

Americanism, Children & Youth

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May 29, 2026

Top Highlights:

SAVE THE DATE - September 18 - 20, 2026 National Americanism Conference

We are pleased to announce that this September the Americanism Commission will again be hosting its annual National Americanism Conference. This year's segments will be offered in-person in Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration for conference segments will open June 1, 2026. A link to book your stay at the Sheraton Circle Centre Hotel will also be provided. Detailed agendas regarding each conference segment will be made available on the Legion website by early September. The point of contact regarding conference registration is Americanism staff Steve Cloud. Inquiries regarding program agendas may be directed to each respective Program Manager in the Americanism Division. Department Program Directors, Chairmen, staff, and volunteers across the entire nation are invited to participate in the 2026 National Americanism Conference. Conference attendees will be responsible for their own lodging, meals, and transportation costs associated with attending the conference.

Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF)

The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF) 2027 grant application is now available online at www.cwf-inc.org. Applications must be received by the CWF office no later than July 15 to be considered for 2027 funding.

CWF welcomes proposals from nonprofit organizations whose activities, programs, or research support the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of children.

Recap/Review:

- Boys Nation 17-25 July 2026, Washington DC / Marymount University.
- JSSP 23 - 25 July 2026, Hillsdale, MI, Hillsdale College.
- ALWS 13-18 August 2026, Shelby, NC
- Daniel J. O'Connor Narrative is due to the Americanism Division by 15 July 2026.

Emblem Sales
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Top Highlights:

- **2026 Total Sales:** Over \$6,500,000 in orders
- **2026 Number of items picked and packed:** Over 740,000 items
- **Custom Order Drop-Ship Fulfillment Timeframe**
 - **Uniform Caps** - 6 to 8 weeks
 - **Name Tags** - 7 to 10 business days
 - **Shirt Embroidery Personalization** - 4 weeks
 - **Plaques** - 4 weeks
 - **Rings** - 10 weeks
 - **Legion Rider Back Patches** - 3 weeks
 - **All other items** - on average 2 to 4 weeks
- **In-Stock Warehouse Order Fulfillment Timeframe:** *Allow 7 to 10 business days*
 - April - July is Emblem Sales "peak season". Over half our orders come in during this short time span. As the volume of orders increases, we will continue to add staff and change the logistics of our staffing to address the increase in volume. See paragraph below for non "in-stock" items.
- **Shipping Delays / Warehouse Challenges:**
 - At the beginning of the year, we implemented a new website and new warehouse management system. There have been challenges with the new system since we went live. Emblem Sales is doing everything we can to work through these challenges with our new system. If you hear feedback about shipping delays, please let us know. Products directly affected include customized items, name tags, back orders, and shipping address errors.
- **Customer Service**
 - With the increase in volume of orders and the shipping challenges for the products listed above, Customer Service has seen an increase in call volume. Call wait time, on average, is 35 minutes to reach a Customer Service Representative, in Emblem Sales. Times could exceed that during peak times of the day. Please members to place their orders through the website (emblem.legion.org).

Updates:

- **2026 Total Sales:** An additional \$700,000 in orders have been taken since the last report.
- **2026 Number of items picked and packed:** An additional 140,000 items that have been ordered since the last report.

Recap/Review:

Internal Affairs & Membership Division

Director: Matthew Herndon, 317-630-1406, mherndon@legion.org

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Top Highlights:

- **CPR and CSR:** Forms are due July 1. The fillable 2025-2026 [CPR is available here](#) and [CSR here](#), and in MyLegion.org.

Consolidated Post and Squadron Reports – 3,559 of the 11,688 posts submitted with a 30.54% submission rate. 950 of our 5,784 squadrons submitted with a 16.42% submission rate. Both the CPR and CSR are due to national by July 1 for awards consideration.

- France – CPR's 4/29– 13.79%; CSR's 1/12– 8.33%
- Oregon – CPR's 30/106 – 28.30%; CSR's 10/34 – 29.41%
- South Dakota – CPR's 66/230 – 28.70%; CSR's 12/58 – 20.69%

- **Next Training Tuesday:** June 30, 2026 @ 7:00 PM ET

Topic: Wreaths Across America: Year-Round Mission and Volunteer Opportunities

Learn more about Wreaths Across America's year-round mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. As a corporate partner, The American Legion can use this session to help post leaders understand volunteer opportunities, local engagement options, and ways to support the mission in their own communities beyond National Wreaths Across America Day.

