

DA Veterans and Military Families Caucus Report Sept. 10th, 2019

Advocacy:

Cross-caucusing: Homeless Woman and Sexual Assault in the Military (Women's), Deported Veterans and Citizenship (Hispanic), Restorative Justice for Black WWII (Black Caucus): Need captains from Women's and Black Caucus, Transgender Military Ban Resolution (LGBTQI)

3 questions to Presidential candidates to be sent to Julia today on: health ie parking lot suicides/ health care benefits abroad, veteran deportation and denial of citizenship to children, women in the military (homelessness and sexual assault)

•**Messaging stateside VMF Caucuses** to urge them to contact their governors about **not enforcing** the transgender military ban of their National Guard.

Working on McConnell Graveyard post about Senate blockage of House transgender military ban initiatives and other legislation. List of pending Senate action up on website.

GOTV and Outreach:

•Working with DA GOTV team on military outreach especially for vets studying abroad on the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Have list of universities abroad who accept Vets on the Post-GI Bill, Need to coordinate with DA Study Abroad also.

•Almost finished with list of stateside Democrat VMF Caucuses and working on external US Vet and Military Family organizations. List of military bases overseas.

•Service Projects and Events:

•PSA (Public Service Announcement) for **Crisis Hotline** up on website, working on the VA Benefits and Tricare SOS post: Ongoing testing with a VFW contact about reimbursement for PTSD treatment outside the US.

•Podcast on September 27th with the Hispanic Caucus about **deported veterans**.

•Events: Liberation of Paris on Thursday, September 12th, Veterans Day, November 11th.

•**Organization: Setting up VMF CC Caucuses in Spain, France and Thailand.** Resources on the wiki, IT Liaison and training with DA IT Team.

•Weekly meetings with Steering Committee (Thailand is a new member, Germany, Korea, Mexico, France, Australia, Spain)

•Pending nomination of our Chair or Co-Chairs by the DPCA Excom

•2020 Elections:

•**Positions for VMF Issues of the next 10 Presidential candidates up on website.** Adding more from those on Forum last Saturday (Buttigieg, Harris, Castro, Tulia)

• **Making a list of Vets running in 2020.**

•DA Military Plank: distributed 2016 plank to Steering Committee. Will Bakker explained Resolutions and the Platform. Working on list Kitchen Table Topics on last Sunday's call.

•**Delegate Selection Plan:** will be asking for Vets to run, travel expenses an issue.

Communications: Email blast, FB, Ongoing website and wiki update. Logo.