

Dear VFW Members and Supporters:

1. VA disability benefits often reduce the pay of combat-injured service members who leave the military early, resulting in a loss of part of their retirement.

Therefore, the **Major Richard Star Act** would fix this, but it can't move forward without action from the Armed Services Committees, which must grant a hearing. Although the bill has support, it has not yet received a public hearing.

Taking action now sends your message to your member of Congress based on their role—whether to support the bill or help secure a hearing—so it can move forward and ensure fair treatment for combat-injured veterans.

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/132821/Respond>

2. Veterans are often prescribed multiple psychiatric medications without clear information about risks, side effects, or alternatives. Many lack access to innovative PTSD treatments.

Therefore, a Senate hearing on December 3 addresses this issue, and the VFW is urging Congress to act.

Two key bills would help:

- **H.R.4837** would require clear written consent before prescribing certain psychiatric medications.
- **H.R.2623** would expand access to innovative PTSD treatments through VA centers.

Veterans deserve transparency, safety, and real treatment options. Urge Congress to support these bills. <https://votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/131895/Respond>

3. The Post-9/11 GI Bill has helped millions of veterans, but its \$1,000 book stipend hasn't increased since 2009, leaving student veterans struggling with rising costs.

H.R.1965 would raise the stipend to \$1,400 and adjust it for inflation. Despite its bipartisan support, the bill requires additional cosponsors.

Please urge your representative to support and cosponsor H.R.1965 so veterans can afford the materials they need without financial hardship.

<https://votervoicenet.com/VFW/Campaigns/131302/Respond>

If you have not yet, please come see me afterwards; I can help you sign up after the meeting, whether here or in the parking lot.

Yours in comradeship,

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