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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:

SEC. 7. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ELIGIBILITY OF VICTIMS OF ACTS OF TERROR FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT AT MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Section 717 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following new subsections:

“(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the civilians covered by this section include United States victims of domestic and international terrorism.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘act of terror’ means an act of domestic terrorism or international terrorism, as those terms are defined in section 2331 of title 18, United States Code.
“(2) The term ‘covered beneficiary’ has the meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

“(3) The term ‘victim’, with respect to an act of terror, means an individual who suffered physical 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 CERTIFICATION COSTS OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES ARISING FROM SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES.

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

“(f) REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS.—(1) The Secretary concerned may reimburse a member of the armed forces who separates from the armed forces for qualified relicensing costs of the member.

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

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

“(A) are imposed by the State in which the member resides after separation from the armed
forces to secure a license or certification to engage in a profession; and

"(B) are paid or incurred by the member to secure the license or certification from the State in which the member resides after separation from the armed forces."

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPEDITE LICENSE PORTABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

(1) CONSULTATION WITH STATES.—The Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard, shall consult with States—

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

(B) to develop recommendations for the Federal Government and the States, together or separately, to expedite the portability of such licenses, certifications, and other grants of permission for separated members of the Armed Forces.
(2) SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the consultation and preparing the recommendations under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall consider the feasibility of—

(A) States accepting licenses, certifications, and other grants of permission described in paragraph (1) issued by another State and in good standing in that State;

(B) the issuance of a temporary license pending completion of State-specific requirements; and

(C) the establishment of an expedited review process for separated members of the Armed Forces.

(3) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 15, 2018, the Secretaries shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the States a report containing the recommendations developed under this subsection.

(4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate, and
the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives.
Amendment to H.R. 281
National Defense Authorization Act for

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:

SEC. 5. INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC EMAIL ADDRESS BLOCK ON CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD FORM 214).

(a) MODIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall modify the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to include a specific block explicitly identified as the location in which a member of the Armed Forces may provide one or more email addresses by which the member may be contacted after discharge or release from active duty in the Armed Forces.

(b) DEADLINE FOR MODIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall release a revised Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), modified as required by subsection (a), not later than one year after 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:

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

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) On August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, General George Washington established what is now known as the Purple Heart medal when he issued an order establishing the Badge of Military Merit.

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

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

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

(5) The Purple Heart medal is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to recog-
nize members of the Armed Forces who are killed or wounded in action against an enemy of the United States or are killed or wounded while held as prisoners of war.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

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

(2) encourages all people of the United States—

(A) to learn about the history of the Purple Heart medal;

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

(C) to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for people who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY Mr. Hunter

At the appropriate place in title XXXV insert the following:

SEC. ___ REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM RECOVERY IN THE COAST GUARD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on sexual assault prevention and response policies of the Coast Guard and strategic goals related to sexual assault victim recovery.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report shall—

(1) describe Coast Guard strategic goals relating to sexual assault climate, prevention, response, and accountability, and actions taken by the Coast Guard to promote sexual assault victim recovery;

(2) explain how victim recovery is being incorporated into Coast Guard strategic and programmatic guidance related to sexual assault prevention and response;
(3) examine current Coast Guard sexual assault prevention and response policy with respect to—

(A) Coast Guard criteria for what comprises sexual assault victim recovery;

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

(i) an approach to sexual assault response that gives priority to victim recovery;

(ii) upholding individual privacy and dignity; and

(iii) the opportunity for the continuation of Coast Guard service by sexual assault victims; and

(C) sexual harassment response, including a description of the circumstances under which sexual harassment is considered a criminal offense; and

(4) to ensure victims and supervisors understand the full scope of resources available to aid in long-term recovery, explain how the Coast Guard informs its workforce about changes to sexual assault prevention and response policies related to victim recovery.
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 5. EDUCATION FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

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

(1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

“(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘retiree’ means a member or former member of the armed forces, not including a member or former member of the 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.”.