

# VFW Action Alert: Keep VFW Priorities in the NDAA

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While members of Congress are home for the August recess, their staff remain in Washington, D.C., tracking what constituents are saying and preparing for the work ahead. Now is the time to speak up.

Two critical VFW priorities must stay in this year's National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (NDAA):

- *Major Richard Star Act (Senate amendment)*

Ends the unjust offset that prevents combat-injured, medically retired veterans from receiving both military retirement pay and VA disability compensation. Veterans who earned both deserve both.

- *TAP Promotion Act (part of the House base text)*

Improves the Transition Assistance Program by giving service members direct access to accredited VA claims assistance to receive their benefits at the earliest possible moment.

When Congress returns in September, negotiations will begin on the NDAA. These VFW priorities will not make it without strong support, and that starts with you.

**[Take Action: Send a message to your senators and representative urging them to support the Major Richard Star Act amendment in the Senate NDAA and fight to keep both the Major Richard Star Act and the TAP Promotion Act in the final version of the NDAA.](#)**

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