Updates:

2026 TAL/SAL Membership:

<u>Department of France - EUROPEAN TOUR</u> • Current Traditional Membership: 2,852 • Percentage: 91.41% • New Members: 219 • Unpaid HQ Members: 6 • Unpaid Trad. Members: 488 • HQ Post Transfers: 18 • New DMS Members: 45 • 2025/2026 Comparison: 205 behind <u>Detachment of France</u> Current Membership: 174 (104.19%)	<u>Department of Oregon</u> • Current Traditional Membership: 11,022 • Percentage: 94.51% • New Members: 590 • Unpaid HQ Members: 109 • Unpaid Trad. Members: 1,600 • HQ Post Transfers: 368 • New DMS Members: 588 • 2025/2026 Comparison: 305 behind <u>Detachment of Oregon</u> Current Membership: 1,422 (84.09%)
<u>Department of South Dakota</u> • Current Traditional Membership: 14,437 • Percentage: 94.98% • New Members: 417 • Unpaid HQ Members: 41 • Unpaid Trad. Members: 996 • HQ Post Transfers: 178 • New DMS Members: 176 • 2025/2026 Comparison: 511 behind <u>Detachment of South Dakota</u> Current Membership: 2,408 (104.88%)	

Marketing Division

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Top Highlights:

- In May at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the on-site Service Officer supported veterans and their families by documenting 79 discussions addressing a wide range of VA claims, appeals and legal assistance needs noting the following key highlights:
 - 15 out of state
 - 15 VA hearing confirmations
 - 24 burial benefits cases reviewed
 - 7 Power of Attorney appointments

Operational Updates:

Website Updates

- Coordinated leadership and volunteers for the American Legion 500 Festival Memorial Service
 - Worked closely with National Vice Commander Weismann to support planning and execution, provided feedback to 500 Festival during an After-Action meeting
- Refreshed multiple National Oratorical Contest pages and added time-sensitive alerts on Legion.org homepage for higher visibility during event
 - Updated images, links, and content across several Oratorical pages so students, families, and volunteers had correct information, laced a “Happening Tomorrow” banner on the Legion.org homepage to drive attention and participation
- Added a homepage alert promoting 2026 Legacy Run registration
 - Posted an alert on the Legion.org homepage inviting potential participants to register now that registration is open

Digital Marketing Updates

Kelly Williams on vacation

Partnership Updates

- Amazon for Business partnership to be launched by June to provide logistics support to Posts and Departments, from canteen supply ordering and subscriptions to program wishlists for donations. Amazon for Business will be a Discount Provider on The American Legion's Post Discounts page as well as have a presence at National Convention in August to offer guidance and assistance to local leadership.

Social Media Updates

- 2026 Oratorical Performance (Oratorical Content Produced from May 15th - May 23rd 2026)
 - Views - 301K
 - Engagement Rate - 10.02%
 - Shares - 1.4K
 - Total Reactions - 4.8K

Progress Report: N/A

Supporting references: N/A

Media & Communications Division

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May 29, 2026

Top Highlights:

USA 250 Challenge

- We worked on the strategy, media and email cadence for the final fundraising push to achieve the national commander's goal of \$150,000 raised for the challenge.
- We are planning coverage opportunities to highlight events being held in celebration of the challenge and the 250th birthday of America. Among them: a 250-mile walk conducted by a post in Mass., Mid-Ohio July 4 weekend, etc.

Content highlights: Website content during the past two weeks included Memorial Day coverage, highlighted by a roundup of how posts nationwide commemorated the holiday, written by Steve Brooks, leading off with content created by videographer Owen Bagwell, who produced a video from an event in Tennessee. Other Memorial Day coverage included a story by Steve and video from Jen Blohm about an Indiana post's nine memorial services in one day; stories from the remembrance services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Wall; and a story from the Indianapolis memorial service. Additionally, we published the obituary of Diane Carlson-Evans; a Statement for the Record on military quality of life; and a roundup of key veteran-friendly bills that the Legion supported. And looking further back, M&C content creators covered the oratorical contest, American Legion Gaming at Fleet Week in California, the New Jersey stand down, the results of a survey by pray.com about veterans and faith; the Planned Giving features; and more.

