Technology	5,782,000		6,335,000	
EHM (Center)	1,758,000		1,759,000	
National Cemetery Administration	430,000		573,000	
Office of Inspector General	273,000		284,000	
<b>Total, Dept. Admin and Misc. Programs</b>	<b>8,243,000</b>		<b>8,952,000</b>	
<b>Construction Programs</b>				
Major Construction	1,447,890		5,125,000	
Minor Construction	626,110		1,050,000	
Grants for State Extended Care Facilities	150,000		600,000	
Grants for State Vets Cemeteries	50,000		130,000	
<b>Total, Construction Programs</b>	<b>2,274,000</b>		<b>6,885,000</b>	
Other Discretionary Programs	284,214		296,000	
Cost of War Toxic Exposure Fund (TEF)	5,000,000		Note 2	
<b>Total, Budget Authority</b>	<b>143,777,214</b>		<b>163,572,000</b>	

Note 1 - The IB estimates the total need for health care appropriations and does not include MCOF estimates.  
 Note 2 - The IB estimates the total need for health care appropriations and does not include TEF estimates.

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# Additional Legislative Updates

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# Additional Updates

Now that we have provided updates on our Critical Policy Goals, here are some other issues we are actively working on:



# Cost-of-Living Adjustment

Through DAV CAN, we sent out a campaign on March 29 and you responded with over 36,000 emails to Congress. DAV supported this bill in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 102.

Also on March 29, DAV testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee in support of the COLA.

# Cost of Living Adjustment Increase is Law



**S. 777**, the Veterans' COLA Act of 2023, was passed by the Senate on March 30 and the House on May 22. On June 14, 2023, the bill was signed into law, Public Law 118-6.

# Dental Health Care



DAV recognizes that oral health is integral to the general health and well-being of a patient and is part of comprehensive health care.

# Dental Health Care Bills DAV Supports



- **S. 1954/H.R. 4250** A bill to improve the provision of health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans diagnosed with diabetes and heart disease, and for other purposes
- **H.R. 2410** VET CARE Act of 2023
- **H.R. 2413** Dental Care for Veterans Act



# Claims Processing

DAV Resolution No. 095,  
calls for improved training  
for VA employees  
deciding veterans claims.



# Claims Processing Legislation



- **S. 1635/ H.R. 3718**, the Department of Veterans Affairs Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Processing Claims Improvement Act of 2023
- DAV CAN campaign resulted in 24,000 emails to Congress



# PFAS Contaminated Water

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are man-made chemicals.

- 700 military sites
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and National Academies have linked diseases to PFAS exposure.



# PFAS Legislation



- **S. 1360**—PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act. DAV CAN Campaign resulted in over 15,000 emails to the Senate.
- **H.R. 4249**—Veterans Exposed to Toxic (VET) PFAS Act. DAV CAN Campaign resulted in

# Space Available Travel

Today, veterans who are 100% P&T are allowed to use military space available travel under the Air Mobility Command, Category VI.



# Space Available Travel



- **Res. 416** Expand the Travel Area from Continental United States to Continental United States and Overseas
- **Res. 417** Extend Space-Available Air Travel to Caregivers and Dependents of Eligible Veterans

# Space A Travel in the NDAA



- We have been working with **Rep. Trone** (MD) on these issues. He introduced **Amendment 722** to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2024.

# DAV CAN and the Legislative Team



DAV's National Legislative  
Department

Act Now!



# DAV CAN Since Jan 2023

- Released 36 Campaigns
- Over 500,000 emails sent
- A new record for the DAV CAN. **Thank You!**



# DAV Legislative Team Since Jan 2023



- Reviewed nearly 400 bills
- Over 200 Capitol Hill & Executive Branch Meetings
- Over 150 VSO Coalition Meetings
- Written 11 separate testimonies and appeared at 7 hearings.





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