

Guide to the American Legion Congressional Hearing Statements and Related Documents, 1999 to 2017

About the Collection

The American Legion Congressional Hearing Statements collection includes over 400 Congressional statements and related documents from 1999 to 2017. The Digital Archive contains catalog descriptions and digital documents of the individual pieces in the collection. Documents were acquired from the national organization's Legislative Division as Microsoft Word documents, which were converted to archival quality PDFs. Those hearing statements which we have in digital form are listed in the inventory section and can be accessed in the Digital Archive Legislative collection.

Scope and Content

The collection consists largely of prepared statements that were submitted for Congressional hearings held in Washington, DC. A few years include the National Commander's annual presentation of the organization's legislative priorities before the House and Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The majority of the statements are submitted by staff of the American Legion National Organization. The collection also includes staff responses to questions that were submitted during the hearings.

Organization of the testimony is by year then by date of the hearing with a short title of the statement.

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Hearing Date	Short Title
February 21, 1999	J. Hubbard, Director National Economic Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Housing and Benefits
April 13, 1999	J. Hubbard, Director National Economic Commission, submitted to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Related Agencies
July 28, 1999	J. Hubbard, Director National Economic Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on Veterans' Employment: Credentialing (Licensure, Certification, Accreditation, and Apprenticeship) Requirements
July 28, 1999	James B. Hubbard, Director National Economics Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)

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Hearing Date	Short Title
February 17, 2000	P. Wilkerson, Deputy Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget fiscal year 2001
March 15, 2000	Alan G. Lance, Sr., National Commander before the House Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Military Personnel on Removing Barriers to TRICARE

March 16, 2000	J. Hubbard, Director National Economic Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
April 7, 2000	A. Lance, Sr., National Commander, The American Legion for Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies on the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget fiscal year 2001
April 11, 2000	J. Hubbard, Director National Economics Commission to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Related Agencies on Appropriations on Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS) FY 2001
April 13, 2000	J. Vitikacs, Assistant Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Committee on Appropriations on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiscal Year 2001 Budget
June 8, 2000	J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on VA Services for Women Veterans
September 26, 2000	R. Smith, National Commander The American Legion before A Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees United States Congress on Legislative Priorities of The American Legion
September 27, 2000	J. Hubbard, Director of Economics The American Legion before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Housing and Benefits

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January 18, 2001	Statement of the American Legion to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Confirmation Hearing of Mr. Anthony J. Principi Nominee for Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
March 6, 2001	J. Fischl, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriations for The Department of Veterans Affairs
March 13, 2001	J. Fischl, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriations for The Department of Veterans Affairs
March 14, 2001	R. Smith, National Commander to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel Committee on Armed Services United States House of Representatives on Tricare Benefits for Medicare-Eligible Military Retirees
March 15, 2001	P. Gaytan, Assistant Director National Legislative Commission before the Subcommittee on Benefits Committee on Veterans Affairs U.S. House of Representatives

June 14, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care before House Committee on Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations on Issues Related to Hepatitis C Virus

June 14, 2001 M. Regan National Field Service Supervisor before Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Nursing Shortage and the Potential Effect on VA Health Care

June 20, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Health on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Homelessness Programs within VA

June 28, 2001 J. Vitikacs, Deputy Director National Economics Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Veterans' Benefits

July 10, 2001 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on Veterans Benefits

July 18, 2001 D. Duggan, Deputy Director National Security-Foreign Relations Commission to the Senate on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel The National Defense Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2002

July 19, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Health Related Legislation

July 24, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Prescription Drugs

September 20, 2001 C. Wiblemo, Assistant Director, Resource Development to the House Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Medical Care Collection Fund

September 20, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Improvement of Homeless Veterans Programs

October 11, 2001 J. Garrick, Deputy Director, Health Care National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the VA Response to the September 11, 2001 Attacks

October 30, 2001 S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on General Accounting Office's Report Veterans' Employment and Training Service: Flexibility and Accountability Needed to Improve Service to Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Program

December 19, 2001 T. Tracy, Department Service Officer, Department of California to the House Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Health Care for Filipino World War II Veterans

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January 15, 2002	S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission to the Presidential Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery to Our Nation's Veterans on Health Care Delivery to America's Veterans
January 24, 2002	S. Smithson, Assistant Director, Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Submitted to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Health Subcommittee on Lessons Learned from the Persian Gulf War
February 5, 2002	R. Santos, National Commander The American Legion to the House Committee on the Budget Concerning The Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Budget Resolution
February 5, 2002	R. Santos, National Commander The American Legion to the Senate Committee on the Budget Concerning The Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Budget Resolution
February 13, 2002	J. Fischl, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 for The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
February 14, 2002	J. Fischl, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
March 7, 2002	S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before A Joint Hearing of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health and Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel U.S. House of Representatives on VA-DOD Health Care Sharing
April 10, 2002	J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health on the National Medical Emergency Preparedness Act of 2001, and Medical Education for National Defense In The 21st Century Act
April 11, 2002	J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits on Benefits Issues
April 16, 2002	S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies on Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations for The Department of Veterans Affairs
April 18, 2002	S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before the House Subcommittee on Benefits Committee on Veterans' Affairs on H.R. 4015, Jobs for Veterans Act
April 24, 2002	J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Veterans' Major Medical Facilities Act of 2002, H.R. 4514

April 25, 2002 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Alternatives to Nursing Homes – Is VA Prepared?

April 30, 2002 V. Bevilacqua, Department Service Officer before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on VA's Actions to Revise VERA, The Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation

May 2, 2002 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Numerous Veterans' Legislative Proposals

May 9, 2002 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director National Economics Commission to the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services Education and Related Services on Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Budget for Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS)

May 14, 2002 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the House Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations on "VA Health Care: Structural Problems, Superficial Solutions"

June 6, 2002 J. Fischl, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Subcommittee on Benefits Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Implementation of the VA Claims Processing Task Force's Recommendations

June 11, 2002 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Subcommittee on Benefits Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Veterans' Benefit Issues

June 12, 2002 D. Duggan, Deputy Director National Security-Foreign Relations Division before the Senate Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations on Defense Authorization for FY 2003

June 13, 2002 J. Fischl, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Health Care for Filipino World War II Veterans

June 14, 2002 C. Wiblemo, Assistant Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the House Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations on "VA Health Care: Structural Problems, Superficial Solutions"

June 26, 2002 C. Rutherford, Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to the House Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Veterans Health-Care Items Procurement Reform and Improvement Act of 2002

