

# NAVPA

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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# Legislative Committee

- ◆ Review resolutions from membership
- ◆ Set priorities
- ◆ Draft Legislative Agenda
- ◆ Review Bills pertaining to Veterans Education
- ◆ Lead Mid-Year Hill visit
- ◆ Testify at hearings

# What did we do this year?

## ◆ December 2012

*Reviewed DOD Post Secondary Complaint Form*

*Drafted the 2013 Legislative priorities*

*Reviewed HR 4057- Comprehensive policy on Providing Education Information to Veterans*

*Meeting with S. Chu's staff on HR 6101- Educational Counseling for Veterans*

# What did we do this year?

## ◆ January 2013

*Drafted Legislative Agenda & Talking Points*

*SVA Conference panel, “For-Profit Education and Veterans: Beyond the Rhetoric”*

*Reviewed HR 357 – Tuition Fairness Act of 2013*

*Provided testimony to HVAC on LTS upgrades, claims processing & GI Bill improvements*

# What did we do this year?

## ◆ February 2013

*Mid-year Meeting-Legislative Meeting*

*Beginning of Debt Management and Tax offset Investigation*

*Discussion panel for in-state residency at AL symposium*

*Testified –Improving Efficiencies in the processing of the Post 9/11 GI  
Bill claims*

# What did we do this year?

## ◆ March 2013

*S. Tester – Service members Student Loan Relief Act*

*Infoe-Hagen - HR 933 – Tuition Assistance*

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter in response to  
Overpayment's and Tax Offset Program*

# What did we do this year?

◆ April 2013

*Senator Bennett's Letter re: TOP*

*HR 357- In State Tuition*

*HR 562 – VRAP*

*HR 631- Transitional Assistance Program*

*HR 844 – Delimiting Date Extension*

# What did we do this year?

## ◆ May, June, July 2013

*Oversight and Investigations Meeting with HVAC, DMC, SVAC*

*Senator Bennett - S. 930 Moving Student debt off the end of entitlement*

*Senator Tester - S. 634 Service member Student Loan Relief Act of 2013*



# What did we do this year?

◆ **Aug 2013**

*Review and Comment 3<sup>rd</sup> version DOD MOU*

*Review 8 Keys to Success for Veterans*

*Secretary Shinseki's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter released to public- Cease and Desist  
Treasury Offset program for 90 Days.*

# What's happening....

- ◆ *Veterans Educational Counseling Transparency in Opportunities and Resources (VECTOR) Act of 2013. (Representative Chu)*

This bill aims to ensure that all GI Bill-eligible veterans applying for benefits are made aware of the free educational counseling available to them by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before receiving their certificate of eligibility.

# now....

- ◆ *H.R. 813, The Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013*  
(Representative Miller)

This bill would require Congress to fully fund the Department of Veterans Affairs' discretionary budget a year ahead of schedule, ensuring that all VA services will have timely, predictable funding in an era where continuing resolutions and threats of government shutdowns are all too frequent.

# And....

- ◆ *Honoring our Promise to America's Veterans Act* (Mr. Culberson) Passed October 1, 2013 Joint Resolution

This bill would ensure that veterans in receipt of VA disability compensation, pension, GI Bill, and other critical benefits will continue to receive those benefits in the event of a prolonged government shutdown. The bill would also fund the Veterans Benefits Administration at President Obama's fiscal year 2014 requested operational level, ensuring VA claims processing efforts could continue at normal rates.

# And Again....

- ◆ *“Protecting Those Who Protected Us Act of 2013”*. (Mr. Sanders)

There are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2014, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for any period during which interim or full year appropriations for fiscal year 2014 are not in effect, such sums as necessary to administer and provide benefits and services to veterans, dependents and survivors under chapters 11, 13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 39, of title 38, United States Code.

# What do YOU want to see happen?

- ◆ OUR work is based on the discussions and resolutions that you write this week.
- ◆ Tell us what is happening on your campus.
- ◆ What barriers do your students face?
- ◆ How can legislation help you better serve our veterans and their families?

# How can you be involved?

- ◆ Strategic Alliances :
  - ◆ Bob Norton, Deputy Director, Govt. Relations, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
  - ◆ D. Wayne Robinson, Executive Director, Student Veterans of America
  - ◆ Steve Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Education Services, American Legion
  - ◆ Ryan Gallucci, Deputy Director, national Legislative Services, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- ◆ Creating relationships with local chapters and representatives in your community.



# Thank You for All You Do!



Humboldt State VETS Outdoor Program – Boundary Waters