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## Statehouse Happenings

Another month and once again not much action in the statehouse to report about. There should be plenty to report on for the December issue. According to the Ohio Legislature Website the first Senate Session will be held Wednesday, November 13 and on Tuesday, November 19 for the House. There will be plenty of committee hearings beginning then too. The General Assembly only has until December 20 when the recess is scheduled to begin thus ending the 135th General Assembly.

Last month OLR told our readers what the 17 military veterans serving in the 135th General Assembly would be facing in the 2024 General Election.

### A Recap...

In the senate one resigned in December 2023, two are not up for reelection and still have two years left of their four-year terms, and the fourth senator is running against another veteran.

In the house there are 13 veterans. Nine are running for reelection - seven have non-veterans challengers and two have challengers for are veterans. There are two who are running for a seat in the Ohio senate -one was defeated in the primary election and the other has a non-veteran challenger. Two are not running for another term in the Ohio General Assembly. One is running for US Congress and the other for Clerk of Courts in his home county.

This month OLR will look at the number of bills sponsored and the voting records of those 17 veterans of the 135th Ohio General Assembly. We will only look at bills that pertain directly to veterans, active-duty military or their families in Ohio. Readers can see the list of those 94 bills beginning on page five.

### Senators

**Hearcel F. Craig:** First served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 2015-2018 before being elected to the Ohio Senate. He serves on three committees and is Ranking Member in two of them. While serving in the 135th General Assembly Craig has been the primary sponsor of 22 bills, one of which directly affects veterans. It has not passed out of committee yet.

**Frank Hoagland:** Hoagland began serving in the Ohio Senate in January 2017 and resigned in December 2023. While serving in the 135th GA, Hoagland was the primary sponsor of 10 bills. Six of them were veteran/ military related. One of them passed in the Senate and is now in house committees. The other five have not made it out of the senate committees to which they were referred.

**Terry Johnson:** Dr. Johnson first served in the Ohio House from 2011 to 2018 and was then term limited. In September of 2019 he was selected to fill a vacated senate seat which he still occupies. He is serving on five

committees and is chairman of one and vice chairman of two others. He is the primary sponsor of 20 bills. Four of them are veteran related. Two of them have passed in the senate and are now in committees on the house side, one has not made it out of committee on the senate side and the other just recently introduced has not been referred to a committee yet.

**Steve Wilson:** Wilson was appointed to fill a vacated seat in the Ohio senate in January 2017 and is now serving for his second full term. He is the chairman of one committee and vice chairman of two. He serves on a total of five. Only one of the bills he is the primary sponsor of is military related. That bill was referred to committee where it remains, having had only one hearing.

### Representatives

**Steve Demetriou:** Currently serving in his first term, he is vice chairman of one of the five committees he serves on. Demetriou is the primary sponsor of nineteen bills, one of which will affect Ohio veterans. That bill passed unanimously out of the house and was sent over to the senate but has not had any hearings.

**Haraz N. Ghanbari:** First appointed to the seat he now holds in March 2019; Lieutenant Commander Ghanbari serves on five committees and is the chairman of one of them. He is the primary sponsor of six bills in this general assembly. Only one of them is veteran related. That bill was referred to committee just prior to the summer break and has not had any hearings.

**Jennifer Gross:** Now serving her second term in the house, Gross sits on four committees and is vice chair of one of them. She is the primary sponsor of twelve bills. None of the bills were directly related to Ohio veterans or military.

**Adam Holmes:** Holmes was sworn into office in January 2019 after being appointed to fill a vacancy

in the house. He is chairman of one of the five committees he serves on. Holmes is the primary sponsor of ten bills. Three of those bills relate to our veterans. One bill passed unanimously at every step through both chambers and was signed by Governor DeWine in July. A second bill is still in committee and has had three hearings. The third bill was introduced in June and has not had any hearings.