July 10, 2002 S. Smithson, Assistant Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on "Military Exposures: The Continuing Challenges of Care and Compensation"

- July 16, 2002 S. Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on H.R. 4939, Veterans Medicare Payment Act of 2002
- July 25, 2002 K. Sercerchi, Chairman National Economics Commission Submitted to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on Transition Assistance Program and the Disabled Transition Assistance Program
- September 10, 2002 Ronald F. Conley, National Commander before A Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees United States Congress on the Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

2003 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 29, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Health Care System's Capacity to Meet Current Demand
February 11, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs' FY 2004 Budget Request
February 26, 2003	P. Wilkerson, Deputy Manager for Operations and Training of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs' FY 2004 Budget Request
February 28, 2003	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative to the House Veteran' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations concerning Recommendations to Streamline and Improve Services to the Nations Veterans
March 19, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcmte on Health on Eligibility and Availability for Pharmaceutical Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
March 27, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Emergency Preparedness Act of 2002 and Force Health Protection
March 27, 2003	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee e on Personnel on the FY 2004 Defense Authorization Request: Compensation for Disabled Military Retirees
April 9, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriations
April 10, 2003	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on H.R. the Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act; H.R. 533, the Agent Orange Veterans' Disabled Children's Benefits Act; H.R. 761, the Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act; H.R. 850, the Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation Act; H.R. 966, the Disabled Veterans Return-to-Work Act; and H.R. 1048, the Disabled Veterans Adaptive Benefits Improvement Act

April 30, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on H.R.1460, the Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1712, the Veterans Federal Procurement Opportunity Act of 2003 and H.R. 1716, the Veteran's Learn and Earn Act

April 30, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD & Independent Agencies on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2004 Appropriations Request

May 6, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Status of Homeless Programs Conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

May 7, 2003 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director for Health Care of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on the Medical Care Collection Fund

May 15, 2003 D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004

May 22, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Long Term Care Programs

June 11, 2003 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director for Health Care of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Major Medical Construction Legislation

June 11, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcmte on Benefits on Veterans' Benefits Legislation

June 17, 2003 R. Spanogle, National Adjutant of the American Legion before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Report of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans

June 17, 2003 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Report of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans

June 24, 2003 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director Health Care Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Veterans' Health Care Legislation

July 10, 2003 P. Wilkerson, Deputy Manager of Operations and Training of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Bills Relating to Veterans' Disability Compensation Benefits, Veterans' Survivor Benefits, Proposed Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act Amendments and Other Matters

July 15, 2003 R. Conley, National Commander of the American Legion before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the State of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System, A System Worth Saving

July 29, 2003 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director for Health Care of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Veterans' Health Care Legislation

August 8, 2003 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on the Department of Labor's Administration of the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act under Chapter 43 of Title 38, United States Code

September 16, 2003 J. Brieden, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees on Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

September 23, 2003 M. Olanoff, Assistant Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Proposals to Limit Eligibility for VA Compensation to Veterans with Disabilities Directly Related to the Performance of Duty

September 25, 2003 D. Mooney, Assistant Director of VA&R for Resource Development before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Life Insurance Programs

September 30, 2003 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of Health Care of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 2379, the Rural Veterans Access to Care Act of 2003 and H.R. 3094, the Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act of 2003

2004 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 28, 2004	C. Rutherford, Director of VA&R to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Long Term Care Policies of the Department of Veterans Affairs
February 4, 2004	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2005 Budget Request
February 10, 2004	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2005 Budget Request
February 25, 2004	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative to the House Committee on Budget on FY 2005 Views and Estimates
February 25, 2004	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative to the Senate Committee on Budget on FY 2005 Views and Estimates
February 25, 2004	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the House Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Total Force on Force Health Protection and Surveillance in the Global War on Terrorism
March 2, 2004	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Cares Commission Report to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
March 4, 2004	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel on FY 2005 National Defense Authorization Act

March 10, 2004 T. Burns, National Executive Committeeman, Department of Delaware to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 J. Comer, Past National Commander, 1987-88 to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 W. Flanagan, National Executive Committeeman, State of Illinois to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 D. Korth, National Executive Committeeman, Department ff Wisconsin to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 R. Neville, National Executive Committeeman, Department of New York to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 R. Smith, Past National Commander to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 10, 2004 D. Tetreault, National Executive Committeeman, State of Vermont to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Senate Joint Resolution 4

March 11, 2004 C. Rutherford, Director of VA&R to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the State of Veterans Who May be Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

March 18, 2004 D. Duggan, Deputy Director, National Security Commission to the House Subcommittee on Total Force Committee on Armed Services on the FY 2005 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Defense Health Programs

March 24, 2004 D. Duggan, Deputy Director National Security Commission to the House Subcommittee on Total Force Committee on Armed Services on the FY 2005 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Military Personnel Policy, Benefits and Compensation Overview

March 30, 2004 P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Prescription-Only Health Benefit and Transitional Pharmacy Benefit

April 13, 2004 R. Holloway, Vice Chairman Americanism Commission before the House Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans Affairs on the Status of Military and Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Coordination Including Post-Deployment Health Care of Recently Discharged Veterans

April 29, 2004 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee Benefits on HR 348, the Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2003; HR 843, The Veterans Benefits Eligibility Act of 2003; HR 1735, to Amend Title 38 United States Code, to Increase the Maximum Amount of a Home a Loan Guarantee Available to a Veteran; HR 4065, the Veterans Housing Affordability Act of 2004; HR 2612, the Veterans Adapted Housing Expansion Act of 2003; the Veterans Educational Opportunity Act of Expansion Act of 2003; the Veterans Educational Opportunity Act of 2004; and Other Proposed Bills

May 5, 2004	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations on FY 2005 Defense Appropriations
May 6, 2004	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee Health on HR 4020, the State Veterans' Homes Nursing Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; HR 4231, the Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; HR 3849, the Military Sexual Trauma Counseling Act of 2004; HR 4248, the Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004; and a Bill (Mr. Simmons) to Reform the Qualifications and Selection Criteria for the Position of Undersecretary for Health
June 3, 2004	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans before the Alternative Processes for Funding Veterans Health Care Forum
June 3, 2004	R. Spanogle, Former Commissioner & National Adjutant of TAL before the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans before the Alternative Processes for Funding Veterans Health Care Forum
June 16, 2004	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits on HR 4032, the Veterans Fiduciary Act of 2004 and a Draft Bill, the Veterans Self Employment Act of 2004
June 22, 2004	D. Mooney, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Multiple Legislative Initiatives
June 24, 2004	P. Gaytan, Principal Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Real Property and Facilities Management Improvement Act of 2004
July 22, 2004	C. Rutherford, Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Evolution of VA-DoD Collaboration in Research and Amputee Care for Veterans of Current and Past Conflicts
September 21, 2004	T. Cadmus, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees on Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