Visual content highlights:

Visual Media staff contributed the following in the past two weeks:

In support of the Oratorical Competition

- Updated Oratorical schedule page on website for participants in advance of event.
- Set up stage graphics and other physical displays on Hillsdale campus.
- Worked with Hillsdale staff to facilitate LiveStream
- Posted six finalist videos immediately after the competition ended
- 24-hour turnaround of video interview with the winner in time for Monday Briefing.
- Took photos of all participants will have them available for purchase/distribution on Zenfolio by next week
- Created photo, video and graphic elements used on all social platforms to preview the weekend, announce semi-finalists and finalists, promote Livestream and announce winner.

Memorial Day Coverage

- Diane Carlson Evans social posts (staff)

- Produced National Commander Memorial Day Video Address (staff)
- Indy 500 Memorial Service photos (staff)
- Hall of Fame Classic photos (freelance)
- Evansville Memorial Day event (staff)
- ALG Fleet Week story, photos and video (freelance)
- Indy 500 Marketing Unit video for social (staff)
- Chattanooga Memorial Day event photos and video (staff)

Graphic Design and other events

- Humvee Trailer design
- Who We Are Today Flyer
- Continued work on new magazine prototype book
- Ran second Training Tuesday webinar using Riverside with Internal Affairs Staff

The American Legion Magazine: The July issue, celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary, was wrapped up this week, leading off with Wilfred McClay's anchor piece on why America is still a land of hope. Also: a Q&A with Matthew Spalding on how the Declaration of Independence stands as the primordial statement of the American mind; and Andrew Zwenerman's article on the enduring power of the U.S. Constitution. And much more. The July issue was significantly above budget for advertising sales, giving the book an extra four pages.

SAL: Memorial Day stories included quotes and photos of the SAL leadership participating in remembrance services at the Vietnam Wall and Arlington National Cemetery.

American Legion Baseball: Media included coverage of the May 23 Hall of Fame Military Classic at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y., featuring veterans, American Legion Baseball and more.

Podcast: Next week's guest is Johnny Vargas, an Army veteran and one of the Legion influencers who has a growing presence on social media. Up next is a special Father's Day episode featuring Michael and Sammy Sullivan, father-daughter who have both served. He is ED of Team Red White Blue and she is an Olympian rugby player.

Be the One: Stories included one on how Tennessee's department commander is fully embracing the Be the One mission; an update on how in retirement former BTO program manager Tony Cross is making Be the One a priority; and more.

External media: USA Today published [a Memorial Day story](#), exclusively quoting our flag expert Aaron Bacon about what Americans need to know about the flag, displaying it on Memorial Day, and more; VA&R Director Cole Lyle was quoted in this [Task & Purpose story](#) about the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act; and John Raughter conducted a live Memorial Day interview on Tommy Tucker radio show, WWL New Orleans.

Social media:

Facebook:

1. U.S. Flag Code for Memorial Day led the way on Facebook with 71,763 Reach/5,601 Engagement/6.53% Engagement Rate/107,007 Impressions
2. Armed Forces Day Carousel: 36,572 Reach/3,557 Engagement/8.19% Engagement Rate/57,118 Impressions
3. Oratorical Champion Announcement Carousel: 30,572 Reach/3,694 Engagement/10.24% Engagement Rate/49,813 Impressions - **37 Link Clicks**
4. Oratorical Weekend Kickoff: 31,082 Reach/1,997 Engagement/5.4% Engagement Rate/46,373 Impressions - **76 Link Clicks**

SAL FACEBOOK

57,698 views

Top posts:

1. Memorial Day advance: 14,540 views
2. SAL leadership in DC for Memorial Day: 12,719 views (posted yesterday)
3. Oratorical Contest winner: 8,620 views

BASEBALL FACEBOOK (and X)

40,761 views

Top posts:

- Story on 2025 ALWS champs: 21,193 views
- Andy's photos from Baseball HOF Museum Saturday: 3,917 views
- Hall of Fame Classic story: 3,082 views

LinkedIn: For the cycle, the American Legion LinkedIn platform had 46,938 Impressions and a 3.9% engagement rate.

