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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ARIZONA VETERANS' SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION*

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02; notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Veterans' Service Advisory Commission, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, and to the general public of the next meeting of the Advisory Commission. The meeting will be open to the public on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in the Arizona State Veteran Home, 4141 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85012

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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| 1. Call to Order | George Cushing, Vice Chair |
| a. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| b. Introduction and Welcome to Invited Guests | |
| 2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the | Advisory Commissioners |
| a. Last Meeting | |
| 3. Communications | Gabe Forsberg, ADVS State Women
Veteran Coordinator/Strategic Planner |
| 4. Legislation Affecting Veterans (i.e., SB 2675
requires all students to pay \$2000 to attend a
state school, including triple amputees) | See Attached ADVS Summary |
| 5. Outreach Strategy Status Report (Alternatives to
Regional Town Hall Style Meetings) and
Scheduling a Future Meeting in Tucson | Jeff Olson, Terrie Gent calling from
calling from her home because of
health issue |
| 6. ADVS Outreach Strategies to Reach Younger
Veterans (Facebook and Twitter) | Terrie Gent, Chair |
| 7. Open Discussion / For the Good of the Order | Advisory Commissioners |
| 8. Adjournment | |

The Advisory Commission reserves the right to change the order of the agenda items and may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purposes of discussion and consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body or to discuss certain matters.

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** The regular monthly meetings are held at 10 a.m. at the Arizona State Veteran Home at 4141 N. 3rd Street (North S. Herrera Way), Phoenix, AZ 85012.*

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Periodically, a regional meeting will be held outside the Phoenix area. Those meeting dates and locations are posted in accordance with open meeting laws.

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

2 March 2012

Inclusion of any legislation in this report does not constitute endorsement of that legislation by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

(Notations in Red represent new information or final action.)

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

HCR = House Concurrent Resolution

HJR= House Joint Resolution

HR = House Resolution

To view bills go to: <http://www.azleg.gov/Bills.asp>

ARIZONA SENATE

SB 1001- military preservation; land exchanges

Would amend the rules in exchanging State trust land for land that may impact military facilities in Arizona if a constitutional amendment is approved by voters.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12, et. al.

Major Actions: 9 January 2012-Introduced and First Read. 9 Jan 2012-Passed out of Senate Committee on National Resources and Transportation 5-0-1 vote. Assigned to Senate Rules Committee. 10 January- Passed out of Senate Rules Committee. Held in Majority caucus. 7 Feb 2012-Out of Majority caucus. 23 Feb 2012-Nelson floor amendment adopted and given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Committee of the Whole Senate. **27 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 24-6 with Emergency Clause and transmitted to the House.**

SB 1058- department of veterans' services; continuation

Continues the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Arizona Veterans' Services Advisory Commission until 1 July 2022.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12, et. al.

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2012-First Read, assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 24 Jan 2012- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in the Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent. 2 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 27-2-1 not voting and transmitted to the House. 13 Feb 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee. 22 February 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-1 absent.

SB 1083- Arizona state guard NOW: Arizona Special Missions Unit (ASMU)

Establishes the Arizona Special Missions Unit as a volunteer armed force for use by the State in homeland security and community service activities as a supplement to the National Guard of Arizona and State and local law enforcement agencies. States that the mission of the Arizona Special Missions Unit is to: Support the State in securing the border with Mexico; augment the National Guard; Support county and municipal leaders in combating international criminal activity; Respond to natural and manmade disasters; Search and rescue efforts; Support community activities; Other missions directed by the Governor.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 5, et. al.

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Border Security, Federalism, and States Sovereignty Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. 26 Jan 2012- Hearing held in Senate Border Security, Federalism, and States Sovereignty Committee One page Allen amendment adopted that provides for a memorandum of understanding between governors of adjacent states to allow for "close continuous pursuit of on-going cross border criminal activity". Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 6-1-1 not voting. 14 Feb 2012-"Strike Everything" amendment adopted in Senate Appropriations Committee that establishes the Arizona Special Missions Unit (ASMU), separate from the Arizona National Guard but with the same mission as stated above. Appropriates \$1.4 million annually from the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount and given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 7-6. **29 Feb 2012-Floor amendments adopted allowing the Arizona Special Missions Unit Commander to authorize pursuit onto federal lands only if a memorandum of understanding is in place and requiring the Special Missions Unit to include in its annual report to the Legislature and Governor a record of all property seized and the manner in which the seized property was disposed and given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 1 March 2012-Passed Senate 20-10 with Emergency Clause and transmitted to the House.**

SB 1126- World War II memorial

Authorizes the building of a World War II memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol and authorizes the Secretary of State of collect money for the memorial. This is the memorial that will bring a gun each from the U.S.S. Arizona and U.S.S. Missouri to place by the U.S.S. Arizona anchor and mast already there. Emergency Clause meaning will take effect upon Governor's signature if passed by 2/3ds vote.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12, et. al.

