

**JOINT HEARING
SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Legislative Presentation of The American Legion
& Multi VSOs: Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Minority Veterans of America,
National Association of County Veterans Services Officers, Military Officers Association of
America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, D'Aniello Institute
for Veterans and Military Families, and Wounded Warrior Project**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025
10:00 AM
Cannon House Office Building, Room 390**

WITNESS LIST

PANEL I

James LaCoursiere, Jr., National Commander, The American Legion

Accompanied By:

Joe Sharpe, Director, Veterans Employment and Education Division

Matthew Jabaut, Chairman, Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Matthew Shuman, Chairman, Legislative Commission

Julia Mathis, Director, Legislative Division

John "Jay" Bowen, Chairman, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Cole Lyle, Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

PANEL II

Gary Ginsburg, USA, (ret.), National Commander, Jewish War Veterans

Lindsay Church, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Minority Veterans of America

Michael McLaughlin, Legislative Director, National Association of County Veterans Services Officers

CDR Rene A. Campos, USN-Ret, Senior Director, Government Relations, Military Officers Association of America

Timothy Sheppard, President, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs

Raymond Toenniessen, Deputy Executive Director and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University

Lt. Gen. Walter E. Piatt (ret.), Chief Executive Officer, Wounded Warrior Project