1. National Poppy Day Graphic Post: 6,011 Impressions and 8.32% Engagement Rate - **93 Reposts**
2. Memorial Day Graphic Post: 3,486 Impressions and 11.7% Engagement Rate
3. Legion Family Lay Wreath at Arlington Carousel: 2,276 Impressions and **31.02%** Engagement Rate

Instagram: 49,939 followers (+1,305), 443.5 K views, 17.4K Interactions (**55% from Non-followers**)

1. Oratorical - Meet the Finalist Carousel: 16K views, 4.49% Engagement Rate, 310 interactions
2. Memorial Day Graphis Post: 11.3K views, 4.06% Engagement Rate, 343 interactions
3. National Poppy Day Graphic Post: 11.2K views, 8.33% Engagement Rate, 690 interactions
4. Oratorical Champion Announcement Carousel: 10K views, 5.36% Engagement Rate, 281 interactions

Twitter

1. Memorial Day Graphis Post: 1.3K Impressions and 5.1% Engagement Rate

2. U.S. Flag Code for Memorial Day: 815 Impressions and 12.88% Engagement Rate
3. Armed Forces Day: 808 Impressions and 12.38% Engagement Rate
4. Major Richard Star Act: 683 Impressions and 12.45% Engagement Rate

YouTube 15,319 subscribers (+63), 72.4K views, 103K impressions

1. David Stewart Short (Diesel Jack paid content) - 9,493 views
 2. David Stewart: You NEED the Legion (DJ paid content) - 8,201 views
 3. Casandra Igou: The Camaraderie of the Legion (DJ paid content) - 7,186 views
 4. Mark Dexter: The Legion is Family Friendly (DJ paid content) - 6,762 views
- Organic Trend: With last week's passing of Diane Carlson Evans, we saw an uptick in views for her video - 1,099 views

Top stories on Legion.org:

- Military Appreciation Deals and Discounts 26,158
- Lawmakers warn West LA veterans campus could become vast skid row 11,597
- 5 Things to Know 05/18 6,415

NEWSLETTERS

We have culled the list of emails for the Thursday Online Update and Monday Briefing. In essence, we are no longer sending to bad emails (those that don't exist) and to those for which the recipient has not opened an email in at least six months. This will save us an estimated \$4,000-\$5,000 per month. At the same time, it will boost our already great metrics even higher, notably the open and click-through rates.

ONLINE UPDATE – 05/21

Sent: 642,652

Opens: 289,005

Open Rate: 45% of delivered

Clicks: 23,470

CTR: 8.1% of opened

Flag Alert (new layout - higher opens and clicks)

Sent: 29,841

Opens: 17,210

Open Rate: 58% of delivered

Clicks: 733

CTR: 4.5% of opened

Podcast

Sent: 6,298

Opens: 2,465

Open Rate: 39% of delivered

Clicks: 87

CTR: 3.5% of opened

Updates:

Support for the Office of Fund Development: Work continued to complete a multimedia “Who We Are Today” piece for various purposes, reprising the motto “Veterans Strengthening America.”

National Commander’s Normandy visit: Schedules were finalized, remarks prepared, flowers ordered and more for the national commander’s official visit to Normandy for the 82nd anniversary of the D-Day liberation.

Legislative Division

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May 15 – 29, 2026

Top Highlights:

- Director Cole Lyle testified before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 20 regarding The American Legion's positions on 24 pending pieces of legislation.
- Last week, the House passed six veteran-related bills, five of which are supported by The American Legion.
- On May 22, a letter of support for the Right to Repair Act was submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services.