**Beth Lear:** Now serving for her first term, Lear is vice chairman of one of the three committees she serves on. She is the primary sponsor of fifteen bills. The one bill relating to veterans passed out of committee but has yet to be brought up for a vote on the house floor.

**Mike Loychik:** Loychik is now serving his second term in the house and serves on four committees and one subcommittee. He is the chairman of one of the committees. Of the eight primary sponsored bills that are his, two are veteran related. One passed out of committee in June and has not been voted on by the full house yet. The other bill was referred to committee but has not had any hearings.

**Adam C. Miller:** Colonel Miller is now serving his fourth and last term in the house. He serves on five committees and one subcommittee. He is ranking member of one the committees and the subcommittee. He is the primary sponsor of eighteen bills. Six of them relate to Ohio veterans or military. Only one has passed out of committee which still awaits a vote by the full house. The other five bills remain in committees.

**Tracy M. Richardson:** She is serving in her third term having first been elected to the Ohio House in 2029. Major Richardson -now retired -serves as a member of four committees and is chairman of one subcommittee. She is the primary sponsor of five bills. Two of them are veteran related. One of the bills remains in committee where it has had three hearings. The other passed at all stages unanimously and was

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Effective: 1912

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## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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signed by the governor in May 2024.

**Brian Stewart:** Stewart was first elected to the House in 2020 and is serving his third term. He serves on four committees and is vice chairman for one of them. There are ten bills which he is the primary sponsor of. Only one of those bills pertains to veterans and it remains in committee after having three hearings.

**Daniel P. Troy:** Troy is now serving his second consecutive term in the house. Previously he had served seven terms beginning in January 1983. He serves as ranking members of a committee and a subcommittee and is a member of four other committees. Troy is the primary sponsor of ten bills. Two of the ten were related to veterans. One bill had four hearings; however, it remains in committee. The other was voted out of committee unanimously and now needs to go to the full house for a vote.

**Casey Weinstein:** Weinstein was first elected to the Ohio house in 2019 and is serving his third term. He is a member of four committees and the ranking member of a fifth committee. He is listed as the primary sponsor of eight bills. None are veteran/military related.

**Scott Wiggam:** Now serving his fourth term, Wiggam was first elected to the House in 2016. He currently serves as chairman of one committee and a member of three others. During this G.A. he introduced thirteen bills as the primary sponsor. None of them affect our veteran or military population.

**Bernard Willis:** Willis is in his first term in the Ohio house and serves on four committees one of which he is vice chairman. He is the primary sponsor of ten bills. His only bill that pertained to veterans was the same bill that Stewart introduced. They were primary sponsors on the same bill, and it remains in committee.

### The Numbers

In the 135th General Assembly there are 132 legislators. 17 of them are veterans of the US military.

The 132 legislators introduced 1,006 bills. 94 of the 1,006 pertain to veterans or military in Ohio or their families. About 9.35%

31 of the 94 veteran/military bills (about 32.6%) were introduced by 10 of the 17 veterans

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(about 6%). Only three of the 31 (about .998%) bills were signed into law by the governor.

64 of the 94 (about 68.1%) veteran/military bills were introduced by legislators who did not serve in the US military. Five of the 64 (about .78%) bills became law.

### Voting Records

Now that our readers know who introduced what legislation, it is time to find out how they all voted for veteran/military bills. We will look at the votes on bills that came before the full House and Senate; not any of the voting within the committees.

Of the 94 bills introduced, two of the house bills made it over to the senate side and eleven of the senate bills made it over to the house side. But only eight bills (six house and two senate) made it through both chambers and onto the governor's desk for his consideration.

### Two House Bills Moved to the Senate

HB 57 and HB 378 both made it through committee hearings and onto the house floor for a vote. They were both referred to a senate committee but have not received any hearings.