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 24 Jan 2012- Amendment adopted to include the proposed memorial in the state monument and memorial repair fund requirements. Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in the Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent. 2 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 29-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the House. 13 Feb 2011-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2012- Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 6-0-3 absent. **27 Feb 2012-Passed House 57-0-2 not voting-1 vacant with Emergency Clause and transmitted back to Senate. 28 Feb 2012-Transmitted to Governor. 1 March 2012-Signed by Governor taking effect on signature. Action Completed.**

SB 1182- technical correction; underground storage; closure NOW: 2012 NDAA

Prohibits this state and agencies of this state from participating in the implementation of Sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012. Classifies the act of attempting to enforce or enforcing these sections as a class 1 misdemeanor. Sections 1021 and 1022 relate to counterterrorism and the authority the Armed Forces has in detaining persons they suspect are involved in terrorism.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 16 Feb 2012-Allen "Strike Everything" amendment adopted in Senate Border Security, Federalism and States Sovereignty Committee and the bill was given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 6-1-1 absent. **1 March 2012-Passed Senate 21-9 and transmitted to House.**

SB 1190- tax credit; military family relief

While HB 2284 last session amended A.R.S. 41-608.04 to extend the life of the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) until 31 December 2018, a separate statute, A.R.S. 43-1086, which established the tax credit for donations to the Military Family Relief Fund, was not affected and the tax credit for contributions will expire on 31 December, 2012. The proposed change will conform the expiration dates of the Fund and the tax credit.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 19 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to Senate Finance Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Finance Committee 6-0-1 not voting. 16 Feb 2012- Griffin floor amendment adopted that would also extend for one year the authority of the MFRF committee to grant amounts up to \$20,000 to qualified military families in financial need due to deployment. Given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Committee of the Whole. 20 Feb 2012- Passed Senate 26-0-4 absent, transmitted to House. **27 Feb 2012-First Read in House and assigned to House Ways and Means Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 March 2012- Hearing scheduled in House Ways and Means Committee 1400 hours HHR 1.**

SB 1291- veterans' donations fund; grants

Would modify the conditions of using the Veterans' Donation Fund established in A.R.S. 41-608 to comply with recommendations by the Auditor General's Office.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12; Sen. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 7 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee 7-0. 23 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 29-0-1 absent and transmitted to House. **27 Feb 2012-First read in House and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 29 Feb 2012-Held in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee for technical reasons.**

SB 1292- fiduciary compensation; veterans' services department

Would authorize the increase of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services fiduciary conservatorship fees up to 10 percent to allow the Division to more closely reach self sufficiency in accordance with recommendations by the Auditor General.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12; Sen. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 7 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee 7-0. 23 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 29-0-1 absent and transmitted to House. **27 Feb 2012-First read in House and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 29 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" Recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-1 absent.**

SB 1293- veterans' organizations; solicitations

Would comply with Auditor General's recommendation to eliminate the requirement for ADVS to "officially approve" solicitations in the name of American Veterans.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12, et. al.

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 7 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee 7-0. 23 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 29-0-1 absent and transmitted to House. **27 Feb 2012-First read in House and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 29 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" Recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-1 absent.**

SB 1302- military family relief fund

NOW: clarifies that members of the Arizona National Guard and Reserve forces are eligible for assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Frank Antenori, R-Dist. 30, et. al.

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Antenori amendment adopted in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee clarifying that Reserve and National Guard members are eligible for assistance from the MFRF and bill given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 6-0-1 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 with Emergency Clause and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee.**

SB 1307- transfer monies; project challenge

Transfers \$500,000 annually from the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Task Force Mission (GIITEM) sub account to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) to be used for Project Challenge.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Frank Antenori, R-Dist. 30, et. al.

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 7-0.

