

Pallas, Karen

From: Slay, Susan M NFG NG VTARNG (US) <susan.m.slay.nfg@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Dublois, Hayden
Subject: North Hyde Park
Attachments: No Hyde Park Ribbon Cutting Pamphlet 12 JUL 17 (003).docx

Hello Hayden,

Please find the attached pamphlet for your perusal.

Respectfully,

Susan M. Slay
Executive Assistant
Office of the Adjutant General
802-338-3116

Vermont Army National Guard
National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop
North Hyde Park, Vermont

The Vermont Army National Guard is pleased to announce that it will begin maintenance operations at its new facility in North Hyde Park, Vermont.

The construction of this new facility is another example of Vermont's ability to provide modern, state of the art facilities for our citizen soldiers to train and prepare for state and national missions as well as deployments worldwide.

The construction of the first phase of this facility began in Spring 2015 and was completed January 2016. A second phase addition began in Spring of 2016 and the State of Vermont Military Department accepted the facility, on time, 31 March 2017.

This new maintenance facility consolidates the missions previously performed in Lyndonville and St Albans, Vermont in the north central part of the state. This state-of-art facility provides 45,000 square feet of maintenance work bays, warm up bays, a wash bay, administrative, classroom, and logistical space that

enhances the maintenance soldiers' ability to perform their mission. Safety, readiness, and morale will be greatly improved and accommodates the larger modern vehicles and equipment assigned to our Vermont units.

This construction project not only brings modern facilities to the Vermont Army National Guard but also provided jobs for many of our fellow Vermonters.

The Vermont Army National Guard is also excited about making this a LEED Silver certified building. This facility will use a geothermal ground source system to provide heating and cooling as well as photovoltaic panels to reduce our demand of fossil fuel and electric utility costs. The facility also has a state of the art energy management system and incorporates high efficiency motors and systems.



North Hyde Park
National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop
Ground Breaking

10:00 AM – Project Site, 6115 Route 100, North Hyde Park, VT

Welcome/Opening Remarks
by the MC

COL Al Belluche

Remarks by Governor

Gov. Phil Scott

Remarks by US Senator

Sen. Patrick Leahy

Remarks by US Senator

Sen. Bernie Sanders

Remarks by Congressman

Rep. Peter Welch

Remarks by the Adjutant General

Maj Gen Steven Cray

10:30 AM Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting / Photos

Tours of Facility

Funding

Federal Military Construction Appropriation

Architect

Smith-Alvarez-Sienkiewicz Architects, Burlington, VT

Engineers

Civil - Krebs & Lansing, Colchester, VT

Structural – Richard M. Doherty, So. Burlington, VT

Mechanical – Yeaton Associates, Littleton, NH

General Contractor

Spates Construction, Derby, VT

Master of Ceremony COL Al Belluche

***Vermont Army National Guard
No. Hyde Park Vehicle Maintenance Shop***



***In Support Of
86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team***

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – 12 July 2017

Minuteman Logo - IBCT Logo

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From: Slay, Susan M NFG NG VTARNG (US) <susan.m.slay.nfg@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 3:04 PM
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Cc: john_tracy@leahy.senate.gov; Pallas, Karen; Michaeleen Crowell (michaeleen_crowell@sanders.senate.gov); Bob Rogan
Subject: SAVE THE DATE
Attachments: Save date NHydePark.docx

Please find attached the Save the Date for the Vermont National Guard, North Hyde Park Field Maintenance Shop Ribbon Cutting.

I will send out a formal invitation in the near future.

Respectfully,

Susan M. Slay
Executive Assistant
Office of the Adjutant General
State of Vermont
802-338-3116

Please Save the Date

Major General Steven A. Cray,
The Adjutant General, State of Vermont

Invites you to attend

The Vermont Army National Guard
North Hyde Park Field Maintenance Shop
Ribbon Cutting

On

July 12, 2017

At ten o'clock in the morning

North Hyde Park Field Maintenance Shop
6115 VT Route 100
Hyde Park, Vermont 05655

A formal invitation will be sent by mail.

