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VETERAN LEGISLATION

12 March 2013

As of 12 MAR of the 1061 House and 522 Senate items of legislation introduced in the 113th Congress, the following are of interest to the non-active duty veteran community. A good indication on the likelihood of a bill of being forwarded to the House or Senate for passage and subsequently being signed into law by the President is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. An alternate way for it to become law is if it is added as an addendum to another bill such as the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and survives the conference committee assigned to iron out the difference between the House and Senate bills. At <http://thomas.loc.gov> you can review a copy of each bill's text, determine its current status and number of cosponsors, the committee it has been assigned to, who your representative is and his/her phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To separately determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html>. To review a numerical list of all bills introduced refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/111search.html>.

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1. Bills that are being pushed by various veterans groups for passage include a website highlighted in red which if clicked on will take the reader to a preformatted message for automatic transmission to their legislator requesting he/she support the bill.
2. Bill numbers that have passed either the House or Senate and have been forwarded to the other chamber or the President for action are highlighted in Green.
3. Bills that have passed both chambers of Congress and been signed into law are highlighted in Blue.
4. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.
5. Bill numbers that have been incorporated in other bills are highlighted in Gray.
6. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.

House Legislation

House Bills

Note: Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php> and enter bill number in the Search block to determine current cosponsor status and last major action taken by the House.

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H.R.32 : **Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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<http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/?bill=62315971>.

H.R.44 : **Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.** A bill to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.110 : **WWII Filipino Service Claims.** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.111 : **Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act.** A bill to award a Congressional gold medal, collectively, to the Filipino Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be

subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.153 : Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.154 : VA Public Service Vet Medal. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Department of Veterans Affairs Medal for Distinguished Public Service to honor veterans who make remarkable and distinguished contributions to their communities.

Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.164 : Disabled Vet Space A Travel. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/4/2013) Related Bills: S.346

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.179 : Franchise Education for Veterans Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training.

Sponsor: Rep Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.183 : Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.

Sponsor: Rep Grimm, Michael G. [NY-11] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.222 : Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act. A bill to amend the World War I Centennial Commission Act to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 1/14/2013)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.241 : Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Ross, Dennis A. [FL-15] (introduced 1/14/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.257 : Veterans Health Equity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 1/15/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.258 : Stolen Valor Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.
Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 1/15/2013)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/25/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

H.R.288 : CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 1/15/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.293 : Army Combat Action Badge Eligibility Expansion. A bill to expand retroactive eligibility of the Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat during which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941.
Sponsor: Rep Nugent, Richard B. [FL-11] (introduced 1/15/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.303 : Retired Pay Restoration Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/15/2013) Related Bills: S.234

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.318 : Korean War Wall of Remembrance. To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

Sponsor: Rep Hall, Ralph M. [TX-4] (introduced 1/18/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.324 : First Special Service Force Congressional Gold Medal. To grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/18/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 1/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.330 : Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-42] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.331 : VA Veteran Enrollment Reporting. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit the centralized reporting of veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.

Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-42] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.333 : Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.357 : GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.369 : Reducing Barriers to Veterans' Benefits Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.386 : Homes for Heroes Act of 2013. A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/23/2013) Related Bills: H..384

Committees: House Financial Services; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.411 : Fort McClellan Health Registry Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Tonko, Paul [NY-20] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.435 : Military Enlistment Opportunity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the enlistment in the Armed Forces of additional persons who are residing in the United States and to lawfully admit for permanent residence certain enlistees who are not citizens or other nationals of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 1/29/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/29/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.449 : Vet Amnesty Period for Gun Registration. A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/1/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.458 : Fallen Heroes Family Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for nonimmigrant status for an alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a United States citizen child if the child was born abroad and is the child of a deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep Issa, Darrell E. [CA-49] (introduced 2/4/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.481 : Filipino Proof of Service. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept certain documents as proof of service in determining the eligibility of an individual to receive amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 2/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.503 : National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act. A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 2/5/2013)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 2/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.562 : VRAP Extension Act of 2013. A bill to provide for a three-month extension of the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/6/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.569 : Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2013, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.570
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.570 : American Heroes COLA Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.569
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.577 : Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Stockman, Steve [TX-36] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.602
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.595 : Veterans Education Equity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 2/8/2013) Related Bills: S.262
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.604 : **Chris Kotch VA Education Access Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of certain individuals with service-connected disabilities who transfer to reserve components before discharge from the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 2/8/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.631 : **Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide requirements for the contents of the Transition Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] (introduced 2/13/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.635 : **HEALTHY Vets Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with community health care providers to improve access to health care for veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Pearce, Stevan [NM-2] (introduced 2/13/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.671
Latest Title: **Ruth Moore Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 2/13/2013) Related bills: S.294
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Latest Major Action: 3/1/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.679 : **Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 2/13/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.683 : Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act. A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: S.373