SB 1308- temporary military duty; lodging tax

Would require businesses operating transient lodging and charging a rental rate tied to the per diem reimbursement rate of U.S. Government or military service members for temporary duty and advertises on that basis to pay the transient lodging transaction privilege tax.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Frank Antenori, R-Dist. 30, et. al.

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. 9 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Finance Committee 6-0-1 not voting. 20 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 21-5-4 absent. Transmitted to House. **27 Feb 2012-First read and assigned to House Ways and Means and House Rules Committee. 5 March 2012- Hearing scheduled in House Ways and Means Committee 1400 hours HHR 1.**

SB 1405- students; residency; military service

Would clarify that immediate “in-state” post secondary tuition status for honorably discharged U. S. veterans that was approved last year includes Reserve and National Guard members.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Adam Driggs, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 7 Feb 2012- Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee 7-0. 14 Feb 2012-Held in Senate Appropriations Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Withdrawn from Senate Appropriations Committee. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House.**

SB 1446- disabled veterans; VLT exemption

Would lower the disability level of veterans to qualify for a State vehicle license tax exemption from 100 percent to “at least 50 percent.”

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 7 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee 7-0.

SB 1515- drivers licenses; distinguishing marks; veterans

Would allow the placement of a “distinguishing mark” on the driver’s license or non-operating identification license for veterans who can provide “satisfactory proof” to the DMV that he or she is a veteran. Would also allow for replacement licenses for veterans who may wish them if the fee is paid.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Jerry Lewis, R-Dist. 18

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 13 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee 4-2. **28 Feb 2012- Passed Senate 27-3 and transmitted to House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Transportation Committee and House Rules Committee.**

SCM 1007- urging adoption; veterans remembered flag

A concurrent memorial urging the United States Congress to adopt a “Veterans Remembered Flag”.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Adam Driggs, R-Dist. 11, et. al.

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 5-0-2 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 7 March 2012-Hearing scheduled in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House 0900 hours in HHR 3.**

SCM 1008- military bases; exemption from ESA

A concurrent memorial urging the United States Congress to enact legislation exempting United States military bases from the regulations and restrictions of the environmental species act.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 25, et. al.

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 4-2-1 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 21-9 and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 7 March 2012-Hearing scheduled in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House 0900 hours in HHR 3.**

SCR 1001- military preservation; land exchanges

Would ask voters to amend Article X, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution to allow the exchange of State trust land to prevent encroachment upon Arizona military facilities. Companion bill to SB 1001.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. John Nelson, R-Dist. 12, et. al.

Major Actions: 9 January 2012-Introduced and First Read. 9 Jan 2012-Passed out of Senate Committee on National Resources and Transportation 5-0-1 vote. Assigned to Senate Rules Committee. 10 January- Passed out of Senate Rules Committee. Held in Majority caucus. 7 Feb 2012-Out of majority caucus. 23 Feb 2012-Nelson floor amendment adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Committee of the Whole Senate. **27 Feb 2012-Passed 25-5 and transmitted to the House.**

SCR 1008- declaration of emergency; state authority

A concurrent resolution declaring that a state of emergency exists in Arizona due to lack of Congressional oversight and the disregard for strict compliance of the acts of Congress by federal agencies and stating that the State of Arizona will exercise its right of sovereignty over soil within its boundaries.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 5, et. al.

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Border Security, Federalism, and States Sovereignty Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. 26 Jan 2012-Hearing held in Senate Border Security, Federalism, and States Sovereignty Committee. One page Allen amendment adopted requiring a copy of the resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from Arizona. Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 6-0-2 not voting. **1 March 2012-Given “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House Committee of the Whole.**

SCR 1010- honoring Anthem veterans' memorial

A concurrent resolution recognizing the Anthem veterans' memorial and supporting the designation of the Anthem veterans' memorial as a State historical site in concert with the Arizona Centennial celebration.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Lori Klein, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 31 Jan 2012-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 7-0. 9 Feb 2012-Passed by Senate 29-0-1 not voting. 14 Feb 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 22 February 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-1 absent.

SCR 1011- technical correction; illegal aliens NOW: 2012 NDAA

A concurrent resolution declaring that the members of the Arizona Legislature condemn sections 1021 and 1022 of the 2012 NDAA and find them in violation of the limits of federal power in the United States Constitution. (See SB 1182 above.)