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February 15, 2005	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2006 Budget Request
February 16, 2005	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2006 Budget Request
April 5, 2005	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR to the Senate Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel on FY 2006 Defense Authorization Request

April 7, 2005 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense Military Quality of Life FY 2006 Budget

April 20, 2005 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service and its Interaction with Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service

May 4, 2005 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 419, The Hire Veterans Act of 2004; H.R. —,The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2005; HR. —, The Servicemembers Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005; and HR —,The Servicemembers Taxation Protection Act of 2005

May 12, 2005 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcmte on Economic Opportunity on the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service

May 12, 2005 D. Mooney, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Legislative Proposals Concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs' Long-Term Care Programs

May 17, 2005 M. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on FY 2006 Defense Appropriations Request

May 25, 2005 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 717, to Expand the Scope of Programs Eligible for Accelerated Payment under the Montgomery GI Bill; H.R. 745, The Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2005 and H.R. 1207, The Department of Veterans Affairs Work-Study Act of 2005

June 9, 2005 D. Mooney, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Health Care Legislative Initiatives

June 23, 2005 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Benefits-Related Legislative Initiatives

June 23, 2005 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Budget Modeling and Methodologies used by The Department of Veterans Affairs

June 29, 2005 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on How Enhanced Services could Improve Transition Assistance for Reserves and National Guard

July 27, 2005 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Defense Actions Concerning Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment, Outreach and Intervention to Deployed Services Members

July 27, 2005	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Benefits-Related Legislative Initiatives
September 20, 2005	Thomas Bock, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees on the Legislative Priorities
September 28, 2005	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Status of Seamless Transition between The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs
October 20, 2005	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on a Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General on Consistency and Variances in Disability Compensation Decision Making
December 7, 2005	D. Mooney, Assistant Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Challenges and Opportunities Facing Disability Claims Processing In 2006

2006 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
February 1, 2006	David Rehbein, Chairman of Legislative to the House Budget Committee on FY 2007 Views and Estimates
February 2, 2006	Thomas Bock, National Commander of the American Legion to the Senate Budget Committee on FY 2007 Views and Estimates
February 2, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service
February 8, 2006	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budgetary Recommendations of the American Legion for the Department of Veterans Affairs
February 8, 2006	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2007 for Veterans' Programs
February 14, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Committee on Veterans' Affairs on VA'S Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Request for the Education, Vocational Rehabilitation and Loan Guaranty Programs
February 14, 2006	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the President's Budget Request for the Veterans Health Administration
February 15, 2006	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the 2007 Legislative Priorities of the American Legion for the Department of Veterans Affairs

February 16, 2006	S. Robertson, Director Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2007 for Veterans' Programs
March 8, 2006	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Improving Access to Quality Care for Veterans
March 9, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service and the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service
March 15, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill
March 29, 2006	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Improving and Enhancing Access to Quality Care for our Nations Veterans through VISN-Wide Care Coordination Demonstrations
March 30, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Veterans' Preference within The Federal Government
April 6, 2006	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for Fallen Heroes Act; and a Draft Bill
April 27, 2006	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 4791, the "Disabled Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act; and Three Draft Bills: The Veterans Employment State Grant Improvement Act of 2006;" The "GI Bill Flexibility Act of 2006;" The "Veterans Licensing and Credentialing Act of 2006;" and a Proposed Amendment to: H.R. 3082, The "Veteran-Owned small Business Promotion Act of 2005"
April 28, 2006	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies on the Department of VA Budget for FY 2007
April 28, 2006	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies on the Department of VA Budget for FY 2007
May 11, 2006	J. Lara, Assistant Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Veterans' Health Care Legislation
May 11, 2006	C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Right-Sizing The Department of Veterans' Affairs Infrastructure

May 24, 2006 D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on FY 2007 Defense Appropriations Request

June 1, 2006 Sebastian Roll, National Vice-Commander to U.S. Senator Kent Conrad On VA Healthcare

June 8, 2006 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on S. 2562, The "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006"; S. 2694, The "Veterans' Choice of Representation Act of 2006"; S. 2659, The "Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2006"; S. 2416, The "Veterans Employment and Training Act of 2006"; S. 2121, The "Veterans Housing Fairness Act of 2005"; and a Draft Bill to Amend Title 38, United States Code to Provide for Accelerated Payment of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance for certain Programs of Education, and for other Purposes

June 22, 2006 Rees Lloyd, Vice Commander, 21st District, Department of California of the American Legion before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution on H.R. 2679, the "Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005"

June 27, 2006 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Veterans Access to Quality Health Care in Rural Communities

July 18, 2006 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Draft Legislation to Better Protect the Sensitive Personal Information of Veterans

August 2, 2006 Rees Lloyd, Vice Commander, 21st District, Department of California of the American Legion before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights on S. 3696, Veterans Memorials, Boy Scouts, Public Seals and Other Expressions of Religion Act of 2006 (PERA)

September 7, 2006 A. Petkoff, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks on H.R. 5452, "Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act"

September 13, 2006 S. Smithson, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Training Provided to Veterans Benefits Administration Claims Adjudicators and the Standards used to Measure their Proficiency and Performance

September 20, 2006 Paul Morin, National Commander of the American Legion before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

September 20, 2006 Paul Morin, National Commander of the American Legion before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

September 28, 2006 C. Wiblemo, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury

2007 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
February 8, 2007	Paul Morin, National Commander of the American Legion before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the President' Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for The Department of Veterans Affairs
February 12, 2007	J. Foster, Chairman of National Legislative Commission to the House and Senate Budget Committee on FY 2008 Views and Estimates
February 13, 2007	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the President' Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for The Department of Veterans Affairs
February 14, 2007	S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the Veterans Health Administration's Budget Request for FY 2008
February 15, 2007	A. Petkoff, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on H.R. 760 "Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007"
February 28, 2007	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel on the Total Montgomery GI Bill (H.R. 1102)
March 21, 2007	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Activities on FY 2008 Appropriations for Military Constructions, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Federal Agencies
March 21, 2007	D. Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Activities on FY 2008 Defense Appropriations Request
March 22, 2007	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard and Reserves
March 28, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Related Agencies on Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, and the Total Force GI Bill
April 18, 2007	S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Access to VA Health Care: How Easy is it for Veterans? Addressing the Gaps
April 19, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on State Approving Agencies
April 24, 2007	P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Helping those Left Behind; Are We Doing Enough for Parents, Spouses and Children of Veterans?

