

Legislative Bulletin
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Educating Tomorrow's Veterans Today

Greetings,

Last month I shared ways to get connected and stay informed. This month I would like to take a deeper dive and look at a couple of big issues.

The Major Richard Star Act

Right now, VA deducts the retirement pay of veterans with a disability rating of less than 50%. The American Legion stands with disabled veterans and urges Congress not to continue this denial of retirement benefits. **The Major Richard Star Act** would repeal this harsh offset for those veterans who are medically retired due to injuries sustained in combat and allow them to receive both their retirement pay without forfeiting their disability compensation.

Pay the Coast Guard

Did you know Under Article I, Section 6 of the U.S. Constitution, lawmakers are still paid their salaries despite the federal government being shut down due to their inability to reach an agreement? Did you know, The Coast Guard is the only military branch working without pay during government shutdowns? The Coast Guard is vital to our National Security and should continue to be paid. Please reach out to your Congressman on this one! I must admit, as my Mama would say, "this burns my britches".

There are other important bills to check out on the following website. Check it out here: <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>. Create an account and click away supporting these important legislative issues.

Be sure to be on the lookout for an updated Year-End Legislative Report. Coming soon!

Questions? I am here to help you!

Sincerely,

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