Requires the Secretary of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 16 Feb 2012-Allen "Strike Everything" amendment adopted in Senate Border Security, Federalism and States Sovereignty Committee and the bill was given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 6-1-1 absent. **1 March 2012-Given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole.**

SCR 1018- honoring Native American veterans

A concurrent resolution that seeks to honor the approximately 20,000 Native American veterans who live in Arizona.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Jack Jackson Jr., D-Dist. 2, et. al.

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee.**

SCR 1020- DEMA; recognition; emergency preparedness

A concurrent resolution that seeks to recognize personnel of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) for their successful conduct of the 2011 Vigilant Guard Exercise,

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Jack Jackson Jr., D-Dist. 2, et. al.

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2012- First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee.**

SCR 1033- United States Merchant Marine

A concurrent resolution to honor and recognize the service of veterans of the United States Merchant Marine.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Al Melvin R-Dist. 26, et. al.

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Government Committee. 16 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent. **28 Feb 2012-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 1 March 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 7 March 2012-Hearing scheduled in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House 0900 hours in HHR 3.**

SR 1005- Michael Elm; death resolution

A Senate resolution expressing regrets at the passing of Army Specialist Michael Davis Elm of Mesa who was KIA on 14 October 2011 and extending the Senate's deepest condolences to his surviving family members.

Primary Sponsor:

Every member of the Senate

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2012- Unanimously adopted. Action completed.

SR 1007- F-35 fighter squadrons; Yuma

A Senate Resolution expressing that the Members of the Senate strongly support the designation of the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma as the primary site for basing and training Marine Corps F-35 Joint Strike Fighter squadrons.

Primary Sponsor:

Sen. Don Shooter, R-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 28 Feb 2012-Unanimously adopted. Action Completed

ARIZONA HOUSE

HB 2020- honor and remember flag; half-staff

Would require that the "Honor and Remember" flag be flown at half-staff when the United States flag is flown at half-staff because of the death of a member of the United States Armed Forces at the Arizona Capitol building, county Superior Court buildings, the main administrative building of each county and at the city or town hall of each incorporated city or town.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Jack Harper, R-Dist. 4

Major Actions: 9 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 18 Jan 2012-Harper 3 line amendment adopted in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee to state when the U.S. flag is at half-staff due to the death of a member of the United States Armed Forces then the honor and remember flag will be flown as well. Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 8-0-1. 30 Jan 2012-Out of House Rules Committee. 31 Jan 2012-Out of caucuses. 9 Feb 2012-Passed House 55-0-4-1 vacancy. 14 Feb 2012-First Read and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 21 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 6-0-1 absent.

HB 2042- fallen hero special plates (Pat Tillman Legacy Plate Act)

Would create a "Fallen Hero special license plate in honor of Pat Tillman with monies raised going to the Pat Tillman Foundation for a scholarship program to aid all veterans especially veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Original Sponsor:

Rep. Michelle Ugenti, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 9 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Transportation Committee and House Rules Committee. 9 Feb 2012-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Transportation Committee 4-3. **1 March 2012-Passed House 46-8-5 absent-1 vacancy with Emergency Clause and transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2165- technical correction; public health-NOW: veterans; employment preference

Would extend the current 5 point veteran's preference in city/State employment examinations to retired members of the Reserve Forces and Coast Guard.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Heather Carter, R-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 8 Feb 2012-A “Strike Everything” amendment was adopted in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee by Rep. David Gowan to change this bill into veterans; employment preference. Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 7-0-2 not voting. 23 Feb 2012-Passed in House 54-5 and transmitted to the Senate. **27 Feb 2012-First Read and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 6 March 2012-Hearing scheduled in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 0900 hours SHR 3.**

HB 2428- veteran benefits; reservists

Technical changes to definitions for leave of absence for government employees in the Reserves and in the eligibility for the Military Family Relief Fund.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. David Gowan, R-Dist 30

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee, House Appropriations Committee and House Rules Committee. 25 Jan 2012-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 6-0-1 absent. 30 Jan 2012-Withdrawn from House Appropriations Committee. 21 Feb 2012-Passed in House 57-0-2 not voting and transmitted to Senate. 23 Feb 2012-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. **6 March 2012-Hearing scheduled in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee 0900 hours SHR 3.**

HB 2601- veteran supportive campuses; report

Technical changes to A.R.S. 41-609 relating to veteran supportive campuses and requiring “veteran supportive campuses” to report yearly the number of veterans graduating from their campuses each year in addition to the current number of veterans enrolled.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. J. D. Mesnard, R-Dist 21

Major Actions: 1 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House Higher Education, Innovation and Reform Committee 7-0-2 absent. 16 Feb 2012-Passed House 56-0-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 21 Feb 2012-First Read and assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs and Senate Rules Committee. **27 Feb 2012-Withdrawn from Senate Veterans, Military and**

Government Affairs Committee. 28 Feb 2012-Provisions amended onto HB 2602 in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee.

