

# Post 90 Gazette



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## Website Resources for Veterans

If you don't ask, you don't know.....

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## August Events:

Fundraising continues for our **Gold Star Families Memorial Monument**. We are getting close, but we have slowed up a bit on individual contributions. Don't miss this opportunity to get "skin the game" and contribute to the memorial. Go to <https://www.sgcity.org/goldstar/> for details on how to donate.

Also on Saturday, Sept. 11, the **Country Road Music Festival** has teamed up with the **Life's Worth Living Foundation** to bring the **Tom Proctor Band** to open for **Nathan Osmond** at the Historic Electric Theater from 6 pm to 8 pm. The proceeds from this event goes toward helping prevent veteran suicide. Seating is limited to about 300. Tickets can be purchased online here: <https://lifsworthliving.eventbrite.com>.

## Get Ready!

Post dinner meeting will resume in September. Stay tuned.

## 2022 American Legion dues are due

You should have received your 2022 renewal dues notice for Post 90, St George with a due date of **August 8th**.

If possible, please go online at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) or mail your renewal dues of \$40.00 to

**Post 90**  
PO Box 910931  
St George, Utah 84791

IF YOU ARE not planning on renewing, moved, or do not wish to renew PLEASE let us know as soon as possible. IF you need help with your annual dues, please also let [Marti Bigbie](mailto:MartiBigbie@gmail.com) know as soon as possible. Email [martibigbie@gmail.com](mailto:martibigbie@gmail.com) or call 435-668-5770



## Commander's Column

Marti Bigbie

BIG BIG THANK YOU to members of the AMERICAN LEGION RITUAL TEAM for coming out in the heat at all times of the DAY to help with the military funerals for our departed Veterans. We have lost several of our Post members since 7-1-2021. Post Everlasting Certificates have been awarded to the families.

THANK YOU to every member who went online or mailed your renewal dues for 2022 to the Post 90 mailbox = please continue to send your dues in. We have been notified by a few members they are moving or have moved out of the area, if you are relocating let us know which will help us to keep track of our members and help them to transfer their membership to their new home area.

If you need help in part or full for the renewal dues of \$40.00 please let me know so arrangements can be made to help you.

We will start again in September with our dinner meetings on September 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Legion Hall. Sloppy Joe meat will be furnished by the Legion.

– Picnic style –

**A-G Dessert H-M Salads N-S Vegetables T-Z Rolls, bread, butter**

**Stay safe**

## Area 4 Commander's Column

Marti Bigbie

Area 4 includes District 6 and District 7 (Southern Utah) As soon as we have the projected year end goals for 2022 I will be contacting the Posts to see what I can help them with their membership in Retaining and Recruiting new members.

## Subject: Phone Scam – Please be on the alert!

We have received a couple of phone calls from members who have been in contact with a gentleman by the name of **Billy Newman**. This guy is fishing for information and tells them he is a member of The American Legion.

Some have talked to him about purchasing a life membership and is trying to get them to provide their bank account information.

On one of them, he has a phone number and the caller ID comes up unavailable. The phone number that was given to me about this is 317-967-6675. I called the number and the voicemail message says he is Billy Newman with The American Legion.

We need to get the word out to the departments/leadership about this to scam.

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Deputy Director, Internal Affairs & Membership  
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## American Legion hails start of Operation Allies Refuge, Calls for Evacuations to Pick Up Pace

WASHINGTON (July 30, 2021) – American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford called the safe evacuation of Afghan allies from danger “a truly welcome sight,” but added that his organization would like to see the pace pick-up dramatically as American forces leave that country.

“We certainly welcome the evacuation of approximately 2,500 Afghan allies and family members that comprise the first priority group of Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) applicants,” Oxford said. “But we have also made clear to the Biden administration that far more still needs to be done. The American Legion believes that approximately 70,000 Afghan nationals face severe retribution by the Taliban because of assistance that they provided to U.S. troops. Many U.S. veterans tell us that their interpreters fought shoulder-to-shoulder with them and in many cases actually saved American lives. They have already been screened and have proven that they can be trusted. We must remember their loyalty and not abandon them to a ruthless and merciless enemy. We believe in Operation Allies Refuge and hope the pace can be picked up to match the levels we saw at the end of the Vietnam War.”

