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## **The American Legion offers 'untainted' expertise to White House**

In response to an Internet report that friends of President Trump were shaping VA policies during meetings at Mar-a-Lago, the head of the nation's largest veterans organization offered the expertise of The American Legion as a resource for information. The media website ProPublica reported that an entertainment executive, lawyer and doctor "spoke with VA officials daily" and reviewed "all manner of policy and personnel decisions" regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs. None of the three individuals cited had ever served in the U.S. military.

"We are not about to tell President Trump who he can or cannot take advice from, but we hope that he carefully considers the qualifications and motivations of those offering that advice when it comes to the treatment and wellbeing of America's veterans," said American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan. "As the nation's largest veterans organization and architects of the nationwide System Worth Saving program, The American Legion is uniquely qualified to offer productive solutions to issues facing those who served our country. We have been America's strongest voice for veterans for nearly one hundred years and we offer him firsthand expertise, free and untainted by partisan interests."

With a current membership of approximately two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts across the nation.

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