April 26, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act; H.R. 315, Help Establish Access to Local Timely Health Care for your Vets (Healthy Vets); H.R. 339, Veterans Outpatient Care Act of 2007; H.R. 463, Honor our Comment to Veterans Act; H.R. 538, South Texas Veterans Access to Care Act of 2007; H.R. 542, Bill to Require The Department of Veterans Affairs to Provide Mental Health Services in Languages other than English; H.R. 1426, The Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options Resources Act; H.R. 1470, The Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1471, better Access to Chiropractors to Keep our Veterans Health Act (Back Veterans Health Act); H.R. 1527, The Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; Draft Discussion Rural Veterans Health Care Act of 2007; and H.R. 1944, Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2007

May 2, 2007 J. Sharpe, Director of Economic before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight on Whether the Veterans Corporation is Prepared to Provide Entrepreneurial Development Assistance to Service Men and Women Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan

May 3, 2007 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Accelerated Education Payments

May 9, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on the State of VA's Long Term Care Program

May 9, 2007 A. Petkoff, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

May 16, 2007 D. Michael Duggan, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on FY 2008 Defense Appropriations Request

May 17, 2007 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Current State of Veterans Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment

May 23, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Veterans Health Care Legislation

May 23, 2007 M. Seavey, Assistant Director of Legislative before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law on Assimilation of Illegal Immigrants

May 29, 2007 D. Lanthorn, Director Department Service Officer of Ohio The American Legion before A Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees At Kent State University Campus New Philadelphia, Ohio on Rural VA Health Care

June 7, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of Health VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Department of Veterans Affairs Specially Adapted Housing Programs

June 14, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

June 19, 2007 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on HR 585, H.R. 704, and H.R. 156

June 20, 2007 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Current Policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs on Priority Group 8 Veterans

June 21, 2007 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 1750, H.R. 1824, H.R. 1598, H.R. 1315, H.R. 1240, H.R. 675, H.R. 513, H.R. 2259, H.R. 2475, H.R. 1632, H.R. 112, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 1370

June 21, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of Health VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 2699; Draft Legislation to Assist Homeless Veterans; and Draft Legislation on Mental Health

July 12, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Women and Minority Veterans

July 12, 2007 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Current State of Veterans Entrepreneurship

July 12, 2007 D. Stoline, Assistant Director of Legislative before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks on S. 617. "Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act"

July 17, 2007 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on S. 22, S. 698, S. 1261, S. 1409, S. 723, S 1293, and S. 1719

July 19, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Current and Future Services Provided by Vets Centers

July 26, 2007 S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Gulf War Exposures

July 31, 2007 A. Petkoff, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on H.R. 674, H.R. 1273, H.R. 1900, H.R. 1901, H.R. 2346, H.R. 2696, and H.R. 2697

September 19, 2007 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Small Business on Small Business Administration's Contracting Programs

September 20, 2007 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Licensure and Credentialing

September 20, 2007 Martin Conatser, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Legislative Priorities

September 25, 2007	S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on the Board of Veterans' Appeals Adjudication Process and the Appeals Management Center
September 26, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement on Opening Federal Contracting to Small, Minority-Owned Business
September 27, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Department of Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program
October 4, 2007	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Small Business on the Role that Legislation could Play in Increasing Procurement Opportunities for Small Businesses
October 16, 2007	S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Disability Claims Ratings and Benefits Disparities within the Veterans Benefits Administration
October 18, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Updating the Montgomery GI Bill
October 18, 2007	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Health Care Professional-Recruitment and Retention
October 25, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service
November 1, 2007	S. Middleton, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on VA Construction Process
November 8, 2007	S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on H.R 3047, H.R. 3249, H.R. 3286, H.R. 3415, and H.R. 1137 Addendum H.R. 3954, "Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act" and Draft Legislation "The Veterans Quality of Life Study Act of 2007"
December 5, 2007	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Housing Needs of Low Income Veterans
December 12, 2007	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Stopping Suicides: Mental Health Challenges Within The Department of Veterans Affairs

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Hearing Date	Short Title
January 17, 2008	R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 2910, H.R. 1211, H.R. 2247, H.R. 2385, H.R. 1102, H.R. 1214, and H.R. 2702

January 17, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Veterans' Health Care Legislation

January 24, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Findings and Recommendations of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission with Respect to the Current Disability Compensation System

January 29, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on the use of Artificial Intelligence to Improve VA's Claim Processing System

January 30, 2008 J. Foster, Chairman of the Legislative Commission to the Senate Budget Committees on Fiscal Year 2009 Views and Estimates

February 7, 2008 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Fiscal Year 2009 VA's Budget Request

February 13, 2008 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Expiring Department of Veterans Affairs Programs

February 13, 2008 P. Gaytan, Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Fiscal Year 2009 VA's Budget Request

February 14, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Examining the Backlog and the VA's Claims Processing System

February 26, 2008 D. Stoline, Assistant Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Revising the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities

February 27, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Veterans Affairs Construction Authorization

February 28, 2008 S. Sundsvold, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health Treatment for Families: Support those who Support our Veterans

March 11, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Substance Abuse/Co-Morbid Disorders: Comprehensive Solutions to a Complex Problem

March 13, 2008 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies on Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations

April 1, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment and Research: Moving Ahead toward Recovery

April 9, 2008 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Ending Homelessness for our Nation's Veterans

April 10, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on the Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008

April 15, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 2818 to Amend Title 38, USC to provide for the Establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); H.R. 5554, Veterans Substance use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; H.R. 5595, make our Veterans Smile Act of 2008; and H.R. 5730, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each Prosthetic and Orthotic Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Right

April 16, 2008 R. Chamrin, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 4883, H.R. 4884, H.R. 4889, H.R. 4539, H.R. 3646, H.R. 5664, H.R. 3798, H.R. 3393, H.R. 3298, H.R. 3467, H.R. 3889, H.R. 3681 and H.R.5684

May 7, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

May 16, 2008 S. Short, Dept. Adjutant of Indiana before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Enhanced Services Could Improve Transition Assistance for Reserves and National Guard

May 20, 2008 M. Seavey, Assistant Director of Legislative before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law on Immigration Needs of America's Fighting Men and Women