Pallas, Karen

From: Slay, Susan M NFG NG VTARNG (US) <susan.m.slay.nfg@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 2:10 PM
To: John Goodrow (John_Goodrow@leahy.senate.gov); Van Haste (Becker), Kathryn (Sanders); Pallas, Karen; Furnari, Shannon; Delude, Tracy
Cc: Michaeleen Crowell; Bob Rogan; john_tracy@leahy.senate.gov
Subject: Change of Command Ceremony Save the Date
Attachments: SAVE THE DATE BDE2.docx

Please find attached a 'SAVE THE DATE' for August 13, 2017.
I will send out a formal invitation in the near future.

Respectfully,

Susan M. Slay
Executive Assistant
Office of the Adjutant General
State of Vermont
802-338-3116

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Time 1:00pm

**Major General Steven Cray,
The Adjutant General for the State of Vermont**

**would like to invite you to the
Change of Command Ceremony
for**

**The 86 Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain)
between**

**COL Andrew Harris and COL Nathan Lord
at**

**Camp Ethan Allen Training Site Parade Field,
Jericho, VT.**

Inclement weather site will be the JRC Drill Hall.

A formal invitation will follow.

Pallas, Karen

From: Wilson, Morgan <MWilson@NGA.ORG>
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Wilson, Morgan
Subject: OGR Weekly Legislative Wrap Up
Attachments: IGA Contacts.xlsx

Dear Washington Representatives,

Below is this week's wrap-up report. Next week's Washington Representatives Meeting has been **canceled** . Attached is the most up-to-date list of IGA contacts.

Weekly Legislative Wrap-up

Senate Activity

- **Senate Passes VA MISSION Act:** On Wednesday the Senate passed, 92-5, [S.2372](#) the VA MISSION Act of 2018. The amended bill reflects a bipartisan House-Senate agreement to consolidate the Veterans Choice Program with other veterans' medical care programs utilized outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system into a new single, permanent Veterans Community Care Program. It would also create a "BRAC-like" process under which current medical and other facilities administered by the Veterans Health Administration could be modernized, realigned or closed. The President is expected to sign the legislation into law. An NGA one-pager memo on the bill can be found [here](#).
- **Senate Finance Committee Introduces 22 Bipartisan Opioid Bills:** On Wednesday the Senate Finance Committee introduced 22 bills to address the opioid crisis. The bills would make changes to Medicare, Medicaid and Human Services programs. One bill would prevent any state Medicaid program from imposing a maximum lifetime limit on medication-assisted treatments for substance use disorders (SUD). Other bills would require the Department of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to increase the use of telehealth in Medicaid for SUD treatment and provide guidance to states on non-opioid pain treatment and management. Chairman Hatch (R-UT) shared that the committee will mark up the bills in the coming weeks. The NGA opioid legislation tracker is available [here](#).
- **Senate Passes Bank Deregulation Bill:** On Tuesday the House voted [258-159](#) to pass [S. 2155](#), a bill containing wide-ranging banking deregulations related to the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. Among other provisions, the legislation corrects an error it made in Dodd Frank, which excluded some municipal bonds from being considered high quality liquid assets (HQLA) during a capital solvency risk stress test. The exclusion impacted future investor interest in municipal bonds due to the perceived risk. S. 2155 contains the municipal bond fix, making all investment grade municipal debt eligible as HQLA. The Administration also released a [Statement of Administration Policy](#) that supports the bill and the President signed it into law on Thursday.
- **Senate EPW Approves WRDA:** On Tuesday the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee unanimously approved its water infrastructure package ([S. 2800](#), updated section-by-section [here](#)). The committee adopted a manager's amendment to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that includes a modified version of the SRF WIN Act, which would create a new financing tool for states and make it easier for smaller and rural communities to access financing under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan program, authorized at \$200 million through 2020. The manager's amendment also requires the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) complete feasibility studies within two years, includes "Buy America" provisions for state water systems that receive federal loans, and allows the Corps to consider new categorical exclusions

"so projects aren't unnecessarily delayed due to environmental red-tape". Senate EPW Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) has said he would like to get the bill passed in June. The House is expected to consider its WRDA bill the week of June 4. Please click [here](#) to view the NGA memo on the House and Senate 2018 WRDA bills.

