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Legion testifies on the Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017

This legislation will give necessary protections for veterans by amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

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UPCOMING HEARINGS

Thursday, January 18, 2018, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity will meet in open session to conduct an oversight hearing on the efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Labor (DOL) to reduce veteran homelessness. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Cannon House Office Building, room 334.

The American Legion will submit a statement for the record to the Subcommittees regarding the above issue.

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VA secretary testifies on 2017 reform legislation implementation

David Shulkin addressed a variety of concerns ranging from appeals reform and modernization to medical marijuana.

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Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet on pending legislation. The committee is seeking input on a number of bills and legislative proposals at this hearing. The hearing will begin at 2:30 p.m. in Russell Senate Office Building, room 418.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, the House and Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet in open session to conduct a joint hearing to receive the legislative presentation of The American Legion. The session will begin at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, room SD-G50.

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Legion embraces VA's efforts to implement appeals reform

The American Legion fully supports the VA's efforts to resolve the legacy appeals inventory through RAMP.

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Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, the Committee of Veterans' Affairs will meet in open session to discuss the Department of Veterans Affairs' Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. During this hearing, the committee will examine the effectiveness of the current program in serving the highest-need veterans and their caregivers and the public response to the open comment period. The committee will also assess reforms that would be needed in order to successfully expand the program to pre-9/11 veterans and caregivers, to include alternative approaches to expansion and opportunities to adopt best practices from other VA programs and benefits to meet veterans' caregiving needs without duplicating services. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in Cannon House Office Building, room 334.

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Testifying for the Legion: Roscoe Butler, deputy director for health.

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Rohan to Congress: We exist to strengthen America

American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan testified before a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs.

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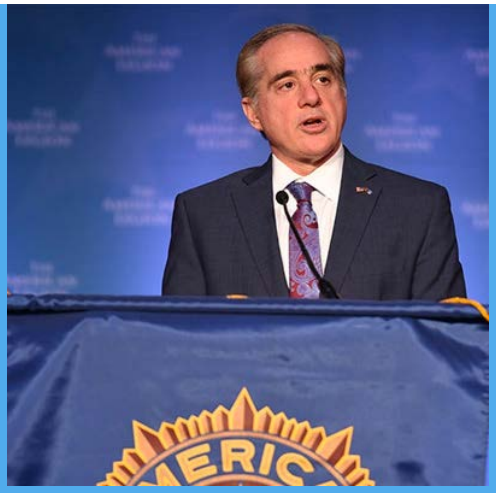

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UPCOMING HEARINGS

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a roundtable discussion to discuss draft legislation to make certain improvements in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) family caregiver support program.

Representing the Legion: Roscoe Butler, Deputy Director Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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Wednesday, March 7, 2018, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will meet in open session to conduct a legislative hearing on the following bills related to VA information technology and acquisition: H.R. 3497, H.R. 4245, a draft bill regarding purchase card misue, and a draft bill regarding the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program.

Testifying for the Legion: Louis Celli, Director, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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Thursday, March 8, 2018, Testify before the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee at a hearing on Arlington National Cemetery.

Testifying for the Legion: Gerardo Avila/Deputy Director Medical/Physical Evaluation Boards & Department of Defense

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Thursday, March 15, 2018, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity will conduct an oversight hearing regarding the fiscal year 2019 budget submission of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Testifying for the Legion: Matthew Shuman / Director, Legislative Division

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs will conduct a legislative hearing on H.R. 888, H.R. 4335, H.R. 4910, and H.R. 4958.

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Legion provides position on House legislation

American Legion National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division Director Louis Celli testified at a House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on March 7 to give the Legion's positions on pending and draft House Resolution (H.R.) bills.

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Legion supports action to preserve future of Arlington National Cemetery

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Testifying for the Legion: David Spivey

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will conduct a legislative hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1206; H.R. 3023; H.R. 3940; H.R. 4451; H.R. 4830; H.R. 4835; H.R. 5044; a draft bill entitled, "VA Home Loan Improvement Act of 2018;" and a draft bill entitled, "To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes."

Testifying for the Legion: John Kamin

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National commander featured on C-SPAN

Denise Rohan was the featured speaker on April 1 'Newsmakers' to discuss recent firing of VA Secretary Shulkin, other veterans issues.

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UPCOMING HEARINGS

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, Providing statement to the Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans Affairs on pending and draft legislations.

Legislative Hearing on: H.R. 1506; H.R. 2322; H.R. 3832; H.R. 4334; H.R. 4635; a draft bill to authorize VA to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis; and, a draft bill to make certain improvements in the Family Caregiver Program

Testifying for the Legion: Louis Celli, Director, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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VA secretary nominee's hearing is Wednesday

Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson is the president's nominee for VA secretary.

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Legion testifies on pending, draft health-care legislation

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UPCOMING HEARINGS

Wednesday, April 25 at 2:30 p.m.
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

"The Department of Veterans Affairs Management of Life Insurance Programs for Servicemembers and Veterans"

Testifying for the Legion: Jeffery Steele, Assistant Director, Legislative Division

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Legion testifies on legislation addressing VA staffing shortages

Legion voices support for five pieces of legislation, which included bills to recruit and retain more qualified medical professionals at the VA.

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