Meetings:

- 05/19: Attended Elizabeth Dole Foundation Symposium
- 05/19: Attended Rethinking Psychedelic Treatment
- 05/27: Met with National Association of Veterans Research and Education Foundation
- 05/27 Met with Rep Mike Thompson's office

Grassroots Update:

Current Campaigns (5/15-5/29)	Actions Taken
Love Lives On	845
Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act	448
Pay the Coast Guard	447
2025 GI Bill Parity	441
SHIPS for America Act	438

Upcoming Hearings:

As of 5/29, the following hearings are scheduled:

- Tuesday, June 2, 2:00 PM: Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security – Hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Homeland Security.
- Wednesday, June 3, 4:00 PM: Senate Veteran Affairs Committee – Hearings to consider pending calendar nominations.
- Thursday, June 4, 10:00 AM: House Armed Services Committee Markup – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

National Security Division

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May 18th – May 29th

Top Highlights:

- **Iran Conflict:** On May 28th, the U.S. and Iran reached a tentative 60-day ceasefire agreement, allowing for ongoing negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. continues its blockade of Iranian ports, while Iran controls the Strait of Hormuz. Recently, the U.S. conducted strikes on southern Iran, targeting missile launch sites and mine-laying boats. In response, Iran launched attack drones and missiles toward Kuwait, which were intercepted by Kuwaiti and U.S. forces. The negotiations propose a two-step agreement in which Iran would open the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for the U.S. lifting the blockade.
- **Taiwan Security and U.S.-China Competition:** Taiwan remained a focal point of congressional and defense discussions. House lawmakers urged approval of a proposed \$14 billion arms package for Taiwan, while ongoing debate continued regarding future U.S. arms sales and broader security cooperation initiatives. Questions surrounding Taiwan deterrence and regional stability remain central to Indo-Pacific security planning.
- **Growing Concerns Over Homeland Drone Vulnerabilities:** Military officials and industry experts warned that the United States remains vulnerable to drone attacks against military installations, critical infrastructure, and civilian targets. Recent assessments indicate improvements in counter-drone capabilities but acknowledge significant gaps remain nationwide.

Operational Updates:

- **Statement for the Record (SFR) for the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel and Readiness:** The National Security Division completed an SFR highlighting quality-of-life priorities for military housing, childcare, and healthcare.
- **SASC Hearing:** Staff attended a Subcommittee on Personnel and Readiness Hearing on DOD Programs for the FY2027 NDAA Request on May 20th.
- **HASC Hearing:** Attended full committee hearing: U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East and Africa.
- **DPAA:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified and repatriated 6 service members. [List of Repatriated/Identified Servicemembers](#)
- **TACOM:** Processed support requests for 4 American Legion posts across 4 departments, including 2,480 rounds of ammunition, 17 rifles, 50 clips, and 3 endorsement letters.

Progress Report:

- **National Commander's Europe Trip:** The National Commander has completed the first segment in England and is currently in Italy. Upcoming visits include Aviano Air Base and Vicenza Army Garrison.
- **FY27 NDAA Full Committee Markup Letter of Support to Congress:** The National Security Division is finalizing a letter from our National Commander to the Armed Services Committees in advance of next week's full committee markup of the National

Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This markup is a crucial legislative phase where the Committees debate, amend, and vote on defense budget and policy provisions before advancing the NDAA to their respective floors. The letter emphasizes the importance of considering several quality-of-life and readiness-related provisions supported by our resolutions.

- **Future BASE Visit Planning:** The Division is planning to conduct a BASE Visit to Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, and Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, in September
- **BASE Visit Report:** The National Security Division is finalizing its Naval Station Great Lakes BASE visit report.
- **National Convention:** Preparations are underway for the upcoming National Convention
- **Awards:** Winners for the Spirit of Service, National Law Enforcement Officer, and National Fire Fighter of the Year have been identified.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division

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May 16 - May 28

VAR Bills reviewed for 119th Congress: 245

New Bills since last report: 0

Health Policy Team (HPT) Operations

Top Highlights:

- May 18-20: HPT conducted their first virtual SWS visit with the George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT.
- May 19: HPT attended Oracle's quarterly EHRM update meeting.
- May 22-24: Member of the HPT attended a Peer Mentoring workshop through the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS).

