

LIBERTY BELL CHAPTER 266, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

November 17, 2014, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Since our last meeting on November 3, 2014, the following bills and items of concern from a legislative point of view have come, or are pending, before the State House or Senate for action. Included in this report are items of Federal legislation. Any items pending as of the last meeting, but that had no action taken on them since the last meeting, are not included in this report, unless they were inadvertently omitted from the previous report.

COMMONWEALTH OF PA HOUSE BILLS 2013-2014 Session:

None.

COMMONWEALTH OF PA HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 2013-2014 Session:

None.

COMMONWEALTH OF PA SENATE BILLS 2013-2014 Session:

None.

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SR 504 - A Resolution recognizing November 10, 2014, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps' 239th anniversary of its founding. **Latest Action(s):** PN 2435 Introduced and **adopted**, Nov. 12, 2014. (Remarks see Senate Journal Page), Nov. 12, 2014.

FEDERAL HOUSE RESOLUTIONS/AMENDMENTS 113th Congress:

None.

FEDERAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATION 113th Congress:

H.R.5441 : Latest Title: To amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States. Related Bills: S.2782. **Latest Major Action:** 9/10/2014: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 9/26/2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. 11/12/2014: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Discharged. 11/13/2014: Committee

Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 11/13/2014: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. 11/13/2014 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

H.R.5686 : Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times. **Latest Major Action:** 11/12/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

** Union Calendar: A separate calendar in the United States House of Representatives that schedules bills involving money issues. It arose from the requirement in Article One of the United States Constitution that all revenue bills originate in the House of Representatives. To meet that requirement, Rule XIII.

FEDERAL SENATE RESOLUTIONS/AMENDMENTS 113th Congress:

None.

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S.2843 : National Guard and Reserve Access to Counsel Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are victims of sex-related offenses with access to a special victims' counsel. Related Bills: H.R.4863. **Latest Major Action:** 9/17/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.2875 : National Guard Investigations Transparency and Improvement Act of 2014. A bill to codify in law the establishment and duties of the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations in the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes. **Latest Major Action:** 9/18/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Grassroots lobbying is an effective way to let your Representative and Senators know your opinion, which is key to increasing co-sponsorship on veteran related bills and subsequent passage into law.

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