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**Congress is Leaving Veterans Behind:** Congress is voting now on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022. Amendments have been added to the NDAA for [H.R. 1115](#) / [S. 535](#), the *Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act*, and [H.R. 1282](#) / [S. 344](#), the *Major Richard Star Act*. Post-9/11 veterans deserve to be honored with a GWOT memorial on the National Mall and Purple Heart recipients deserve to receive all the benefits they earned. Now is the time to move these two important pieces of legislation forward. Contact your members of Congress TODAY and demand they pass this crucial legislation. [TAKE ACTION!](#)



**VA Extends Presumptive Period for Gulf War Illness Disability Claims:** VA has extended the time limit for veterans of the Persian Gulf War to make disability claims for presumptive conditions associated with Gulf War Illness. Since military operations in Southwest Asia continue and there is scientific uncertainty as to the causes and onset time of symptoms, the presumptive period has been extended from Dec. 31, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2026. Public comments on this amendment by VA may be submitted to the [Federal Register](#) through Oct. 14, 2021.



**VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Now Open:** Scholarship applications for the spring 2022 semester are being accepted now through Nov. 15. Veterans can face many challenges while furthering their education, and even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. Let Sport Clips and the VFW help you succeed in reaching your educational goals. This scholarship can help ease the financial burden by providing up to \$5,000 of assistance per



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