Benefits Policy Team (BPT) Operations

Top Highlights:

- May 18: BPT conducted Virtual ROAR visit with Salt Lake City Utah Regional Office

Updates:

- HPT and BPT assisted with preparing the Statement for Record before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.
- HPT and BPT are wrapping up April's ROAR and SWS reports conducted in the Pacific Northwest.
- BPT followed up on pending VA claims for survivors met during a Memorial Weekend function.

The American Legion Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) Unit

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Accreditations

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| • Applications Received from TAL Departments | 27 |
| • Certifications Submitted by TAL Washington Office | 19 |
| • Certifications Approved by VA's Office of General Counsel | 15 |
| • AMA Appeals Pending (125+ Days) | 0 |
| • Informal Hearing Presentations (IHPs) Prepared | 278 |
| • Memos Generated | 2 |
| • Phone Inquiries | 195 |
| • Internal Quality Reviews | 3 |

• Individual Training	0 hours
• Team Training	15 hours
• Hearings	5
• Board Dispositions	430
○ Appeals Granted	165 (38.4%)
○ Remanded	132 (30.7%)
○ Denied	88(20.4%)
○ Other 45 (10.5%)	
Retroactive Awards Won for Veterans	\$2,273,188

National Veterans Service Office

• Phone Calls	334
• Emails	183
• Referrals	29
• Discharge Upgrades	4
• Written Correspondence	0
• Claims Submitted	113
• Evidence Submitted	0
• POAs Submitted	110
• Training Hours	3
• HLR Informal Conference Calls	9
• In-Person Conferences	3

Pension & Debt Management

• New Compensation Claims	47
• New Pension Claims	13
• Supporting Claims	0
• Sensitive Claims	6
• File Reviews	862
• Phone Contacts/E-Mails/Inquires	653
• Debt Notices Received	1,128
• Insurance Actions	0
• Waivers Requested	24
• Waivers Granted	29
• Walk-Ins	0
• Hearings	0
• Misc. Notification Letters Processed	30
• Debt Waivers Granted	\$673,490

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VE&E Division

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May 15 – May 29, 2026

Top Highlights:

- Division staff hosted a VE&E Commission meeting to discuss Small Business policy.
Speakers:
 - Chanel Bankston-Carter, Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)
 - Ricky Lemmon, former Executive Director of Procurement for the Veterans Health Administration
- Division staff participated in a MilitaryHire job fair
- Division staff along with ALA staff attended the Hiring our Heroes - Spouse Employment Summit
- Division staff supported Distinguished Guests during the Vietnam Wall Memorial Ceremony on Memorial Day
- Division staff submitted a Statement for the Record regarding 5 bills in the 5/20 hearing
 - HR 6904: *The Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement and Accountability Act of 2025*
 - HR 6843: *Establishing the Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement and Accountability Act of 2025*
 - HR 1391: *Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act*
 - HR 3869: *Every Veteran Housed Act*
 - HR 8044: *Get Justice-Involved Veterans BACK HOME Act*
- Division staff attended the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans annual convention

Operational Updates:

- Division staff attended a meeting with People of Ukraine Foundation
- Division staff attended a meeting to go over the SFR details with Director Lyle
- Division staff attended the 5/20 HVAC hearing on “Pending Legislation”
- Division staff attended a webinar hosted by the VA Loan Guarantee Service about specially adapted housing.
- Division staff are coordinating our attendance and speaking opportunity for the VAREP policy summit in June.
- Division staff are coordinating with Hiring our Heroes to distribute smart phones to attendees at convention.
- Division staff updated commission and council mailing list
- Division staff prepared meeting notes, invites, and correspondence to coordinate the Commission meeting

Progress Report:

- Division staff are arranging a visit to the DC VA Medical Center Homeless office.
- Division staff mailed Employer Award plaques to Department leadership

- Division staff are coordinating travel and logistics for National Convention guests, speakers, and award recipients.
- Division staff researched Louisville veteran homeless shelters and resources to visit at convention
- Division staff researched Louisville military bases to coordinate a site visit with the Transition Assistance Program office.
- Division staff researched Louisville colleges and universities to coordinate a site visit.
- Division staff moved supplies and resources to support the NATSEC division's move.
- Division staff continued to make progress on implementation of the VE&E Summit recommendations.