

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT, JULY, 2018

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1. Regarding H. R. 4556, Cong. Robin Kelly's support, if we can get it, may make a significant difference, since she is in favor of dental care and got many cosponsors for her bill, H. R. 2422 (which got 83 cosponsors, has passed the House, and is at the Senate). At our May meeting, Anthony Travis volunteered to meet with her staffer. (How did it go?)

17 cosponsors so far, of which 6 are from IL.

We have asked our Senators to write letters to the IL Cong. Delegation, urging their support, but they have not done so. Sen. Duckworth will not write this letter, but will look into the matter if it ever makes it to the Senate.

I have been in contact with the Cmdr. of the Elgin VFW, who I met at the Expo prior to the last Wolves Military Night, and his friends who are with Smiles for Veterans, a group in Montgomery, IL, that provides free dental care to needy vets. One of them is a friend of WFLD's Natalie Bomke, who I previously wrote to, but who never replied. Bomke is interested.

I have reached out to the Gary Sinise Foundation and am awaiting a reply.

2. Please get candidates to submit statements to our webmaster (webmaster@coalitionofvets.org) concerning their positions on veterans issues. Our website now has a section, starting with the moving banner at the top of the home page, about this. So far, we only have one statement. The Libertarian Party, with many vets running for office, says they will submit statements, and they were far more positive than anyone else.

3. At 1600, Saturday, August 25, 2018, Mark Weiman and I will be on the "America's Heroes Group Radio Talk Show," WVON, AM 1690, to speak on dental care for veterans and H. R. 4556.

4. Will someone on the south side please get information on "Veterans Views," WJOB, AM 1230 and FM 104.7. It's run by a Col (Ret) David Hinshaw weekly at 0900-1000 (don't know the day, just the time). I live on the NW side and cannot pick up this station. Any volunteer?

5. On 7-5-18, Willie Mack and I attended a meeting, chaired by Christopher Lafayelle, concerning interns. In this program, we will get interns and paid supervisors, and so will several other vet groups. Our "office," that can be our official address, is a former firehouse at 6843 S. Harper, Chicago. This will happen soon.