

SEPTEMBER 2023

It was nice seeing all the various auxiliaries represented in Oregon City at Three Rivers Post building at the second Training Academy. **LUNCH WAS GREAT. THANK YOU, JANIE AND YOUR HELPERS.**

Remember to go to the Action Corp website and check out the pending legislative section. Interesting information. Also check out the Oregon representative to see what they are up to and check out the National representatives. You can see how they are voting on pending legislation.

- **Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act**-this bill modifies provisions related to military retired pay. Specifically, the bill authorizes veterans with a service-connected disability of less than 50% to concurrently receive both retired pay and disability compensation. The bill also makes qualified disability retirees with less than 20 years of retirement-creditable service eligible for concurrent receipt, subject to specified reductions in retired pay.

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service.

1/12/2023 it was introduced in House.

1/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker. In each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

2/8/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

- **Major Richard Star Act.** This bill allows a veteran with a combat-related disability and fewer than 20 years of creditable service to receive retirement pay, without reduction, concurrent with disability compensation.

Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden are cosponsors on this bill. It was introduced in the Senate on 2/9/2023 and read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services on the same day.

- **Suicide Act** – Daniel J. Harvey Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Service Member Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act. This bill requires the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to jointly carry out a five-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing certain services and a module comprised of specified elements as part of the pre-separation transition process for members of the Armed Forces for the purpose of reducing the incidence of suicide among veterans.

1/30/2023 Introduced in Senate.

1/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2/16/2023 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

HISTORY TO CONSIDER:

- September 13, 1788, Congress authorized first national election for January 1789.
- Did you know that Congress designated SEPTEMBER 17-23 of each year as **CONSTITUTION DAY** and September 17-23 as **CONSTITUTION WEEK. Us Constitution approved 1787.**
- In 2004, Public Law 1008-447, Section 111 was passed requiring the following:
 - "each federal agency or department shall provide educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution to each employee. on September 17 of each year."
- **September 17 CITIZENSHIP DAY** observed annually. Wide VFW participation.
- September 24, 1789, U.S. Supreme Court established.

Report this information at your monthly meeting and then make a report to me.
Thanks.

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