The American Legion passed a national resolution in 2018 asking for the president and Congress to prioritize the processing of SIVs for Afghan and Iraq interpreters and other allies.

### About The American Legion

The American Legion is the largest veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation. Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans.

## Veterans Resources

Below are websites that provide information on veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Appeals [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc)

Board of Veteran's Appeals <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>

CARES Commission <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>

CARES Draft National Plan <http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>

Center for Minority Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

Center for Veterans Enterprise <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>

Center for Women Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>

Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War

Veterans <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016..html>

Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans

Assoc <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>

[Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War](#)

[Service http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/part6%20ch07.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20ch07.doc)

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <http://www.va.gov/>

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>

[Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index..htm) <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index..htm>

Due Process [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc)

Duty to Assist [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc)

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>

Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

Environmental Agents <http://www1.va.gov/enviragents/>

Environmental Agents M10 [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1002](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002)

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=315](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315)

EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC> and [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1158](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158)

See also, Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>

EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR NON-GULF WAR VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC>

Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=206](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206)

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

2005 <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf> OR, [http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current\\_benefits.htm](http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm)

Forms and Records Request <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

General Compensation Provisions

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter11\\_subchaptervi.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchaptervi.html)

Geriatrics and Extended Care <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>

Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG [http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus\\_base.htm](http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm)

Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHlgulfwar> Gulf War Subject Index <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>

Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>

Hearings

[http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc)

Homeless Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>

HSR&D Home <http://www.hsr.d.research.va.gov/>

Index to Disability Examination Worksheets C&P exams <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/exams/index..htm>

Ionizing Radiation <http://www1.va.gov/irad/>

Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/>

M 10 for spouses and children < [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1007](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007)

M10 Part III Change 1 [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1008](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008)

M21-1 Table of Contents [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21\\_1.html](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html)

Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4\\_130.DOC](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC)

Mental Health Program Guidelines [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1094](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094)

Gulf War Subject Index <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>

Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>

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Mental Health Program Guidelines [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1094](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094)

Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers <http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/>

MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>

My Health e Vet <http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>

NASDVA.COM <http://nasdva.com/>

National Association of State Directors <http://www.nasdva.com/>

National Center for Health Promotion and Disease  
Prevention <http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>

Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of  
Ratings <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc>

OMI (Office of Medical Inspector) <http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/>

Online VA Form 10-10EZ <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>

Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative  
Disorders <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf>  
and, <http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/>

Peacetime Disability Compensation [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse\\_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131)

Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death  
[http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapteri.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteri.html) and, [http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapterii.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapterii.html)  
and, [http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii\\_chapter15\\_subchapteriii.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteriii.html)

Persian Gulf Registry [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1003](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003)

This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005: [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1232](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232)

Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1006](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006)

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To

Congress [http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999 Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Appendices.doc](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc)

Persian Gulf

Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To

Congress [http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf\\_war\\_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf)

Phase I PGR [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1004](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1004)

Phase II PGR [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1005](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1005)

Policy Manual Index <http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>

Power of Attorney [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc)

Project 112 (Including

Project SHAD) <http://www1.va.gov/shad/>

Prosthetics Eligibility [http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=337](http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337)

Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page <http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>

Public Health/SARS <http://www..publichealth.va.gov/SARS/>

Publications Manuals <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>

Publications and Reports [http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs\\_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf\\_war.htm](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm)

Records Center and Vault Homepage <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html>

Records Center and Vault Site Map <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html>

REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS

<http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-form.xft>

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002 [http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes\\_April112002.doc](http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc)

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses

[http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations\\_2004.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations_2004.pdf)

Research and Development [http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all\\_programs.cfm](http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm)

Survivor's and Dependents' Educational

Assistance [http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii\\_chapter35.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii_chapter35.html)

Title 38 Index Parts 0-17

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cji/t/text/text->

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Part 18

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Title 38 Part 3 Adjudication Subpart A "Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity

Compensation <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cji/t/text/text->