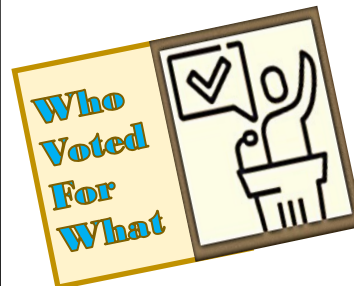
HB 57 would amend sections of the Revised Code to index the

homestead exemption amounts to inflation. It passed on the house floor with a vote of 89 to 0. All the veterans voted in favor of the bill with the exception of Representative Loychik who did not vote.

HB 378 would amend sections of the Revised Code to authorize a full homestead exemption for surviving spouses of members of the uniformed services killed in the line of duty. It passed on the house floor with a vote of 90 to 1. All veterans voted ye except for two. Loychik did not vote, and Representative Lear cast a nay vote.

### Eleven Senate Bills Moved to the House

The bills that passed on the senate floor were Senate Bills 45, 63, 113, 114, 141, 145, 154, 183, 208, 226, and 257. Six of them were referred to a committee and have not had any hearings yet. Three have been voted out of committee but have not had a vote on the house floor yet. Two still need to be



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## READERS LETTERS

### Veterans Must Become More Active With Ohio Legislators

As Election Day is now behind us, let us remember that while we may be in a lame duck session we, as Ohioans need to be watching our current legislators for any final push to get bills passed and onto the Governor's desk by the end of the year. Keep your ears and eyes open for any call to actions that are put out. Especially Senate Bill 63, the Asbestos Tort claim bill. That bill is dangerous to not only veterans but any Ohio citizen that was exposed to asbestos when they were younger. If we want better laws for Ohio veterans, we as the Veteran Community need to start standing up and talking to our Legislators in Columbus about real bills that can positively effect Veterans, like Property tax exemptions and better mental and physical health care being made more available to us. We need them to act on bills, not just sit on the bills once in a committee. We as a State need to make our General Assembly remember it is the voters who put them in office to do a job, not corporations or organizations. When the new General Assembly meets in January, I urge all veterans to begin contacting their representatives to encourage them to get better State veteran benefits passed.

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VFW Ohio District 12 Sr. Vice Commander/Legislative Chair  
Syracuse, OH

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## OUT IN THE DISTRICTS



When Honor Flight Cleveland took off on October 11th for a full day in Washington, DC., Representative Joe Miller (District 53) signed on to be the Guardian for a very special Marine Corps Veteran. It was Miller's mother.

Photos by: Bill Synk

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### Reflections

*"Young people need to vote. They need to get out there. Every vote counts. Educate yourself too. Don't just vote. Know what you're voting for, and stand by that."*

*-Nikkí Reed*

# BILLS & RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER

## **HB 673:**

Introduced by Representative **Jean Schmidt** (District 62) on October 10th.  
It has not been referred to a committee yet.

The bill would enact section 5534.673 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 28 in Clermont County as the "CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway."

## **HB 674:**

Introduced by Representative **Sara P. Carruthers** (District 47) on October 10th.  
It has not been referred to a committee yet.

The bill would enact section 5534.877 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 129 in Butler County as the "Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway."

## **HB 679:**

Introduced by Representative **Angela N. King** (District 84) on October 16th.  
It has not been referred to Committee yet.

The bill would enact section 5533.106 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 47 in Darke County as the "PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway."

## Legislation In The 135<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly

Pertaining to Ohio Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve & National Guard, and Their Families

