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Opposition to Benefit Cuts Continues: The Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA), [H.R.9237](#) / [S.4744](#), contains numerous provisions that would expand benefits for veterans, survivors and families, but Section 108 remains part of this legislation. The provision would reduce disability compensation for certain future veterans to help offset the cost of those expansions. With Section 108 still included, the VFW continues to oppose TCAVA and is asking advocates to contact their representatives and senators and tell them to vote NO on this bill. [Take action.](#)

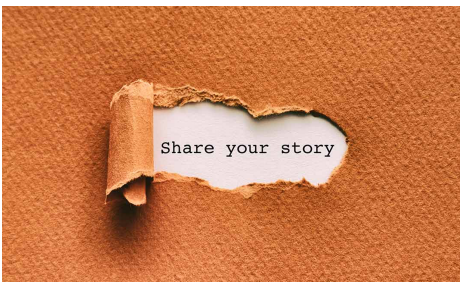


Passage of the Clean Version of the Major Richard Star Act Remains Critical: The Major Richard Star Act ([H.R. 2102](#)) reached a significant milestone last month when the discharge petition from Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., secured the required 218 signatures, clearing a path for the House to vote on the legislation. The final signature came from Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., just hours after she met with VFW and VFW Auxiliary members who advocated for the bill. With more than 400 bipartisan cosponsors, the legislation has overwhelming support to end the unjust offset of military retirement pay for combat-injured veterans. However, the VFW remains concerned about efforts to advance a watered-down version of the legislation through the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA), which includes benefit caps and would use reductions in future veterans' disability compensation to offset costs. The VFW strongly supports passage of the clean Major Richard Star Act as a standalone bill and opposes TCAVA as currently written. Congress must fulfill its obligation to combat-injured veterans without reducing benefits for

future generations. There is still time while Congress is in recess to find a local town hall and ask your representative if they plan to vote YES on the Major Richard Star Act WITHOUT reducing veterans' compensation to pay for it.



VFW Marks New Waypoint in its Ongoing Mission Assisting VA Claimants: The VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) program secured \$17.92 billion in cumulative VA disability compensation for veterans and their families in fiscal year 2026. VA reported that the VFW's nationwide network of 2,310 VA-accredited service officers processed approximately 165,000 new claims and represented more than 620,000 claimants, providing free assistance to veterans, transitioning service members, survivors and their families. VFW National Commander Cory Geisler praised the service officers for ensuring veterans receive the benefits they earned, while acting NVS Director Michael Figlioli highlighted their dedication and life-changing impact. [Read the announcement.](#)



Share Your Personal Stories to Help Make a Difference: Behind every veterans' issue is a personal story that helps explain how policies affect veterans, service members, military families, caregivers and survivors. The VFW Story Bank collects these experiences so lawmakers can better understand the real-world impacts of their decisions. Whether you have faced challenges accessing benefits, receiving care or navigating VA or Department of Defense programs, your story can highlight problems and support the VFW's advocacy efforts. [Share your story](#) and help ensure the voices of those affected are part of the conversation.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced no identifications or burial updates this week.

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