
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS` AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7094](#)

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS {LC3134/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PRESENTATION

Kasim Yarn

Director, Office of Veteran Services

- Office of Veterans Services Mission & Lines of Effort
- Rhode Island Veterans Home (Bristol)
- Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Exeter)
- Rhode Island Veterans Resource Center (Warwick)
- UniteRI SnapShot
- 2025 Annual Report Highlights
- Veteran Service Grants
- Veterans Services Strategic Plan
- 2026 Outlook

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