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Good afternoon AMVETS Family,

The House of Representatives is in recess this week but the Senate is in full swing. The President is visiting a Lockheed Martin facility that makes Javelin anti-tank missiles, where he'll speak about aid to Ukraine.

In D.C. all eyes are on the Buckeye state as Ohio has its primaries today.

The Senate has a week chockfull of nomination and budget hearings. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee has a hearing this afternoon focused on VA's workforce and the challenges they are facing in competing with the private workforce.

The AMVETS Team is running full speed this month as we are officially less than one month out from Rolling To Remember!

See you there!

-Paul Shipley, AMVETS National Third Vice Commander

News Driving the Week

- [Per the Military Times](#): Last week, House Appropriations Committee officials announced plans to hold individual committee mark-ups — including ones for the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs — between June 22 and 30, with the hope of bringing the spending bills to the chamber floor soon thereafter.

That timeline would allow lawmakers to possibly finalize all of those measures before the start of fiscal 2023, which is Oct. 1.

However, that reality is dependent on the Senate, and leaders there have not yet set any timeline for when their work will be completed.

- Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough [told House lawmakers Thursday](#) that agency officials are requesting the largest VA budget in history because it will improve or save the lives of millions of veterans.

"What the budget really means is health care for an estimated 9.2 million vets, disability and survivor benefits for an estimated 6 million vets and their families, and lasting resting places for an estimated 135,000 heroes and family members," McDonough said during a budget hearing of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "What this budget really means is veterans' lives saved or improved by the work this funding makes possible."

- The Department of Veterans Affairs [may finally fill its top health care post later this month](#), which could lead to hiring even more doctors and nurses in the months to come.

Last week, in testimony before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, the White House's nominee to be the VA's under secretary for health said one of his top priorities for the job will be improving recruiting and retention for clinical care positions at the Veterans Health Administration.

Upcoming Events

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
The VA Workforce: Assessing Ways to Bolster Recruitment and Retention
Tuesday, May 3, 3:30 PM
[Watch here](#)

Senate Appropriations Committee
A Review of the FY 2023 Budget and FY 2024 Advance Appropriations Requests for the Department of Veterans Affairs

Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 PM

[Watch here](#)

Rolling To Remember
Friday, May 27th - Sunday, May 29th
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