HB 2602- veteran supportive campuses

Would require the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to maintain a list of "certified Arizona veteran supportive campuses on the Department's website and requiring "veteran supportive campuses" to report yearly the number of veterans graduating from their campuses each year in addition to the current number of veterans enrolled. **The website is already in existence on which veteran supportive campuses are listed and linked in accordance with A.R.S. 41-609 passed last session.**

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. J. D. Mesnard, R-Dist 21

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Higher Education, Innovation and Reform and House Rules Committee. 1 Feb 2012-Amendment adopted allowing post secondary institutions to participate in the program rather than mandating they do. Given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House Higher Education, Innovation and Reform Committee 7-0-2 absent. 17 Feb 2012-Out of House Rules Committee 6-0. 20 Feb 2012-Passed House 52-0, transmitted to Senate. 21 Feb 2012-First Read in Senate, assigned to Senate Rules Committee. **28 Feb 2012-Amendment adopted in Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee including the provisions of HB 2601 for participating schools to yearly report the number of veterans graduating from their campuses each year in addition to the current number of veterans enrolled. Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation 7-0.**

HB 2675- university students; minimum tuition contribution

Would require each full time student registered at a university under the Arizona Board of Regents to personally pay "from their pocket" at least \$2,000 during per academic year toward their tuition. That payment can not be made from any public or private funding such as Post 9-11 GI Bill.

There are exemptions for student athletes and students awarded scholarships for academic merit or some special ability, but other types of government assistance including the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill would not be allowed to pay for this fee.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist 8

Major Actions: 22 Feb 2012-Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House Appropriations Committee 7-6. **29 Feb 2012-Held in Rules Committee. Essentially dead.**

HCR 2024- unmanned aircraft systems

A concurrent resolution to encourage the marketing and effective use of airspace to obtain federal contracts for unmanned aircraft systems in Arizona.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Tom Forese, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 8 Feb 2012-Two page Gowan amendment adopted

emphasizing the contribution of military and defense industries to Arizona and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-2 not voting. 15 Feb 2012-Out of Rules 7-0-1 absent. **1 March 2012-Passed House 56-0-3 absent-1 vacancy and transmitted to the Senate.**

HCR 2061- F-35 training; Luke AFB; support

A concurrent resolution to support the possible selection of Luke AFB as a training base for F-35.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Debbie Lesko, R-Dist. 9, et. al.

Major Actions: **1 March 2012-First and Second Reading waived. Unanimously adopted by House. Transmitted to the Senate.**

HJR 2001- international forces; American soil; opposition

A joint resolution authorizing opposition to the use of an international force on American soil to enforce any treaty that has not been ratified by the United States Senate.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Jack Harper, R-Dist. 4; Sen. Ron Gould, R-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 25 Jan 2012-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-2. 23 Feb 2012-Harper technical floor amendment adopted. Passed House 37-19-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. **27 Feb 2012-First Read and Assigned to Senate Border Security, Federalism and States’ Sovereignty Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 1 March 2012--Given “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Border Security, Federalism and States’ Sovereignty Committee 6-0-2 absent.**

HR 2002- Gustav Mohr Jr.; military service

A House resolution to recognize the military service of WWII veteran Gustav Mohr Junior.

Primary Sponsor:

Rep. Tom Forese, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions: 17 Jan 2012-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and House Rules Committee. 1 Feb 2012-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 8-0-1 absent. 9 Feb 2012- Passed House 54-0-5-1 vacancy. **Action completed.**

HR 2006- F-35 fighter squadrons; Yuma

A House resolution supporting the designation of the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma as the primary site for basing and training Marine Corps F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Squadrons.

Primary Sponsor:

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Major Actions: 7 Feb 2012- First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee. 15 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee 7-0-2 absent. 23 Feb 2012-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole House. **28 Feb 2012-Passed House 52-0-7 not voting 1 vacancy and transmitted to the Secretary of State. Action Completed.**