

Good Morning REDC Members,

I hope you all are doing well! Below are update on the SERVE Act for this week:

- NDAA Process has officially commenced:
  - We are actively working to try to include the provisions of the SERVE Act within the FY 21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which is an annual moving vehicle for defense items.
  - In preparation for NDAA submissions and negotiating with Committee, we've had a number of meetings recently, and our Senate and House leads are working on the following:
    - Senator Shaheen's office is developing strategy too and just sent the SERVE Act to the Congressional Budget Office to get an official, broken out score.
    - Rep. Moulton is working with Committee to see strategically how this will work out.
    - Rep. Escobar is also having conversations with the SubCommittee on SERVE.
    - Rep. Mast is working with Rep. Waltz to submit their NDAA request for SERVE since they don't sit on Committee.
  - This week, a couple of deadlines have been that affect our work:
    - **House Armed Services:**
      - February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for HASC Members to submit their requests for inclusion into the NDAA
        - HASC Members of Congress have finally released their NDAA submission forms for organizations and companies- with many having deadline dates between February 10<sup>th</sup>-February 21<sup>st</sup>
      - April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the HASC Full Committee markup for the NDAA, with Military Personnel SubCommittee markup schedule for a week before (likely April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
      - May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the goal date to pass the House NDAA on the Floor, and send the bill over to the Senate
    - **Senate Armed Services:**
      - The Senate Armed Services Committee Members have started to release their NDAA submission forms- with deadlines in early to mid-March, however, it is unknown when the Senate SASC committee deadline will be for them to submit.
      - Typically the Senate markup occurs 1-2 months after the House, so I expect they will start markup up in late May to June timeperiod.
  - With these submission deadlines, we are submitting NDAA requests to every SASC and HASC Member to include all of the SERVE Act provisions.
    - However its important to note that some HASC committee members indicated that we may need to negotiate a bit down the road (likely March/April timeperiod) due to the preliminary scoring for mandatory spending.
  - **REDC Member Participation:**
    - We will be submitting forms on behalf of the REDC (representing everyone), and we want to encourage REDC Members to submit their own forms. Similar to Regulatory Comments, some offices it's a numbers game in that the more organizations/companies who are constituents submitting, the better.

- **Center NDAA Form Submission:**
      - In turn, we will be reaching out to REDC Members who are based in a Committee Member's state/district to submit the forms (we will draft everything, you just will need to send and update contact info).
      - It's important to note that these deadlines will be coming fast, so we appreciate everyone's help who may participate in getting the forms filled and sent by the deadline.
    - **Center Staff Calls to their Member/Senate Office for all REDC Members:**
      - We also ask that these Members encourage their staff to participate in calling the office the week of Presidents Day in order to place more pressure, and for non HASC/SASC Members- to gain more co-sponsorship. Committee members get hundreds of submissions, so we want to have as much pressure as possible
    - **For everyone's note, here are the States with Centers that sit on HASC/SASC Committee that will be receiving outreach from Luke on our team:**
      - Oklahoma- Sen. Inhofe
      - North Carolina- Sen. Tillis
      - Georgia- Sen. Perdue
      - Missouri- Sen. Hawley
      - New Hampshire & Arizona- Rep Gallego for AZ; *Note we wont need you to since Sen. Shaheen and McSally are leading the SERVE Act*
      - New York- Sen. Gillibrand
      - Virginia- Sen. Kaine
      - New Mexico- Sen. Heinrich, Rep. Haaland
      - Massachusetts- Sen. Warren, Rep. Keating, (Note Rep. Moulton not needed since he's leading)
      - Alabama- Sen. Jones
      - Illinois- Sen. Duckworth
      - Connecticut- Sen. Blumenthal, Rep. Courtney – note he's a co-sponsor so should include, but for safe measures
      - Florida- Sen. Scott, Rep. Waltz, Rep. Gaetz
      - Colorado- Rep. Crow – *note he's a co-sponsor so should include, but best for safe measures*
      - Pennsylvania- Rep. Houahaan
      - New Jersey- Rep. Kim
      - California- Rep. Khanna, Rep. Carbajal, Rep. Speier
      - Washington- Rep. Smith
- REDC Advocacy Day Changed to May 13th:
  - Given the above timelines that would make the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Advocacy Day not as affected for the House NDAA given they will already be in markup, REDC Board has decided to change the date to **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, and join with the EDC's Capitol Hill Advocacy Day.
- REDC SERVE Act Briefing:
  - Currently we're identifying and securing speakers for the briefing- looking at mid to late March for the briefing.

- Two speakers have already confirmed to speak on treating military members (Center for Discovery) and a military family members personal story, and waiting on two additional ones (research and a servicemember/veterans personal story) so that we can select a date and start the planning process.
- House Armed Services Committee Military Personnel SubCommittee Hearing:
  - On Wednesday, the MP SubCommittee held a hearing on how the DOD is serving military families.
  - Rep. Escobar who sits on the SubCommittee was not able to attend due to State of the Union press, but did submit a question for the record for the DOD to answer related to the age limit for military families receiving residential treatment.
    - For your reference, the question that was submitted for the record is attached.

Please let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!

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