



United Veterans Council of Rhode Island

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion
Disabled American Veterans
American Veterans
Korean War Veterans Council**

**Military Women Across the Nation
Italian American War Veterans
Jewish War Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America**

Chairman Azzinaro and House Veterans Affairs Committee members my name is John P Gallo, CMSgt, Retired. I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island. We are made up of the nine federally and state chartered veterans' organizations listed above.

We support passage of H-6606 and H-6607 which is being considered by this committee today March 29, 2022.

House Resolution 6606, sponsored by Chairman Azzinaro, would create a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for a plan and design of a Vietnam Memorial to be located in the City of Providence, and who would report back to the House by January 31, 2023, and expire on April 30, 2023.)

Today is National Vietnam Veterans Day. It is also a day of Special Observance in the State of Rhode Island. On this day we celebrate and honor all Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice. This our way of saying "Thank You" for your service to this Country and the State of Rhode Island.

What better way to do this than to pass H-6606.

We also support passage of H-6607. This bill, sponsored by Chairman Azzinaro, would Amend the language of the lease of the Benefit Street Armory between the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery and authorizes the Department of Administration to amend lease to Providence Marine Corps of Artillery to use hall for promotion of the arsenal and to sublease the rented space.

We, the member organizations of the United Veterans Council, feel this is a good bill and should be passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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