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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

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1. In reporting legislation that has been introduced, the same bills and writeups from the previous month will be repeated, with new bills or changes in **boldface**.
2. S. 10 VA Careers Act of 2023: Legislation to bolster efforts to recruit and retain strong clinical and managerial leadership in the VA health care system and make other important improvements to attract clinicians in scarce medical specialties. It has **5** co-sponsors, none from IL.
3. S. 42 Build for Veterans Act of 2023: This infrastructure bill has 4 co-sponsors, none from IL.
4. S.141 - Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act: It expands the program for home care. It has **8** co-sponsors, none from IL.
5. Cong Julia Brownley is re-introducing her dental bill very soon, possibly by the time you read this. When I get the number of this bill, I will spam it out, so that we can get to work in getting co-sponsors.
6. On 3-30-23, I went with Cook County Commissioner Anthony Quezada and his Chief of Staff, Daisy Navar, to tour the VACCC, and I spoke with them to and from. They were very impressed and will suggest to other commissioners to tour the VACCC. They are pro-veteran and pro-health, so they will work with us as they are able. Before I could suggest having the County Care facilities give dental care to veterans, Quezada mentioned it, but he said that their new Belmont-Cragin facility at Hanson Park does not yet have the needed dentists.
7. The Cook County Clerk's Office is working on an arrangement with the White Sox, as they have in the past, for free tickets for veterans with their Cook County Military and Veterans Discount ID Card. We should know something in several days.
8. I went to the Chicago Wolves Military Resource Fair prior to their Salute to Military Families game. There were many familiar faces, one of whom expressed his appreciation for being on our google group, because of all the good information that is being disseminated.
9. There have been many changes to the IL Congressional Delegation, not to mention the redistricting. Lauren Underwood is no longer on the Veterans Affairs Cmte., but Delia Ramirez (my congresswoman) is, although not on the Healthcare Subcommittee. Nikki Budzinski (with local offices in Springfield, Belleville, Champaign, Decatur) is on the Healthcare Subcommittee. Mike Bost is the Chmn of the Veterans Affairs Cmte.; he's a strong advocate for veterans, unless it involves \$.

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