

Keep the light going for our  
Veterans



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### Legislation to Watch Closely

**H.R. 3722 Daniel J Harvery, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to reduce veteran suicide act and the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute**

Veteran and service member suicide prevention is still the VFW's top priority. The risk is increases after transition from the military has been seen in recent research. When this was looked into more the risk is also heightened in individuals with mental health diagnoses. Education and support during transitioning service members with connections and resources outside of the military makes sure that the risk factors are identified and the proper care is given.

The VFW recommends and supports that Congress to ensure that the legislation provisions occur in a private setting for the sake of the veteran. This would give the veteran a safe and confidential environment to discuss any personal and or service related events.

**Are you going to the Washington DC Legislative Conference in March 2024? Have you ever thought about it going?**

**CONGRATULATIONS Sally Lamers on winning the Legislative Quiz drawing.**

**Thank you everyone that sent in the quiz and staying up on legislative issues for veterans.**

**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Do you know what the VA Misson Act is? Is your veteran having issues with their care?

Va Misson Act was signed into law to aid in the care for veterans and opening up opportunities to provide them care inside or outside of the VA.

Veterans waited weeks or even months for their medical appointments at the Department of Veterans Affairs health facilities. While employees across the country would have hidden wait list to defer what was seen of the extended wait times. Some of the veterans on this list even died waiting to see a doctor.

It took four years for action to be taken to ensure veterans can get medical care in a timely manner. This became the VA MISSON ACT and became law. This gives veterans more choice over where they get their care from.

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