



Hello everyone.

Hope Everyone is doing well. I would like to take a moment to send one last message to everyone. This year has been a great year, and everyone did a good job at sending in your legislative reports.

Also want to let everyone know how it went at the Legislative conference in Washington. I have spoken with Scott Craig and Donna Marie, and I have a few things that were sent to me. I am attaching some pictures and some documents that were sent to me by Scott. Scott is the State Legislative chair for the Comrades. It might be a long email, but it should be very informative.

This was sent to Scott from Luke Phillips, who is the Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Sheri Biggs. As we discussed, I'll be passing along the Major Richard Star Act for the Congresswoman's consideration. In the meantime, I wanted to highlight some of the legislative efforts she's already supporting that align with the VFW's priorities:

- H.R.472 – Restore VA Accountability Act** – Holds VA employees accountable to ensure veterans receive the high-quality care they deserve.
- H.R.1336 – Veterans' National Traumatic Injury Treatment Act** – Expands access to hyperbaric oxygen therapy for veterans suffering from traumatic brain injuries and PTSD.
- H.R.740 – Veterans' ACCESS Act** – Makes it easier for veterans to get mental health care outside the VA.
- H.R.785 – Representing Our Seniors at VA Act** – Gives long-term care facilities for veterans a voice in VA decision-making to better serve aging veterans.
- H.R.647 – Ensuring Veterans' Final Resting Place Act** – Ensures that deceased veterans are laid to rest with the utmost respect and dignity.
- H.R.1041 – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act** – Ensures veterans don't lose their Second Amendment rights simply for receiving help managing their VA benefits.

I've also had the privilege of working with the great folks from your DC team, particularly Nancy Springer. It's clear that both in DC and back home, the VFW is doing outstanding work advocating for our veterans.

Scott Sent this to Todd McCaffery. I wanted to send along the talking points for your situational awareness and take a brief minute for what that means for SC. One of the biggest priorities is preventing our war fighters from being taken advantage of by bad lawyers. I watched your testimony a couple weeks back and appreciate the greater mentorship and training for our county officers. Having these resources is a great way to get veterans their benefits with having to resort to claim sharks. If the SCDVA needs anything from the VFW, please reach out, we do have accredited VSOs and can help with claims. We will be at the VEAC on Bluff Road.

But another avenue is codifying penalties for breaking federal law. So far nine states have adopted anti-claim shark laws. Attached you will find sample legislation from other states around the country and infographics on the research done by the VFW.

I have also Attached the 3 documents that he sent to Todd.

I know this was a long letter. I hope I did not forget something. I hope everyone has a great rest of the year.

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