

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 2810**Subcommittee on Military Personnel
En Bloc #4**

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152	Veasey	Directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the recruiting, retention, and persistence rates of military service academy candidates, current attendees, and graduates and report the finding no later than Dec. 1, 2018.
154	Veasey	Directs a report on the methods and resources in order to train and educate dependents on suicide risk factors and ways to support their service member, with special emphasis on service members with diagnosed PTSD.
206	Tsongas	Expresses a Sense of Congress that the civilians covered under section 717 of the FY17 NDAA include U.S. victims of domestic and international terrorism.
234	Russell	Reimbursement for state licensure and certification costs of member of the armed forces arising from separation from the Armed Forces.
283	Courtney	Directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to brief the committee on its ability to conduct complex statistical analysis of the Defense Medical Surveillance System.
288	Brown	Requires the DOD to include specific block for email addresses on the DD-214 form.
300r1	Walz	Sense of Congress supporting goals & ideals of the National Purple Heart Recognition Day, encouraging Americans to learn about history of medal, to honor recipients, & conduct appropriate ceremonies & activities to support medal awardees.
330	Hunter	Requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit report on sexual assault prevention and response policies of the Coast Guard and goals related to sexual assault victim recovery.
333	Jones	Education for Dependents of Certain Retired Members of the Armed Forces to exclude the Coast Guard.

**Amendment to H.R. 2810
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018**

Offered by Mr. Veasey of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2810, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Military Officer Diversity

The Committee is concerned with the lack of diversity within commissioned officers and believes a new evaluation of military service academy attendees is necessary to obtain data in order to evaluate future policy. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the recruiting, retention, and persistence rates of military service academy candidates, current cadets/midshipmen, and graduates. The Secretary of Defense shall provide the results of the evaluation in a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2018.

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Offered by Mr. Veasey of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2810, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Military Family Wellness & Suicide Prevention

The Committee is concerned with the behavioral health and wellness of service members to include suicide risk factors and believes that an evaluation must be done on ways to inform the dependents' of service members of the suicide risk factors. The Committee seeks a report on the methods and resources in order to train and educate dependents on suicide risk factors and ways to support their service member, promote healthy environments, and reduce the overall risk factors for suicide. Emphasis should be placed on dependents living with service members that have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the resources, methods, and approaches for such training and education of dependents. The Secretary of Defense shall provide the results of the evaluation in a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2018.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810**OFFERED BY MS. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ELIGIBILITY OF VIC-**
2 **TIMS OF ACTS OF TERROR FOR EVALUATION**
3 **AND TREATMENT AT MILITARY TREATMENT**
4 **FACILITIES.**

5 Section 717 of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) is amend-
7 ed by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following
8 new subsections:

9 “(d) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that the civilians covered by this section include
11 United States victims of domestic and international ter-
12 rorism.

13 “(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘act of terror’ means an act of
15 domestic terrorism or international terrorism, as
16 those terms are defined in section 2331 of title 18,
17 United States Code.

1 “(2) The term ‘covered beneficiary’ has the
2 meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,
3 United States Code.

4 “(3) The term ‘victim’, with respect to an act
5 of terror, means an individual who suffered physical
6 injury as a direct result of the act of terror.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. RUSSELL OF OKLAHOMA

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE LICENSURE AND**
2 **CERTIFICATION COSTS OF A MEMBER OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES ARISING FROM SEPARATION**
4 **FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZED.—Section 1143
6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new subsection:

8 “(f) REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE LICENSURE AND
9 CERTIFICATION COSTS.—(1) The Secretary concerned
10 may reimburse a member of the armed forces who sepa-
11 rates from the armed forces for qualified relicensing costs
12 of the member.

13 “(2) Reimbursement provided to a member under
14 this subsection may not exceed \$500.

15 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘qualified relicensing
16 costs’ means costs, including exam and registration fees,
17 that—

18 “(A) are imposed by the State in which the
19 member resides after separation from the armed

1 forces to secure a license or certification to engage
2 in a profession; and

3 “(B) are paid or incurred by the member to se-
4 cure the license or certification from the State in
5 which the member resides after separation from the
6 armed forces.”.

7 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO EX-
8 PEDITE LICENSE PORTABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE
9 ARMED FORCES.—

10 (1) CONSULTATION WITH STATES.—The Sec-
11 retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland
12 Security with respect to the Coast Guard, shall con-
13 sult with States—

14 (A) to identify barriers to the portability
15 between States of a license, certification, or
16 other grant of permission held by a member of
17 the Armed Forces to engage in an occupation
18 when the member separates from the Armed
19 Forces; and

20 (B) to develop recommendations for the
21 Federal Government and the States, together or
22 separately, to expedite the portability of such li-
23 censes, certifications, and other grants of per-
24 mission for separated members of the Armed
25 Forces.

1 (2) SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting
2 the consultation and preparing the recommendations
3 under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall consider
4 the feasibility of—

5 (A) States accepting licenses, certifi-
6 cations, and other grants of permission de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) issued by another
8 State and in good standing in that State;

9 (B) the issuance of a temporary license
10 pending completion of State-specific require-
11 ments; and

12 (C) the establishment of an expedited re-
13 view process for separated members of the
14 Armed Forces.

15 (3) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March
16 15, 2018, the Secretaries shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees and the States a re-
18 port containing the recommendations developed
19 under this subsection.

20 (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate
22 congressional committees” means the congressional
23 defense committees, the Committee on Homeland
24 Security and Government Affairs of the Senate, and

- 1 the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-
- 2 form of the House of Representatives.



