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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7679](#)

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, Casey, Kennedy

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF VETERANS {LC4890/1} (Provides that certain Hmong or Lao individuals who served honorably in military operations in support of the United States as special guerrilla units be granted burial rights at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [8123](#)

(Rhode Island National Guard)

**BY** Azzinaro, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS {LC5434/1} (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [8124](#)

**BY** Donovan, McGaw, Tanzi, Speakman, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Ajello, Giraldo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME STAFFING SUPPORT ACT OF 2026 {LC5742/1} (Creates The Rhode Island Veterans Home Staffing Support Act of 2026.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [8125](#)

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, Santucci, Phillips, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT {LC5801/1} (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8251](#)**

**BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, J. Lombardi, Read, Noret, Corvese**

**ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR SIMILAR RECOGNITION, TO UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN HONDURAS FROM 1981 TO 1992 {LC6020/1}**

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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