May 21, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

May 22, 2008 J. Gadd, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Examining the Effectiveness of VBA Outreach Efforts

June 5, 2008 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

June 12, 2008 S. Smithson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

June 19, 2008 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

June 24, 2008 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigation on VA and DoD Cooperation in Reintegration of National Guard and Reserves

June 26, 2008	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Prohibition on Collection of Certain Copayments From Veterans Who Are Catastrophically Disabled; Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2008; Provision of Counseling for Family Members of Veterans Receiving Non-Service Connected Treatment
July 10, 2008	M. Walker, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Independent Living Program
July 28, 2008	Luverne Boes, District 13 Commander, Dept. of SD before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Transition Assistance for Reserves and National Guard
August 18, 2008	William Vines, Commander Post 31, Dept. of AR before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on USERRA and SCRA
September 9, 2008	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 3051, The Heroes at Home Act of 2007; H.R. 6153, The Veterans Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2008
September 11, 2008	David Rehbein, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Legislative Priorities
September 24, 2008	J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the GI Bill Implementation

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Hearing Date	Short Title
January 27, 2009	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Legislative Priorities of the American Legion in the 111 th Congress
January 28, 2009	D. Stoline, Assistant Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Legislative Priorities of the American Legion in the 111 th Congress
March 3, 2009	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 784, Quarterly Reports on Vacancies in Mental Health Professional Positions; H.R. 785, Pilot Program on outreach and Training Relating to Mental Health of Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom
March 4, 2009	M. Walker, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 147, H.R. 228, H.R. 297, H.R. 466, H.R. 929, H.R. 942, H.R. 950, H.R. 1008, H.R. 1089, and H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009
March 10, 2009	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees on the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2010 Budget Request

March 12, 2009 J. Sharpe, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology on Ensuring Stimulus Contracts for Small Business and Veteran-Owned Businesses

March 12, 2009 P. Riley, Director of NS/FR to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs

March 24, 2009 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on the Nexus between Engaged in Combat with the Enemy and PTSD in an Era of Changing Warfare Tactics

April 2, 2009 M. Walker, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Programs

April 21, 2009 Jerry Mullenix, Assistant Adjutant of TAL Dept. of Florida before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Building the Critical Health Infrastructure for Veterans in Orlando, Florida

April 23, 2009 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies on FY 2010 Appropriations for Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

April 29, 2009 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans Affairs Committee on Funding The Department of Veterans Affairs in the Future

April 29, 2009 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on S. 263, S. 315, S. 347, S. 407, S. 475, S. 514, S. 691, S. 663, S. 728, S. 746, S. 820, S. 842, S.847, and Draft Legislation

May 14, 2009 J. Sharpe, Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Federal Contractor Compliance

May 21, 2009 M. Seavey, Assistant Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 1037, H.R. 1098, H.R. 1168, H.R. 1172, H.R. 1821, H.R. 1879, H.R. 2180

June 9, 2009 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Assessing Cares and the Future of VA's Health Infrastructure

June 18, 2009 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Addressing The Backlog: Can VA Handle 1 Million Claims?

June 18, 2009 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Numerous Veterans' Legislation and Draft Discussion

June 18, 2009	A. Petkoff, Deputy Director of NS/FR before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on FY 2010 Appropriations for Department of Defense
July 16, 2009	M. Walker, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on State Approving Agencies
September 10, 2009	Clarence Hill, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Legislative Priorities
September 24, 2009	M. Walker, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Numerous Drafted Legislation
October 1, 2009'	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Numerous Veterans' Legislation and Draft Discussions on Homelessness among Veterans and Graduate Psychology Education
October 15, 2009	D. Williams, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Inappropriate Billing Practices of the VA: Identifying the Causes and Exploring Potential Solutions
October 21, 2009	I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Numerous Veterans' Draft Legislation
November 4, 2009	Steve Robertson, Director National Legislative Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Gulf War Veterans
November 19, 2009	Denise Williams, Assistant Director Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on "Review of VA Contract Health Care Project Hero" (Healthcare Effectiveness Through Resource Optimization)
December 3, 2009	R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Post -9/11 GI Bill

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Hearing Date	Short Title
January 21, 2010	J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on "Transitioning Heroes: New Era, Same Problems?"
January 27, 2010	S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans Affairs Committee for The Roundtable on Rural Veterans' Health Care
February 3, 2010	D. Williams, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on "Review of VA Contract Health Care Project Hero" (Health Care Effectiveness through Resource Optimization)

February 3, 2010 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on "The Implementation and Status Update of the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008, PL 110-389"

February 23, 2010 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on "The Veterans Health Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget"

February 25, 2010 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Numerous Veterans' Legislation

February 26, 2010 S. Robertson, Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2011/2012 President's Budget Request

March 3, 2010 J. Gadd, Assistant Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 4241

March 11, 2010 J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Veterans' Enterprise

March 18, 2010 B. Searle, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for The Claims Summit 2010 Meeting

March 23, 2010 P. Riley, Director of NS/FR and B. Searle Director of VA&R before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies on FY 2011 Appropriations for Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Federal Agencies

March 24, 2010 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on "Examination of VA Regional Office Disability Claims Quality Review Methods – Is VBA's Systemic Technical Accuracy Review (STAR) Making the Grade?"

March 25, 2010 D. Williams, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on H.R. 84, H.R. 949, H.R. 1075, H.R. 2698, H.R. 2699, H.R. 2879, H.R. 3926, H.R. 4006 Draft Discussions on Continuing Education for VA Employees, Waiving Requirements for VA Mental Health Counselors and Collective Bargaining Rights for VA Employees

April 15, 2010 M. Walker, Deputy Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic on "Status of Veterans Employment"

April 21, 2010 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Implementation of the Post-911 GI Bill

April 22, 2010 J. Gadd, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on "Examining VA's Fiduciary Program: How can VA better Protect Vulnerable Veterans and Their Families?"