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.685 : American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.690 : Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

Sponsor: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-3] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: S.240

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.738 : Reserve Health Care Eligibility Age. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement that certain former members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces be at least 60 years of age in order to be eligible to receive health care benefits.

Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.741 : Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits for certain new beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Mike D. [AL-3] (introduced 2/15/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.755 : **WWII Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.
Sponsor: Rep McCaul, Michael T. [TX-10] (introduced 2/15/2013) Related Bill: S.309
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.834 : **Veterans' Efficiencies Through Savings Act of 2013.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct cost-benefit analyses for the provision of medical care by the Department of Veterans Affairs in certain geographic areas served by multiple Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities
Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 2/26/2013) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.844 : **VetSuccess Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the eligibility period for veterans to enroll in certain vocational rehabilitation programs.
Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 2/26/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.883 : **Disabled Vet GI Bill Transfer.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit certain veterans who were discharged or released from the Armed Forces by reason of service-connected disability to transfer benefits under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 2/28/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.894 : **VA Fiduciary Improvement.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 2/28/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.897 : **VA Homeless Vet Definition.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Hahn, Janice [CA-44] (introduced 2/28/2013) Related Bills: S.297
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.902 : **Keep Our Commitment to Veterans Act.** A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 2/28/2013) Related Bills: S.412
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.921 : **Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act.** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services.
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 2/28/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.958 : **Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related Bills: S.131
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.966 : **Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2013.** A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related Bills: S.461
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.975 : **PDBR Extension.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/5/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

**** Union Calendar:** A separate calendar in the United States House of Representatives that schedules bills involving money issues. It arose from the requirement in Article One of the United States Constitution that all revenue bills originate in the House of Representatives. To meet that requirement, Rule XIII.

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Senate Bills

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The Following Color Codes Apply to the Bills Listed Below

1. Bills that are being pushed by various veterans groups for passage include a website highlighted in red which if clicked on will take the reader to a preformatted message for automatic transmission to their legislator requesting he/she support the bill.
2. Bill numbers that have passed either the House or Senate and have been forwarded to the other chamber or the President for action are highlighted in Green.
3. Bills that have passed both chambers of Congress and been signed into law are highlighted in Blue.
4. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.
5. Bill numbers that have been incorporated in other bills are highlighted in Gray.
6. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.

S.6 : Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013. A bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.49 : Veterans Health Equity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 1/22/2013) Related Bills: H.R.257

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.59 : Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.62 : Check the Box for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.140 : Vet Work Opportunity Credit. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 1/24/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 1/24/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.234 : Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 2/7/2013) Related Bills: H.R.303

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.262 : Veterans Education Equity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 2/7/2013) Related Bills: HR.595

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.287 : Homeless Vet Definition. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 2/12/2013) Related bills: H.R.897

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.294 : Ruth Moore Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/13/2013) Related Bills: H.R.671

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.309 : WWII Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

Sponsor: Sen Harkin, Tom [IA] (introduced 2/13/2013) Related Bills: H.R.755

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.346 : Space A Travel for 100% Disabled Vets. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: H.R.164

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.373 : Charlie Morgan Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act of 2013. A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: H.R.683

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.381 : **Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 2/26/2013)

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.409 : **Vietnam Veterans Day observance.** A bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.412 : **Keep Our Commitment to Veterans Act.** A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA] (introduced 2/28/2013) Related bills: H.R.902

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.422 : **Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.455 : **VA Transport of Vets for Treatment.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/5/2013) Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.461 : **Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2013.** A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related bills: H.R.966

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.492 : **Vet State Licenses and Credentials.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/7/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.495 : **Federal Agency Vet Hiring.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/7/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.514 : **Post 911 Vet Educational Assistance.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 3/11/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.515 : **Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 3/11/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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