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Holds FY 2019 Agriculture Bill Markup:** On Tuesday the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a [markup](#) to consider the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which passed by voice vote. During the markup, both sides praised the bill, highlighting funding for agricultural research, rural water and wastewater, and nutrition programs. The bill contains both mandatory and discretionary funding, and \$23.235 billion in discretionary funding is provided, which is \$225 million above the FY 2018 enacted level. The bill includes \$2.73 billion for agricultural research; over \$2.2 billion in loans and grants for water and waste disposal programs; an additional \$425 million for the broadband pilot program established in the FY 2018 Omnibus bill; and \$879.1 million, an increase of \$5 million from last year's level, to assist farmers, ranchers, and private landowners with conserving their land. The bill also includes \$2.97 billion in discretionary funding for the Food and Drug Administration, an increase of \$159 million from the last year's level, and \$59 million aimed at opioid prevention. Finally, it provides mandatory and discretionary funding for food and nutrition programs, including \$73.219 billion in mandatory spending for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a decrease of \$794 million from the FY 2018 enacted level; \$23.184 billion in mandatory funding for Child Nutrition programs, a decrease of over \$1 billion from last year's level; and \$6.15 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), a decrease of \$25 million from last year's level. Bill highlights can be found [here](#). The full appropriations committee held a markup on the bill on Thursday and released the [text](#) at that time. The House Appropriations Committee [approved](#) its bill last week.
- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Holds FY 2019 Energy and Water Bill Markup:** On Tuesday the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a [markup](#) to consider the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill, which passed by voice vote. During the markup, both sides commended the bill, highlighting funding for the Army Corps of Engineers and water infrastructure, and for programs furthering scientific research. Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) expressed her concern about funding for a new nuclear weapon and she cautioned against the use of these types of weapons. The bill provides \$43.8 billion in discretionary funding, which is \$566 million above the FY 2018 enacted level. It includes \$6.9 billion in funding for the Army Corps of Engineers, \$100 million above last year's level, and \$13.3 billion in funding for energy programs, an increase of \$379 million from the FY 2018 enacted level. Energy efficiency and renewable energy programs receive \$2.3 billion, the same as in FY 2018, and Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) is funded at \$375 million, an increase of about \$22 million from the FY 2018 enacted level. For the fifth year in a row, it meets spending targets for appropriations from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and makes full use of annual revenues from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. Bill highlights can be found [here](#). The text of the [bill](#) was released on Thursday when the full appropriations committee held a markup on the bill. The House Appropriations Committee [approved](#) its bill last week, and the bill is expected to be included in a "minibus" appropriations package the House will consider the first week in June.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee Passes FY 2019 Energy and Water and Agriculture Appropriations Bills:** On Thursday the Senate Appropriations Committee held a [markup](#) on the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water and Agriculture Appropriations bills. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to view the FY 2019 Energy and Water bill and report and [here](#) and [here](#) to view the FY 2019 Agriculture bill and report. The \$43.8 billion FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which is \$566 million above the FY 2018 enacted level, advanced by a vote of 30-1. The bill includes \$6.9 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers and \$13.3 billion in funding for energy programs. A [manager's amendment](#) making changes to the report was adopted by voice vote. The \$145.1 billion FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill advanced by a vote of 31-0. It contains \$23.3 billion in discretionary spending, which is \$225 million above last year's level. The bill includes \$2.7 billion for agricultural research and \$2.97 billion in discretionary funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It also includes \$73.2 billion in mandatory spending for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), \$23.2 billion in mandatory funding for Child Nutrition programs, and \$6.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). A manager's amendment making a number of bill and report language changes was adopted by voice vote. The Senate Appropriations Committee also unanimously approved subcommittee allocations for FY 2019, with funding totaling \$647 billion for defense, \$591 billion for non-defense, and \$77 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations. The House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2019 Energy and Water and Agriculture Appropriations bills last week, and the FY 2019 Energy and Water bill is expected to be included in a "minibus" appropriations package that will be considered by the House after Memorial Day recess. NGA plans to send out trackers on the two appropriations bills next week.