April 29, 2010 J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Status of Veteran Small Businesses

May 5, 2010 J. Wilson, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Health Effects of the Vietnam War – The Aftermath

May 6, 2010 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on "Quality vs. Quantity: Examining the Veterans Benefits Administration's Employee Work Credit and Management Systems"

May 6, 2010 C. Trombley, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on "Status of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Programs"

May 12, 2010 J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on FY 2011 Budget Priorities

May 19, 2010 I. DePlanque, Deputy Director of VA&R before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Pending Legislation S.1780, S. 1866, S. 1939, S. 1940, S.2751, S. 3035, S. 3107, S. 3192, and Others

May 20, 2010 D. Williams, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Healing The Wounds: Evaluating Military Sexual Trauma Issues

May 20, 2010 J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on "The Status of the Home Loan Guaranty Program"

May 26 2010 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on "Veterans Employment"

May 27, 2010 B. Searle, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Pending and Proposed Legislation

June 10, 2010 C. Trombley, Assistant Director of Economic to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Pending Legislation

June 15, 2010 I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on the State of the Veterans Benefits Administration

June 23, 2010 B. Searle, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigation on Department of Veterans Affairs' Fourth Mission

July 1, 2010 B. Searle, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Pending Legislations

July 13, 2010 B. Searle, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Veterans at Risk: The Consequences of VA Medical Center Non-Compliance

July 14, 2010	J. Gadd, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations on Examining the Progress of Suicide Prevention Outreach Efforts at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
July 15, 2010	J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology on Improving Contracting Opportunities and Preventing Fraud for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
July 19, 2010	M. Mitirone, Dept. Commander of Virginia before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health, Field Hearing on Serving Virginia's Rural Veterans
July 21, 2010	R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic to the Senate Veterans' Affairs on Improvements to the Post-9/11 GI Bill
July 22, 2010	D. Williams, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Healing the Physical Injuries of War
July 27, 2010	I. DePlanque, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Gulf War Veterans
July 29, 2010	J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Licensure and Credentialing
July 29, 2010	Clarence Hill, National Commander of the American Legion to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight on Mismanagement of Contracts at Arlington National Cemetery
September 16, 2010	R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Status of the Post-9/11 GI Bill
September 16, 2010	I. DePlanque, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Examining Training Requirements of Veterans Benefits Administration Claims Processing Personnel
September 22, 2010	Jimmie Foster, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees United States Congress on the Legislative Priorities of the American Legion
September 29, 2010	J. Sharpe, Jr., Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Federal Contractor Compliance
September 29, 2010	J. Gadd, Deputy Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on Numerous Veterans' Legislation and Several Pieces of Draft Legislation

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Hearing Date	Short Title
February 17, 2011	T. Tetz, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2012 President's Budget Request

March 2, 2011 T. Tetz, Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2012 President's Budget Request

March 3, 2011 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on FY 2012 State Grant Program

April 13, 2011 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Veterans Employment: Improving the Transition from the Battlefield to the Workforce

May 3, 2011 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on H.R. 1383, H.R. 802, H.R. 1657, and Draft Legislation

June 2, 2011 I. DePlanque, Deputy Director of Legis. before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Underperforming Regional Offices of the Veterans Benefit Administration

June 8, 2011 J. Steele, Assistant Director of Legislative before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on Pending Legislation

June 13, 2011 V. Jones, Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on "Preventing Sexual Assaults and Safety Incidents at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities"

June 23, 2011 I. DePlanque, Deputy Director of Legis. to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Arlington National Cemetery: An Update from the New Administration

July 7, 2011 I. DePlanque, Deputy Director of Legis. before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs on Pending Legislation

July 7, 2011 J. Steele, Assistant Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Pending Legislation

July 15, 2011 R. Madden, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on Pending Legislation

September 21, 2011 Fang Wong, National Commander of the American Legion before a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs Committees United States Congress on the Legislative Priorities of the American Legion

October 6, 2011 I. de Planque, Deputy Director of Legislative to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on Update on Arlington Cemetery Reform and Progress

November 30, 2011 S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Economic to the Joint Session of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittees on Economic Opportunity and Oversight & Investigations on Follow-up Hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process

2012 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 24, 2012	V. Jones, Director of VA&R to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on "Rating the Rating Schedule – The State of VA Disability Ratings in the 21 st Century"
February 9, 2012	L. Perkio, Assistant Director of VA&R before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on VA Fiduciary Program
February 15, 2012	T. Tetz, Director of Legislative before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2013 President's Budget Request
February 29, 2012	William Schrier, Dept. of Washington, The American Legion before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2013 President's Budget Request
March 8, 2012	S. Gonzales, Assistant Director of Economic before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on Pending Legislation H.R. 3329, H.R. 3483, H.R. 3610, H.R. 3670, H.R. 3524, H.R. 4048, H.R. 4051, H.R. 4052, H.R. 4057, AND H.R. 4072
March 29, 2012	V. Jones, Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States House of Representatives on Pending Legislation
April 4, 2012	William F. Schrier, Department of Washington on Behalf of The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States Senate Field Hearing – Tacoma, Washington on "Washington's Veterans: Helping the Newest Generation Transition Home"
April 5, 2012	Past National Commander Bruce Thiesen, The American Legion Department of California before the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States House of Representatives Field Hearing on "Examining the role of Vet Centers"
April 16, 2012	J. Gadd, Deputy Director National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on pending legislation
April 18, 2012	Randall Fisher, Department Service Officer Department of Kentucky The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States House of Representatives on "From the inside out: a look at claims representatives' role in the disability claims process"
April 21, 2012	Mervin Gunderson, National Vice Commander The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate Field Hearing on "Improving access to quality healthcare for rural veterans"

May 16, 2012	S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, National Economic Commission, The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on examining Executive Order #13607 and its impact on schools and veterans
June 6, 2012	L. Perkio, Assistant Director, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate on Aid and Attendance, a Department of Veterans Affairs program
June 19, 2012	R. Dumancas, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on "Reclaiming the process: examining the VBA claims transformation plan as a means to effectively serve our veterans"
July 18, 2012	L. Perkio, Assistant Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on "Invisible wounds: examining the disability and compensation benefits process for victims of military sexual trauma"
September 14, 2012	J. Gadd, Deputy Director for Healthcare, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on "VA fee basis: examining solutions to a flawed system"
September 20, 2012	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, National Economic Commission, The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on Veterans' Employment and Training Service's Transition Assistance Program (TAP)
December 4, 2012	R. Dumancas, Deputy Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Wading through warehouses of paper: the challenges of transitioning veterans records to paperless technology"

2013 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
February 13, 2013	Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on "Honoring the Commitment: Overcoming Barriers to Quality Mental Health Care for Veterans"
February 27, 2013	J. Gadd, Deputy Director for Healthcare, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives "Electronic Health Record U-Turn: Are the VA and DoD Headed in the Wrong Direction"

March 19, 2013 D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, National Economic Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce Committee on Small Business and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Veterans' Affairs Committee, U.S. House of Representatives on Challenges Facing Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses

March 20, 2013 Statement for the Record of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "VA Mental Health Care: Ensuring Timely Access to High-Quality Care"