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Title 38 Pensions, Bonuses & Veterans Relief (also 3.317 Compensation for certain disabilities due to undiagnosed illnesses found here) <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cji/t/text/text->

[idx?c=ecfr&sid=1b0c269b510d3157fbf8f8801bc9b3dc&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title38/38cfr3\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cji/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=1b0c269b510d3157fbf8f8801bc9b3dc&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title38/38cfr3_main_02.tpl)

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PART 4--SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES Subpart B--DISABILITY RATINGS

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cji/t/text/text->

[idx?c=ecfr&sid=ab7641afd195c84a49a2067dbbcf95c0&rgn=div6&view=text&node=38:1.0.1.1.5.2&idno=38](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=ab7641afd195c84a49a2067dbbcf95c0&rgn=div6&view=text&node=38:1.0.1.1.5.2&idno=38)

Title 38 4.16 Total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of the individual. PART A

"SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES Subpart 7 "General Policy in

Rating [http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=1b0c269b510d3157fbf8f8801bc9b3dc&rgn=div8&view=text&node=38:1.0.1.1.5.1..96.11&idno=38)

[idx?c=ecfr&sid=1b0c269b510d3157fbf8f8801bc9b3dc&rgn=div8&view=text&node=38:1.0.1.1.5.1..96.11&idno=38](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=1b0c269b510d3157fbf8f8801bc9b3dc&rgn=div8&view=text&node=38:1.0.1.1.5.1..96.11&idno=38)

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims <http://www.vetapp.gov/>

VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

(PTSD) <http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf>

VA Fact Sheet <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html>

VA Health Care Eligibility <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/home/hecmain.asp>

VA INSTITUTING GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTION (GAF) <http://www.avapl.org/gaf/gaf.html>

VA Life Insurance Handbook Chapter 3

<http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLIhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#310>

VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans [http://valoans.com/va\\_facts\\_limits.cfm](http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm)

VA MS Research <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>

VA National Hepatitis C Program <http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/>

VA Office of Research and Development <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/>

VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War <http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp>

VA WMD EMSHG <http://www1.va.gov/emshg/>

VA WRIISC-DC <http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/>

VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address <http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/hotline3..htm>

Vet Center Eligibility - Readjustment Counseling Service <http://www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm>

Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page <http://www.vba.va.gov/>

Veterans Legal and Benefits Information <http://valaw.org/>

VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/>

VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/>

VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans 94(tm) Health [http://www1.va.gov/vhi\\_ind\\_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp](http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp)

Vocational Rehabilitation <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

Vocational Rehabilitation Subsistence <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/InterSubsistencefy04.doc>

VONAPP online <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

WARMS - 38 CFR Book C <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html>

Wartime Disability Compensation [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1110)

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### **The American Legion to Congress: ‘Pay the Guard’**

(INDIANAPOLIS—July 19, 2021) –The head of the nation’s largest veterans’ organization warned Congress that the American people will “be furious,” if partisan gridlock causes a shutdown of the National Guard and delayed paychecks for its soldiers.

“Congress and the White House need to act immediately to ensure that our National Guard is fully funded and its members compensated for all of their drills, missions and deployments. Have they already forgotten the thousands of National Guard members who protected the Capitol during civil unrest just a few months ago? Or the crucial role of our National Guard members in America’s response to COVID-19?” American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford asked. “The American Legion spoke loudly two years ago when partisan bickering led to an interruption of the Coast Guard being paid. We stepped up and provided more than \$1 million of grants to help hundreds of Coast Guard families, but Congress still has failed to pass the Pay Our Coast Guard Act. Moreover, it isn’t the job of private nonprofit organizations to pay the military. As Americans, we should all demand that Congress never repeats that mistake.

“We are not simply talking about bureaucracies,” Oxford continued. “We are talking about families. The men and women of the National Guard have living expenses, bills due and other financial obligations that cannot be put on hold while politicians argue. The volunteers who defend America deserve better.”

### **About The American Legion**

The American Legion , the nation’s largest veterans organization, is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Nearly 2 million members in more than 12,600 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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