

Legislative Bulletin

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Happy New Year, first let me apologize for not doing a January bulletin. With the transition of a new president things were, well in transition but things are now going like gang busters.

Legislative had our quarterly meeting on 1/28 and a lot of things are now happening.

First, I have been asked to share this



This is important so that Arizona dual members can help us with our numbers. (Remember we are competing in competition) Yes, I want Arizona to be number 1.

We have a new Secretary to the Veterans Affairs Secretary. Rep. Doug Collins. Rep Collins, who has served as an Air Force Reserve chaplain since 2002, understands the challenges that our Veterans have. Congratulations to Rep Collins!

We have a new agenda for the new 119th Congress. It is posted in a separate link on the site. Check it out.

Another item discussed in our meeting was that our Senators and Congressmen like to get letters. We are encouraging you to write a letter. A sample letter on our site. I cannot lie, but I like just clicking a button on the computer and supporting the various bills. But since I am supposed to lead by example, I will be mailing a letter. 😞

I want to remind everyone that we are non-partisan. But it does not mean we put our heads in the sand and do not pay attention to what is going on. There are lawmakers on both sides of the aisles that oppose anything to do with Veterans, pay attention! I found it very interesting those that opposed representative, Collins.

I know this has been long but want to leave you with two things. First contact Congress to request support for the ***Major Richard Star Act!*** This act aims to allow combat-injured veterans to receive both their earned retirement pay and disability compensation without offset. *The American Legion supports this legislation, and we appreciate all the emails you have sent so far. Go to the [Action Center](#) to quickly email a letter of support to your members of Congress.* -So quick, easy and painless.

Lastly, I am so honored and excited to be attending **February 21-26, 2025**, The American Legion's 65th Annual Washington Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel. This conference provides an opportunity for Legionnaires and Auxiliary to meet with their respective lawmakers and hear from members of Congress and VA leadership. The National Commander will also address attendees on legislative priorities during the National Commander's Rally. I am nervous and excited but not looking forward to the colder temperature. I want to say I will represent us well and hope to have a lot to share with you upon return.

Until then please reach out regarding these very important bills coming before congress in this session.

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You can find relevant legislation and the Legion's stance on them in the [legislation section of VoterVoice!](#)

For God and Country,

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