- HB 2 Direct state funds for economic growth and community development
- HB 18 Allow military license plate applicant present county veterans ID
- HB 33 Establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025
- HB 53 Authorize refundable tax credits for hiring certain veterans
- HB 57 Index the homestead exemption to inflation
- HB 60 Increase amount of and expand the homestead exemption
- HB 69 Revise membership of county veterans service commissions
- HB 90 Authorize property tax exemption for disabled veterans, spouses
- HB 123 Designate Honor and Remember flag to honor fallen service members
- HB 126 Expand municipal income tax exemption for military pay
- HB 131 Designate Army SSgt. Charles V. Kettler Memorial Highway
- HB 132 Designate Army Sgt. Herbert C. Linville Memorial Highway
- HB 133 Designate Army Sgt. Ronnie Blair Memorial Highway
- HB 150 Prohibit rental discrimination based on lawful source of income
- HB 202 Designate Specialist Dennis Alan Combs Memorial Highway
- HB 212 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
- HB 231 Establish 9-8-8 suicide prevention, mental health telephone line
- HB 232 Create Historical and Patriotic Education license plate
- HB 242 Establish the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Program and related funds
- HB 250 Revise the Military Enlistment diploma seal
- HB 252 Designate SM1 Cornelius Anthony McCafferty, Jr. Memorial Highway
- HB 253 Designate Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor
- HB 254 Expand and enhance the homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans

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- HB 269 Designate Sgt Bradley J. Harper USMC Memorial Highway
- HB 274 Authorize enhanced homestead exemption for certain homeowners
- HB 286 Designate Vienna Township Veterans Bridge
- HB 294 Designate Delaware County Veteran's Memorial Highway
- HB 299 Designate Specialist Five Frederick Wayne Taylor Memorial Highway
- HB 310 Regards STRS member purchase of military service credit
- HB 317 Designate Sgt. Cory M. Endlich Corridor
- HB 335 Designate Ottawa County Veterans Memorial Highway
- HB 350 Designate Lance Corporal Austin B. Schwenk Memorial Highway
- HB 355 Designate Licking County Veterans Memorial Highway
- HB 365 Designate multiple memorial highways
- HB 378 Permit homestead exemption-surviving spouses of service members
- HB 383 Designate Corporal John E. Ruch Memorial Highway
- HB 409 Create the Ohio Cold War Victory Medal
- HB 423 Create "Blue Star Banner" license plate
- HB 431 Designate Staff Sgt. Zachary Wobler Memorial Highway
- HB 447 Regards property tax exemptions, restrictions and land value
- HB 453 Designate Staff Sergeant George P. Mizik (USMC) Memorial Highway
- HB 458 To designate "Gold and Blue Star Family Memorial Bridge" and "POW/MIA Memorial Viaduct."
- HB 483 Create "Save a Warrior" license plate
- HB 487 Designate TSgt. Grover Lee Swearingen Memorial Highway
- HB 493 Designate Lance Corporal Gerald Subler Memorial Highway
- HB 494 Designate SSgt Gene F. Morrison Memorial Bridge
- HB 510 Designate Army Lt. Col. Robert R. Melnick Memorial Highway
- HB 517 Allow military to participate in homeownership savings program
- HB 523 Regards info poster on benefits and services for veterans
- HB 611 Designate U.S. Army Private First Class Jerry Bockbrader Mem Hwy
- HB 620 Designate Paulding County Purple Heart Memorial Highway
- HB 621 Designate Van Wert County Veteran's Memorial Highway
- HB 625 Regards American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion license plates
- HB 628 Designate SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway
- HB 629 Make capital appropriations and reappropriations
- HB 631 Designate Major David McGue Memorial Highway
- HB 641 Designate the SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway
- HB 652 Designate Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway
- HB 664 Designate CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway
- HB 673 Designate the CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway
- HB 674 Designate the Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway
- Hb 679 Designate the PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway
  
- HR 95 Urge Congress to extend GI Bill benefits
- HR 189 Honoring Thomas Mihalis Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1079 on its Centennial
- HR 221 Honoring Dan Shroyer as a 2023 National Veterans Golden Age Games Champion
- HR 222 Honoring Dr. John Eichelberger as a 2023 National Veterans Golden Age Games Champion
- HR 258 Honoring American Legion DeWitt McConnell Post 235 on its Centennial
- HR 302 Honoring Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1090 on its Centennial
- HR 316 Honoring Jay Wilson American Legion Post 112 on its Centennial
- HR 431 Observing April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio
- HR 434 Honoring American Legion Toledo Post 335 on its Centennial
  
