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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR 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

02/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for 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

04/09/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for 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

04/09/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for 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

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