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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
**TIME:** 2:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

## PRESENTATION

Kasim Yarn, Director of Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services  
Update on Veterans' Issues in Rhode Island

- Rhode Island Veterans Home Update
- Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery Update
- Veterans Resource Center Update
- Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services 2022 Annual Report

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [5465](#)

(Office of Veterans Services)

**BY Fellela, Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, J. Lombardi, Hull, Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE {LC1313/1} (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



### House Bill No. [5466](#)

(Office of Veterans Services)

**BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Solomon, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, J. Lombardi, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Hull**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME {LC1312/1} (Requires that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be a licensed nursing home administrator and removes the requirement that the administrator be an honorably discharged veteran.)

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



### House Resolution No. [5467](#)

**BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Hull**

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE VETERANS BENEFITS TO THE HMONG/LAOTIAN VETERANS WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES IN THE "SECRET WAR" IN LAOS {LC1285/1}

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



### House Bill No. [5617](#)

**BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Place, Solomon, Casimiro, Serpa, Casey, Noret**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME {LC1718/1} (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5728](#)

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --  
EXTENSION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS {LC1282/1} (Includes Hmong or Lao  
veterans who served in military operations in support of the United States during the  
Vietnam Conflict any time between 2/28/1961 to 5/7/1975 within the definition of "active  
conduct of and/or fighting in the Vietnam Conflict".)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



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