**Amendment to H.R. 281
National Defense Authorization Act for**

Log 283

Offered by: Representative Courtney (D-CT)

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2810, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Use of Data Analytics within the Defense Medical Surveillance System for Complex
Epidemiology and Pathology Research**

The Committee notes the persisting concerns of many veterans and current service members regarding possible linkages between their service and medically unexplained illnesses and/or diagnosed diseases with difficult to identify causes such as many forms of cancer. The committee supports the efforts of the Department to maximize data collection within the Defense Medical Surveillance System, as well as the use of this data by the Epidemiology and Analysis Section of the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch to improve our understanding of service member epidemiology.

Given recent advances in data processing and analytics, the Committee is hopeful that continued collection and improved analysis of the dataset within the Defense Medical Surveillance System will help confirm or disprove the statistical significance of a veteran's service as a causal factor in contracting certain diseases. However, the Committee also recognizes that the immense scale of the data contained within the Defense Medical Surveillance System would likely require significant processing power and advanced modeling systems to fully understand the patterns contained within its records.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 31, 2017, on:

- (1) the data processing systems currently employed to analyze records within the Defense Medical Surveillance System;
- (2) any research completed or currently in progress using the Defense Medical Surveillance System to identify linkages between veterans' service and medically unexplained illnesses, and;
- (3) current limitations or restrictions on research due to insufficient data processing capability.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. BROWN OF MARYLAND

At the appropriate place in title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC EMAIL ADDRESS**
2 **BLOCK ON CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DIS-**
3 **CHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD FORM 214).**

4 (a) **MODIFICATION REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of
5 Defense shall modify the Certificate of Release or Dis-
6 charge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to include a spe-
7 cific block explicitly identified as the location in which a
8 member of the Armed Forces may provide one or more
9 email addresses by which the member may be contacted
10 after discharge or release from active duty in the Armed
11 Forces.

12 (b) **DEADLINE FOR MODIFICATION.**—The Secretary
13 of Defense shall release a revised Certificate of Release
14 or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), modified
15 as required by subsection (a), not later than one year after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA**

At the end of title X, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10 . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NATIONAL**
2 **PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) On August 7, 1782, during the Revolu-
5 tionary War, General George Washington estab-
6 lished what is now known as the Purple Heart medal
7 when he issued an order establishing the Badge of
8 Military Merit.

9 (2) The Badge of Military Merit was designed
10 in the shape of a heart in purple cloth or silk.

11 (3) While the award of the Badge of Military
12 Merit ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War,
13 the Purple Heart medal was authorized in 1932 as
14 the official successor decoration to the Badge of
15 Military Merit.

16 (4) The Purple Heart medal is the oldest
17 United States military decoration in present use.

18 (5) The Purple Heart medal is awarded in the
19 name of the President of the United States to recog-

1 nize members of the Armed Forces who are killed or
2 wounded in action against an enemy of the United
3 States or are killed or wounded while held as pris-
4 oners of war.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

6 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
7 Purple Heart Recognition Day; and

8 (2) encourages all people of the United
9 States—

10 (A) to learn about the history of the Pur-
11 ple Heart medal;

12 (B) to honor recipients of the Purple
13 Heart medal; and

14 (C) to conduct appropriate ceremonies, ac-
15 tivities, and programs to demonstrate support
16 for people who have been awarded the Purple
17 Heart medal.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810

OFFERED BY Mr. Hunter

At the appropriate place in title XXXV insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM RECOVERY**
2 **IN THE COAST GUARD.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of
5 the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on Trans-
6 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate a report on sexual assault
9 prevention and response policies of the Coast Guard and
10 strategic goals related to sexual assault victim recovery.

11 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The report shall—

12 (1) describe Coast Guard strategic goals relat-
13 ing to sexual assault climate, prevention, response,
14 and accountability, and actions taken by the Coast
15 Guard to promote sexual assault victim recovery;

16 (2) explain how victim recovery is being incor-
17 porated into Coast Guard strategic and pro-
18 grammatic guidance related to sexual assault pre-
19 vention and response;

1 (3) examine current Coast Guard sexual assault
2 prevention and response policy with respect to—

3 (A) Coast Guard criteria for what com-
4 prises sexual assault victim recovery;

5 (B) alignment of Coast Guard personnel
6 policies to enhance—

7 (i) an approach to sexual assault re-
8 sponse that gives priority to victim recov-
9 ery;

10 (ii) upholding individual privacy and
11 dignity; and

12 (iii) the opportunity for the continu-
13 ation of Coast Guard service by sexual as-
14 sault victims; and

15 (C) sexual harassment response, including
16 a description of the circumstances under which
17 sexual harassment is considered a criminal of-
18 fense; and

19 (4) to ensure victims and supervisors under-
20 stand the full scope of resources available to aid in
21 long-term recovery, explain how the Coast Guard in-
22 forms its workforce about changes to sexual assault
23 prevention and response policies related to victim re-
24 covery.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 __. EDUCATION FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN RE-**
2 **TIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 Section 2164(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by inserting “, dependents of retirees,”
7 after “dependents of members of the armed
8 forces”; and

9 (B) by inserting “and the dependents of
10 such retirees” after “such members of the
11 armed forces”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘re-
15 tiree’ means a member or former member of the armed
16 forces, not including a member or former member of the
17 Coast Guard, who is entitled to retired or retainer pay

1 under this title, or who, but for age, would be eligible for

2 retired or retainer pay under chapter 1223 of this title.”.

