

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION  
**WEEKLY UPDATE**



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Greetings,

We hope you enjoy this week's National Council Weekly Update on the pertinent happenings of your VFW departments.

**Development**

- Jan. 19 Appeal:
  - January legislative email #2 to all Friends of Freedom.
- Jan. 20 Appeal:
  - October sock reminder appeal to lapsed nonmember donors.
- Jan. 22 Appeals:
  - January acquisition reminder package with nickels, coasters and check.
  - Kitchen set package to nonmember donors.

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**Communications**

- Communications and Public Affairs Director Rob Couture drafted and distributed a press release on behalf of the organization – Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- The C&PA director continued to coordinate with the U.S. Army for guest interviews, to include soldier athletes participating in the 2022 Winter Olympics Games and a recently awarded Medal of Honor recipient, for future episodes of the podcast.

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**Administrative Operations**

- There are currently 43 Posts under suspension, two of which are new. There were no Post consolidations processed this week pursuant to Section 209 of the National Bylaws. The organization has 5,921 chartered Posts.
- Administrative Operations is engaged in 23 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, seven administrative actions and seven membership eligibility challenges.
- We have three Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions in for review, three of which are new; current turnaround time on Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions is approximately 14 days.

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### **National Legislative Service**

- The VFW Action Corps community has done it again! Thanks to your efforts, H.R. 1836, the *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021* has passed the House, and National Guard and Reserve members are one step closer to receiving the education benefits they deserve for their time in service. This bill is now headed to the Senate.
- The VFW currently [supports 146 bills; and opposes one bill](#) pending before the 117th Congress.

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### **National Veterans Service**

- NVS VFW's Pre-Discharge representatives hosted a series of benefit briefings for separating service members around the country this week to include Nellis Air Force Base, Joint Base Andrews, United States Naval Academy, and Fort Campbell.
- NVS participated in the biweekly VA ATLAS call to discuss the program's current status and partnerships with the VFW and other organizations.
- NVS and NLS participated in a meeting with MITRE, the contractor who is assessing metrics outcomes for the DOD Transition Assistance Program and the partnered organizations. MITRE requested VSO feedback on the program.
- NVS participated in the VA Debt Management Center stakeholder meeting to discuss issues for veterans who have debts with VA.
- NVS also participated in update meetings with Veterans Benefits Administration and the Board of Veterans Appeals to discuss ongoing issues like pending VA claims workload, contract exams, and VA's efforts to create more automated processes to speed up the VA claims process.

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