March 20, 2013 Statement for the Record of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Focusing on People: A Review of VA's Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing"

April 11, 2013 L.J. Celli Jr., Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States House of Representatives on Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Years 2014/2015 Budget Request

May 21, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

May 22, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics? An Examination of VA's Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years"

June 18, 2013 Statement for the Record of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Why Are Veterans Waiting Years on Appeal? A Review of the Post-Decision Process for Appealed Veterans' Disability Benefits Claims"

June 26, 2013 J. Steele, Assistant Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

June 27, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Assessing VA's Capital Investment Options to Provide Veterans' Care

June 28, 2013 V. Jones, Director of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission of the American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

July 9, 2013 J. Gadd, Deputy Director for Health Care, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

July 17, 2013 L.J. Celli, Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

August 1, 2013 Statement for the Record of the National Security Commission, The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Mismanagement of POW/MIA Accounting"

September 9, 2013 J. Gadd, Deputy Director for Healthcare, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives Field Hearing on "A Matter of Life and Death: Examining Preventable Deaths, Patient-Safety Issues and Bonuses for VA Execs who Oversaw Them"

September 11, 2013 V. Jones, Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Implementation Update: Fully Developed Claims"

October 10, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on "Between Peril and Promise: Facing the Dangers of VA's Skyrocketing use of Prescription Painkillers to Treat Veterans"

October 30, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on Pending Legislation

November 4, 2013 Statement of the American Legion to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Examining Higher Education Institutions' Services to Veterans

November 20, 2013 Statement for the Record of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Building VA's Future: Confronting Persistent Challenges in VA's Major Construction and Lease Programs

December 4, 2013 Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Adjudicating VA's Most Complex Disability Claims: Ensuring Quality, Accuracy and Consistency on Complicated Issues"

December 11, 2013 L.J. Celli, Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship, U.S. House of Representatives on Contracting Away Accountability Reverse Auctions in Federal Agency Acquisitions

2014 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 15, 2014	R. Butler, Assistant Director for Health Care, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on "Vendors In The Or – VA's Failed Oversight of Surgical Implants"
February 5, 2014	Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives on "Beyond Transformation: Reviewing Current Status and Secondary Effects of VBA Technology"
February 20, 2014	Statement of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health U.S. House of Representatives, Field Hearing on "An Examination of Veteran Access to Traditional and Alternative Forms of Mental Health Therapy"
March 13, 2014	Statement of the American Legion for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Years 2015/2016 Budget Request
March 25, 2014	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director of the Veteran Education and Employment Commission of the American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation
March 25, 2014	S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, Veteran Education and Employment Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation
March 26, 2014	Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission of the American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation
March 26, 2014	Daniel M. Dellinger, National Commander of the American Legion for The Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States House of Representatives & Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States Senate

April 9, 2014 Daniel M. Dellinger, National Commander, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "A Continued Assessment of Delays in VA Medical Care and Preventable Veteran Deaths"

April 30, 2014 Statement of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs United States Senate Hearing on "Overmedication: Problems and Solutions"

May 15, 2014 Daniel M. Dellinger, National Commander, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "The State of VA Health Care"

May 29, 2014 G. Avila, National MEB/PEB Representative, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Defined Expectations: Evaluating VA's Performance In The Servicemember Transition Process"

June 5, 2014 I. De Planque, Deputy Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on Pending Legislation

July 10, 2014 W. Goldstein, Assistant Director for TBI and PTSD Programs, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Service Should Not Lead to Suicide: Access to VA's Mental Health Care"

September 10, 2014 Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, U.S. House of Representatives on "Cases Languish and Data Manipulated At The Board of Veterans' Appeals"

September 19, 2014 E. Lilley, Assistant Director for Healthcare, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "A Model of Inefficiency: VA's Poorly Managed Land Use Agreements Cause Tremendous Waste"

November 19, 2014 Statement for The Record of the American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs U.S. House of Representatives on Pending Legislation

November 19, 2014 S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, National Veteran Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans"

2015 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 21, 2015	R. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Building a Better VA: assessing ongoing major construction management problems within the department"
January 22, 2015	Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Veterans' dilemma: navigating the appeals system for veterans' claims"
January 27, 2015	Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation
January 27, 2015	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "A review of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)"
January 28, 2015	L. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on "Examining the quality and cost of VA health care"
February 10, 2015	E. Lilley, Assistant Director For Healthcare, National Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "An examination of waste and abuse associated with VA's management of land-use agreements"
February 11, 2015	I. de Planque, Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for fiscal year 2016"
February 12, 2015	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "A review of the President's fiscal year 2016 budget request for the Department of Labor's Veteran Employment And Training Service (VETS)"
March 17, 2015	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives
March 19, 2015	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

March 19, 2015 D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, Committee on Small Business, U.S. House of Representatives on the challenges facing veteran-owned small businesses seeking federal contracts

March 24, 2015 R. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on "The Veterans Choice Act-exploring the distance criteria"

March 24, 2015 S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, National Veteran Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

March 25, 2015 J. Stovall, Director, National Security Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives on "Stakeholder's views on the Military Compensation Retirement Modernization Commission"

April 14, 2015 Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

April 23, 2015 L. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on pending legislation

May 12, 2015 R. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Exploring the implementation and future of the Veterans Choice Program"

May 13, 2015 R. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Assessing the promise and progress of the choice program"

May 13, 2015 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending benefits legislation

May 15, 2015 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on VA staffing of medical professional

June 2, 2015 S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, Veteran Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

June 3, 2015 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending health care legislation

June 10, 2015 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on prescription mismanagement and the risk of veterans suicide

June 11, 2015 Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee On Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Exploring VBA's fiduciary programs"

June 24, 2015 I. de Planque, Director, Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "pending legislation"

June 24, 2015 Z. Hearn, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee On Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "pending veterans' benefits legislation"

July 14, 2015 I. de Planque, Director, Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

July 15, 2015 I. de Planque, Director, Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Exploring VA's administration of individual unemployment benefits"

July 29, 2015 J. Steele, Assistant Director, Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Ending veteran homelessness"

September 10, 2015 S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director, Veteran Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on a review of licensing and credentialing standards for servicemembers and veterans: do barriers still remain?

