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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Friday, March 12, 2021  
**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [5487](#)

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Noret, McLaughlin, Williams, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION {LC801/1}

(Creates a nine (9) member permanent joint military and veterans' affairs oversight commission to oversee operations of Rhode Island office of veterans' affairs and fiscal oversight of military affairs and defense.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/08/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [5669](#)

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Corvese, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY {LC461/1}

(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.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Veterans Affairs

03/08/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Resolution No. [5784](#)

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A BEIRUT MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE {LC1837/1}

(Reinstates the life, extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and recommend a plan and design for a Beirut Memorial located at the RI State House, from April 30, 2020, to January 5, 2022, and expire on March 5, 2022.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/08/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5928](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- TUITION FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER POST-911 BILL AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL {LC2006/1} (In state tuition continues for military service members children and/or spouse, if service member transferred.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/08/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseVeteransAffairs@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.  
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.  
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HVAF.aspx> .**

**VERBAL TESTIMONY**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Friday, March 12, 2021.

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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