- HCR 8 To urge the federal government to select Ohio for the permanent headquarters of the U.S. Space Command

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- HCR 9 Adopt Restoration of America's Readiness (ROAR) Resolution
- SB 12 Regards veteran-owned business enterprise certification program
- SB 14 Expand veteran eligibility to teach without license
- SB 15 Authorize Military License Plate Program permanent registration
- SB 43 Modify homestead exemption-surviving spouse of a disabled veteran
- SB 45 Designate Veterans Memorial Bridge in Trumbull County
- SB 63 Require plaintiff in asbestos claim to file specified disclosures
- SB 64 Expand Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
- SB 110 Designate Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway
- SB 113 Regards failure to comply with Military Selective Service System
- SB 114 Designate Lance Corporal James F. Kimple Memorial Highway
- SB 134 Modifies homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans
- SB 140 Designate Sgt. Todd M. Bates Memorial Highway
- SB 141 Designate American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Memorial Highway
- SB 145 Designate Cpl. David A. Johnston Memorial Highway
- SB 152 Designate Cpl. Jack O. McClure Memorial Highway
- SB 154 Include Space Force in armed forces, armed and uniformed service
- SB 167 Designate Marine Corporal Tim W. Russell Highway
- SB 169 Designate Cortland Veterans Memorial Bridge
- SB 183 Designate Lance Corporal James Patrick Rizzo Memorial Highway
- SB 191 Designate PFC Richard 'Rick' Wesley McFarland Memorial Highway
- SB 208 To require a military exception in an open enrollment policy
- SB 225 To designate September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day
- SB 226 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
- SB 257 Allow military to participate in homeownership savings program
- SB 260 Designate SPC Connor Wilson-Reichert Memorial Highway
- SB 281 Regards info poster on benefits and services for veterans
- SB 282 Designate PFC Henry 'Rick' Hausman, Jr. Memorial Highway
- SB 285 Designate Pharmacist's Mate Third Class Willard L. Shupe Mem Hwy
- SB 288 Make supplemental operating appropriations
- SB 292 Make capital appropriations and reappropriations
- SB 310 Designate U.S.S. Shenandoah Memorial Highway
- SB 315 Designate CPL Willard Boston Wallace Memorial Highway
- SR 171 Honoring Thomas Mihalis Memorial VFW Post 1079 as it commemorates its One Hundredth Anniversary
- SR 262 In memory of Senior Airman Brian "Kody" Johnson
- SR 315 Recognizing the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2024
- SR 334 Honoring Beaver Creek HS AFJROTC B-1 Bombers drill team on winning two Nationals championships
- SCR 8 Urge federal govt reduce processing time- veteran disability claim
- SCR 9 Urge Congress support military, veteran mental health treatment



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referred to a committee.

SB 45 would designate a bridge spanning the Mahoning River in Trumbull County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." It passed on the senate floor with a vote of 32 to 0. Senator Wilson did not vote, and all other veterans voted in favor of passage.

SB 63 would require a plaintiff in a tort action alleging an asbestos claim to file specified disclosures. It passed on the senate floor with a 21 to 10 vote. Voting yea were Senators Johnson and Wilson while Senator Craig voted nay. *Note: This was one of only two bills in the 135th GA that was opposed by veteran service organizations in Ohio.*

SB 113 would prohibit a person who fails to comply with the Military Selective Service System from holding certain public offices or employment with the state, and would require high schools to notify students of any obligation to register for the Selective Service System. A vote of 25 to 4 passed the bill on the senate floor. All the veterans voted in favor of the bill.

SB 114 would designate a portion of United States Route 33 in Fairfield County as the "Lance Corporal James F. Kimple Memorial Highway." It received a 31 to 0 vote to pass it on the senate floor with all veterans voting to pass it.

SB 141 would designate a portion of I-77 in Akron as the "American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Memorial Highway." On the senate floor it received 31 yea votes and no nay votes. The veterans all voted

yea.