September 16, 2015 R. Butler, Deputy Director of Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending legislation

October 6, 2015 L. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending legislation

October 28, 2015 R. Butler, Deputy Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "VA mental health: ensuring access to care"

November 3, 2015	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on examining VA's information technology systems that provide economic opportunities for veterans
November 17, 2015	L. Holt Assistant Director for Women and Minority Veterans Outreach, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation
December 2, 2015	R. Butler, Deputy Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Consolidating non-VA care programs"
December 8, 2015	H. Trace, Director, National Library and Museum Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation
December 9, 2015	D. Leghorn, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, Committee on Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives on "Supporting success: empowering small business advocates"
December 15, 2015	D. Smith, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Is transition on track?"

2016 Congressional Hearing Statements

Hearing Date	Short Title
January 12, 2016	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "1988 to 2016: VETSNET to VBMS: Billions spent, backlog grinds on"
January 21, 2016	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "VA's Transformation Strategy: Examining The Plan To Modernize VA"
February 10, 2016	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2017"
February 11, 2016	Roscoe G. Butler, Deputy Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Billing and reimbursement for care in the community under VA's plan to consolidate non-VA care programs"
February 23, 2016	Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on "Fiscal year 2017 budget for veterans' programs and fiscal year 2018 advance appropriations request"

February 24, 2016 The American Legion's Legislative Agenda submitted to accompany testimony before Congress by American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett

March 15, 2016 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending and draft legislation

March 15, 2016 Zachary Hearn, Deputy Director of Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before a joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Oversight And Investigations and Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Twenty five years after the Persian Gulf War: an assessment of VA's disability claim process with respect to Gulf War illness"

March 16, 2016 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Information Technology, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives on "VA cybersecurity and IT oversight"

March 16, 2016 Roscoe G. Butler, Deputy Director of Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittees on Health And Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Draft legislation to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs"

March 22, 2016 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on "Choice consolidation: leveraging provider networks to increase veteran access"

April 13, 2016 Edward G. Lilley, Team Leader for Health Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation

April 14, 2016 Davy Leghorn, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

April 14, 2016 Statement for the record of The American Legion for a joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations and Health, Committee On Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on evaluating VA information technology

April 19, 2016 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "A continued assessment of delays in veterans' access to health care"

April 20, 2016 Daniel P. Smith, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment & Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on "A review of veterans' preference in federal government hiring"

April 20, 2016	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health, Committee On Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation
April 28, 2016	Zachary Hearn, Deputy Director For Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee an Disability and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Draft legislation, "To Amend Title 38, United States Code, To Improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs"
May 24, 2016	Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation
May 24, 2016	Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending and draft legislation
June 23, 2016	Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation
June 29, 2016	Roscoe G. Butler, Deputy Director of Health Care, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on pending and draft legislation
September 7, 2016	Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "From tumult to transformation: the Commission on Care and the Future of the VA Healthcare System"
September 14, 2016	Jeff Steele, Assistant Director, Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate on the future of the VA: examining the Commission on Care Report and VA's response

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Hearing Date	Short Title
February 7, 2017	Testimony for the record of the American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Assessing the VA IT landscape: progress and challenges"
February 14, 2017	Zachary Hearn, Deputy Director of Claims, National Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Exploring national work queue's impact on claims processing"
March 1, 2017	The American Legion's legislative agenda submitted to accompany testimony before Congress by American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt

March 7, 2017 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA'S) Choice Program and the future of VA community care programs, authorities and budget

March 22, 2017 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on "Healthy hiring: enabling VA to recruit and retain quality providers"

March 29, 2017 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending legislation

March 30, 2017 Joseph C. Sharpe, Jr., Director, National Veterans Employment & Education Commission, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, Committee on Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives on entrepreneurial development programs resources to assist small businesses

April 5, 2017 Zachary Hearn, Deputy Director, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on "Pending legislation"

May 2, 2017 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017"

May 10, 2017 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on "Examining the veterans choice program and the future of care in the community"

May 17, 2017 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on S. 23; S. 112; S. 324; S. 543; S. 591; S. 609; S. 681; S. 764; S. 784; S. 804; S. 899; S. 1024 and all subsequent draft bills

May 24, 2017 Julie L. Larsen, Team Leader, Debt Management Center, The American Legion before the Subcommittee On Oversight & Investigations Committee On Veterans' Affairs on "VA financial management"

May 24, 2017 Matthew J. Shuman, Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives on "Fiscal year 2018 budget for the department of veterans affairs"

June 7, 2017 Jeff Steele, Assistant Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on "Examining the Veterans Choice Program and the future of care in the community"

June 7, 2017 Statement for the record of The American Legion to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Overcoming PTSD: assessing VA's efforts to promote wellness and healing"

June 15, 2017 John Kamin, Assistant Director, National Veteran Employment And Education Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on pending legislation

June 22, 2017 Matthew J. Shuman, Director, National Legislative Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Fiscal year 2018 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs"

June 29, 2017 Kaitlin M. Gray, Assistant Director, National Veterans Employment & Education Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "pending legislation"

July 11, 2017 Louis J. Celli, Jr., Director, National Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate on pending and draft legislation

July 12, 2017 Roscoe G. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Care where it counts: assessing VA's capital asset needs"

July 13, 2017 Zachary Hearn, Deputy Director of Claims, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before a joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations and Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "Examining VA's processing of gulf war illness claims"

July 25, 2017 Gerardo Avila, Deputy Director DOD Boards, MEB/PEB, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "VBA's processing of claims for benefits based on post-traumatic stress disorder"

September 13, 2017 Alex Zhang, Assistant Director, National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "H.R. 1721, H.R. 1900, H.R. 3122, H.R. 3656, H.R. 3657, and pending legislation"

September 26, 2017 Keronica Richardson, Assistant Director of Women & Minority Veterans Outreach, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee On Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on sections H.R. 93, H.R. 501, H.R. 1063, H.R. 1066, H.R. 1943, H.R. 1972, H.R. 2147, H.R. 2225, H.R. 2327, and draft bills

- October 11, 2017 John Kamin, Assistant Director, Veteran Education & Employment, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation
- October 12, 2017 Louis J. Celli Jr., Director, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives on "The Asset And Infrastructure Review Act of 2017, and H.R. 2773, to authorize the Secretary Of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall"
- October 24, 2017 Roscoe G. Butler, Deputy Director for Health Care, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on pending and draft legislation
- October 25, 2017 David G. Spivey, Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, House Committee On Veterans' Affairs on "Examining how VBA can effectively prevent and manage overpayments"
- December 12, 2017 Gerardo Avila, Deputy Director, MEB/PEB & DoD Boards, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives on "The integrated disability evaluation system (IDES) and VA's pre-discharge programs for separating servicemembers"