- **SASC Releases Summary for FY19 NDAA:** On Thursday the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) wrapped up its mark up of its Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The text has not yet been released, but the committee did release a summary press statement. This bill authorizes a total of \$716 billion in fiscal year 2019 for national defense. It authorizes a base defense budget of \$639 billion for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The NDAA also authorizes \$69 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The bill would also authorizes programs to carefully manage opioid prescriptions.
- **Senate Judiciary Committee Reports Five Opioid Bills:** This week the Senate Judiciary Committee considered six opioid bills, and other business, at an executive business meeting. Five of the six bills favorably reported to the Senate included: S. 2645, S. 2535, S. 2789, S. 207, and S. 2838. After adopting an amendment, the committee tabled S. 2837, which is proposed to prevent drug diversion by amending the Controlled Substances Act. This bill is expected to be considered at another markup, which has not yet been announced. To view these bills, and other opioid legislation, the NGA opioid legislation tracker is available here.

House Activity

- **House Passes NDAA Amendments:** On Thursday the House passed H.R. 5515, the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) at a vote of 351-66. The bill authorizes \$717 billion for defense activities under the jurisdiction of the committee - \$616.7 billion in defense base funding, \$69 billion in the Overseas Contingency Operations account and \$31.3 billion in other defense related accounts and mandatory spending. The House considered close to 300 amendments before passage. A full NGA memo of the base bill can be found here, while a floor considered amendment tracker and status update can be found here.
- **House Appropriations Committee Advances THUD Appropriations Bill:** On Wednesday the House Appropriations Committee advanced the FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill by a 34-17 vote. A manager's amendment offered by Rep. Diaz-Balart (R-FL) during the hearing, which made requested and non-controversial changes to the underlying bill, was adopted by voice vote. Three other amendments were offered but failed, while a fourth amendment urging the Department of Transportation (DOT) to explore the effects of twin 33-foot trucks was adopted by voice vote. The bill would fund DOT at a total of \$88.8 billion in FY 2019. The bill allots a net discretionary total of \$43.6 billion for HUD, an increase of \$941 million from the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. The bill appropriates \$45.27 billion for highways, which was authorized in the FAST Act, plus a \$4.25 billion supplement from the general fund. Finally, the bill does contain provisions that would preempt state and local laws regarding meal and rest requirements for truckers. NGA will send out a tracker containing further program information in the coming week.
- **House T&I Approves Water Infrastructure Bill:** On Wednesday the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee marked up and unanimously approved its water infrastructure package (H.R. 8, section-by-section here). The House package narrowly focuses on Army Corps of Engineers issues and does not include financing drinking water, wastewater and water storage programs. The House currently plans to consider the legislation on the House floor the week of June 4, following Memorial Day recess. On Tuesday the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved its water infrastructure package (S. 2800, updated section-by-section here). Senate EPW Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) has said he would like to get the bill passed in June. Please click here to view the NGA memo on the House and Senate 2018 WRDA bills.

