

DA Veterans and Military Family Caucus Report August 6th, 2019

- DPCA Business: Nomination for Chair or Co-Chairs of the DA VMF Caucus still pending as well as clarification for the name of our Caucus (to s or not to s) ie DA Veteran and Military Family Caucus and not DA Veterans and Military Family Caucus
- Advocacy: Transgender Military Ban Resolution being presented by Kenneth Sherman to the DNC Veterans and Military Families Council at the DNC meeting in August. Great thanks to Michael Lee for crafting and editing.
- GOTV and Outreach: Compiling a list of stateside Democrat VMF Caucuses and external US Vet and Military Family organizations.
- PSA (Public Service Announcement) for Crisis Hotline, VA Benefits and Tricare SOS: Will be adding content about the resolution we passed and information on the Crisis Hotline in our Website. Currently testing with a VFW contact about reimbursement for PTSD treatment outside the US.
- Communications: Website and Wiki are live! Great thanks to our IT Liaison Will Prescott and the DA IT Team, Working on more content.
- Setting up VMF Caucuses** at the CC level: Spain, France in the organizational stages, resources, wiki, kit, etc. IT Training.
- Events:** Leah Daughtry podcast on the website, Leah Daughtry, Two-time CEO at the DNC Convention spoke to us about What Matters and GOTV to the military. Great thanks to Michael Ramos for editing the podcast.
- DA Military Plank: distributed 2016 plank to Steering Committee, will discuss later.
- Delegate Selection Plan:** will be asking for Vets to run but need to look into providing financial support for travel expenses
- Presidential Candidate Debates:** really disappointed in the lack of questions and discussion about Vet issues ie suicide rate, homelessness, etc. Summary of VMF issues prepared by Richard and Corinne.

DA Veterans and Military Family Caucus Report July 2nd, 2019

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- Progressive Caucus Antiwar Resolution: providing feedback
- GOTV: Met with the American Legion's Communications Director for Europe and they will include GOTV information using the FPCA forms in their communications Presidential Candidate positions on VMF issues ready in time for the debate watches. Disappointed to see that Vet homelessness and suicide rates not addressed during the debates by any candidate. Mental health is indeed an epidemic as witnessed by the current parking lot suicides occurring through the US.
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plank). We are working to establish POCs in Europe, Asia and the Americas for VA Healthcare and Tricare.

- Communications: Once the website is up then Newsletter, FB, etc: DA IT Team is helping us on the setup and we are working on content.

- Outreach to Stateside VMFs and other Vet Organizations: currently making a list, VoteVet, etc.

Setting up VMF Caucuses at the CC level: Spain, France in the organizational stages, resources, wiki, kit, etc.

- Events:** Podcasts, Webinars, Conference calls will begin once our website is up.

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DA Veterans and Military Family Caucus Report for May 2019

The global caucus has officially been inaugurated. It has now become one of the seven global caucuses in Democrats Abroad.

There are DA members from seven countries on four continents at our weekly meetings of the steering committee; people from a number of other countries are on the mailing list. Efforts are continuing to recruit new members.

The global caucus was in attendance at three of the many events commemorating Memorial Day in France. Although we were able to obtain information about similar events in other countries such as the Philippines, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands, organizing participation was not possible at this time. Global caucus representation is planned for the ceremonies commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in the presence of the current US President and other heads of state on June 6th.

Our effort to support transgender troops in their struggle for recognition and dignity did prove to be more successful. With the aid of an external sponsor, a resolution condemning the prohibition and demanding appropriate and thorough medical support found approval at this year's Annual General Meeting.

We are currently planning a public service announcement of sorts for our upcoming web site. It will concern Tricare and how to obtain coverage overseas. This is relevant for retirees. It will draw upon actual experience. Similar announcements pertaining to issues relevant to veterans in general will also be forthcoming.

We would like to do more to engage country committees in the creation of caucuses at the country level.

We are also encouraging our members to contact their respective members of congress as individual constituents to encourage voting preference in matters pertaining to veterans.

We are gearing up for the effort to get out the vote and looking into possibilities to register voters at or near U.S military installations, as well as with the American Legion, the VFW and with veterans studying abroad.

A document presenting the positions of the various presidential nominees concerning VMF issues is also in preparation.

DPCA Report July 19th 2019

Advocacy: Transgender Military Ban Resolution, finalizing the rough draft for the DNC meeting in August.

Podcast with Leah Daughtry being edited. Interview about VMF issues and guidelines about where to go from here.

Presidential debates: Prepared candidates positions on VMF issues and concerns, compiling a list of Vets running for Congress

GOTV and Outreach: compiling lists of Stateside VMFs and other Vet Organizations VoteVet, etc

PSA (Public Service Announcement) for Crisis Hotline being edited for Website.

Communications: Website is live and we are posting content, Training with IT Team

Working on an email blast to invite DA

members to join and then the same at the CC level

Setting up VMF Caucuses at the CC level: Spain, France in the organizational stages, resources, wiki, kit, etc. Had a meeting with DA IT Team about that

Events ongoing and coming up: 75th Liberation of Europe, Veteran's Day

DA Military Plank: to be posted on the website

At DPCA International Excom: Awaiting decision on Chair and/or

Co-Chairs VMF Caucus

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DPCA Weekly Report for June 21st, 2019

Advocacy: Transgender Military Ban Resolution: preparing communications and moving forward per Julia's advice

GOTV: Establishing contact with AL and VFW organizations abroad about voter registration

Presidential Candidate statements on Veteran and Military Family Issues being prepared for the upcoming debate watches

Working on PSA (Public Service Announcement) for Crisis Hotline, VA Benefits and Tricare SOS: Contact with the Telehealth to find out how this is available to Vets and Military Families Overseas

Getting Website and FB up and running

Outreach to Stateside VMFs and other Vet Organizations in progress

DA Military Plank: work in progress

DPCA Weekly Report for June 27th, 2019

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Getting Website and FB up and running: Contacted IT Team and they need the DA Chair and DA Secretary to vet us now. Have IT Liaison Volunteer. Working on content for the website and FB.

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