

## Legislative March 2023

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
I wish.  
I wish who?  
I wish eyes are smiling!!!!

Knock, knock.  
Who's there.  
Potto.  
Potto who?  
Potto gold!

All of the VFW-endorsed bills from the 117<sup>th</sup> session of Congress expired on January 3, 2023, when the new session started. Keep an eye on the **VFW Action Center** to see which new bills they endorse at [votervoicenet.com/VFW/bills](http://votervoicenet.com/VFW/bills).

The **VFW 2023 Priority Goals** are now on display and they are as follows:

**Budget; Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; Education, Employment and Transition Assistance; Health Care; Military Quality of Life; and National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA.**

The VFW will continue to work diligently to ensure members of the newly seated Congress improve care and benefits for veterans, service members and their families.

The new session of Congress opens with 97 members who have military experience, **the most since 2015!**

Topeka has been announced as a new site for a **proposed new veterans home** to be built adjacent to the Colmery-O'Neal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This home would include 72 private rooms, divided into "households" and "neighborhoods" for the purpose of increasing community between residents.

The Topeka area is home of many of our nation's heroes, and the new veterans home will strengthen an already-strong veteran community. Veterans will have close access to quality VA healthcare and resources.

Please keep reporting monthly if possible, we are keeping track and if you get your reports in, your work is done! March 31, 2023, is the date to turn those reports in again, and it is a good idea to have another set of eyes look at those reports before you send them in, so if you missed anything it can be caught before you send it in. Watch those hours and money, reports **must be filled out with some type of hours or dollars!**

### Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Who catches the lepro-cons? Under-clover cops.

Why did the leprechaun go outside? To sit on his paddy-o!

**March Quiz:** Who was named as chairman of the **House Armed Services Committee** and who was named as chairman of the **House Veterans' Affairs Committee** as part of leadership for the **118<sup>th</sup> Congress?**

**Answer to February Quiz:** The Fertilizer Sustain Act is to eliminate federal regulations making fertilizer much more affordable.

**March Word Scramble: SARTEVNE SCISIR OHELNIT AILD 898!**

**February Word Scramble: SERVING AND CARING ACROSS AMERICA**

**Thank you!**

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