SB 145 would designate a portion of Refugee Road in Fairfield County as the "Cpl. David A. Johnston Memorial Highway." With a 31 to 0 vote it passed on the senate floor with all veterans voting.

SB 154 would amend sections of the Revised Code to include Space Force in the definition of the armed forces, armed services, and uniformed services of the United States. The vote of 31 to 0 was in favor of the bill. The veterans voted yea except for Senator Wilson who did not vote.

SB 183 would designate a portion of I-90 in Cuyahoga County as the "Lance Corporal Jimmy Rizzo Memorial Highway." It passed on the senate floor with a 31-0 vote with all the veterans voting.

SB 208 would require a city, exempted village, or local school district to include in its open enrollment policy an exception for military children. With the help of all the veterans, it passed on the senate floor with a vote of 31 to 0.

SB 226 would extend the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring agricultural land to certain other property and name the act the Ohio Property Protection Act. The bill passed on the senate floor with a vote of 31 to 0. All veterans voted to pass it.

SB 257 would make active-duty members of the uniformed services eligible to participate in the homeownership savings linked deposit program. The vote on the floor was 31 to 0 in favor and all the

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veterans voted.

### **Eight Bills Go to the Governor**

Two of the bills that moved through both chambers and made it to the governor were 'Budget' bills and they contained large amounts of funding for a variety of Veteran and military usage. Everything from scholarships for war orphans, Ohio Veterans Homes, and the Ohio National Guard to veteran organizations and local veteran parks. There were HB 2 and HB 33.

HB 2 directed state funds for economic growth and community development. The final vote in the house had 92 yeas and 5 nays with all veterans voting. Representatives Gross and Willis were the only two voting nays. It then passed on the senate floor with a vote of 31 to 1. All the veterans voted in favor of the bill.

HB 33 established operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025. The final house vote was 67 to 30 in favor of the bill. Eight veterans voted yea, and Representatives Lear, Miller, Wiggam, and Willis voted nay. Gross did not vote. It was 24 to 8 when the senate voted. All veterans voted in favor of the bill except Senator Craig who voted nay.

After passage in the two chambers Governor DeWine passed the bill but with a couple of line-item vetoes. The bill then was returned for a vote to override the vetoes. Where it passed in both chambers. No veteran or military budgeted items were affected by the veto.

Six other bills made it to the governor's desk and were signed into law without any vetoing. They were House Bills 202, 250, 253, and 269. From the other chamber there were Senate Bills 43 and 225.

HB 202 designates a portion of United States Route 62 in Canton as the "Specialist Dennis Alan Combs Memorial Highway." It passed in the House and the senate with unanimous votes.

Representatives Richardson and Willis were the only

two veterans who did not vote in the house. All the veterans in the senate voted.

HB 250 revised the Military Enlistment diploma seal. This bill also received unanimous votes in both chambers. All veterans voted in the senate and all but Representatives Weinstein and Willis voted in the house.

HB 253 designated portions of United States Routes 42, 68, and 62 as the "Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor." It passed in both chambers with unanimously. Representatives Richardson and Willis did not vote, all others did.

HB 269 designated a portion of State Route 60 in Muskingum County as the "Sgt Bradley J. Harper USMC Memorial Highway." Representatives Loychik and Adam Miller were the only veterans not voting when the bill passed unanimously in both chambers.

SB 43 modified the homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers and all veterans voted except for Representative Gross.

SB 225 designated September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day. It passed both chambers with unanimous votes and every veteran voting.

Giving our readers an overview of which veterans introduced bills or how they voted on veteran/military bills is not meant to influence how anyone votes. This issue of OLR will not be emailed until after the November 5th election to ensure that it doesn't influence any votes. It might give readers a better understanding of which of our elected veterans might need more nudging to get bills passed or who they can turn to if there is legislation they might want introduced.

The 136th General assembly will convene in less than two months. As the 135th goes into a lame duck session and finishes out their two years, now is the time to be thinking and planning for the next two years.

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