- **House Ways and Means Committee Reports JOBS for Success Act:** This week the House Ways & Means Committee held a two-day markup of H.R. 5861, the JOBS for Success Act. The bill extends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program until Fiscal Year 2023, renames TANF to the Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services (JOBS) program, and makes significant changes to the existing program, including an emphasis on holding states accountable for the use of federal awards by requiring state work plans and other accountability measures. Focuses of the bill include: requiring case management of work-eligible program recipients; requiring funds to reach individuals under 200% of the poverty line; establishing an outcome-based performance accountability system to assess the effectiveness of states in increasing employment, retention and advancement of families; creating a website to reflect state profiles and performance scores for states based on the ability to achieve program targets; allowing states to allocate up to 50% of federal awards to be transferred to the Child Care and Development Fund; requiring that 25% of states' federal awards be used towards defined core program activities; prohibiting states from spending federal moneys on state social services spending; requiring states to report full population data; and other purposes. The committee voted 22-14 along party lines to report the bill to the House as amended. The minority offered several amendments that were not adopted. The bill will move to the House next.
- **House Begins Consideration of NDAA Amendments:** On Tuesday the House began general debate and amendment consideration on H.R. 5515, the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The bill authorizes \$717 billion for defense activities under the jurisdiction of the committee - \$616.7 billion in defense base funding, \$69 billion in the Overseas Contingency Operations account and \$31.3 billion in other defense related accounts and mandatory spending. The House also took up just over a hundred amendments on Tuesday evening as part of the first rule, passing an amendment that would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to report on steps taken to prevent and treat opioid uses among DoD dependents. The House will continue consideration of amendments as part of the second rule on Wednesday, with final passage expected by the end of the week. A full NGA memo of the base bill can be found here, while a floor considered amendment tracker can be found here.

Federal Activity

- **IRS Releases Notice to Propose Regulations Regarding SALT:** On Wednesday the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released a notice to propose regulations regarding the federal income tax treatment of payments made by taxpayers that receive a credit against state and local taxes (SALT). The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act limited the amount an individual's SALT deductions against federal taxes. The notice comes as a response to state actions that seek to circumvent this change to the treatment of SALT deductions. The notice does not specify when the guidance will be released.
- **USDA Announces Webinar on National GMO Labeling Standard:** On Wednesday the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of an informational webinar on the proposed national labeling standard for food containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs). The webinar will cover the background, provisions, and possible impacts of the proposed standard. It will be available starting June 1 and can be viewed here. The webinar was initially announced in the proposed rule published on May 4 that would require food manufacturers to disclose information on labels either through text, symbol, or electronic label like a QR code about food containing GMOs, which USDA refers to as "bioengineered food". The rule would provide a uniform national standard for the disclosure of information to consumers concerning GMOs in food they purchase. Food and beverage labeling typically falls within the province of state regulation, and a 2016 law required USDA to set a national standard for labeling. For additional background, please see the NGA memo here. Comments on the proposed rule are due by July 3, 2018, and it must be finalized by July 29, 2018 per statute.
- **White House Issues Statement on Administration Policy On House NDAA:** On Tuesday the White House issued its Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) on H.R. 5515, the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization. The SAP highlighted 40 items of concern from the Administration, to include objecting to the creation of a Principle

Advisor on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (sec.1072), National Guard promotion accountability (sec. 513) and a provision related to dual status military technicians (sec. 506). The SAP objected to section 506 stating it “would guarantee Title 5 employment to any dual status technician (National Guard or Reserve) who loses their position “for any reason other than disqualification.” The Administration is concerned that this section, as currently worded, would create an unlimited obligation to provide Title 5 positions to military technicians who simply abandon their military memberships, retire militarily, or are released from military service due to force-shaping measures or administrative discharges.” This objection was highlighted in the full NGA summary memo of the House NDAA and has been noted by the Adjutants General as an item for concern.

- **HHS Releases Proposed Rule on Title X Funding:** On Tuesday the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a proposed rule restricting Title X family planning funds from being used in programs where abortion services are offered. More specifically, the proposal would prohibit Title X providers from using funds “to perform, promote, refer for, or support abortion as a method of family planning”. Under current regulations, Title X funds can be used at a clinic that offers abortion services, but the funds cannot be used to cover those services. The proposal would also prevent Title X providers from sharing physical resources such as building space and personnel with providers offering abortion services. The proposal tightens reporting requirements for Title X grantees, and requires grantees to verify that their provider networks receiving the grant money comply with the rules. Comments will be due 60 days after the proposed rule is published in the federal register.
- **Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Testifies Before House Education and Workforce Committee:** On Tuesday Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testified before the House Education and Workforce Committee regarding the policies and priorities of the U.S. Department of Education. This marked the first time she has testified before the House Education Committee during her time as Secretary of Education. In her opening statement, Committee Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC) commended Secretary DeVos for her support of local control to solve education challenges and work to reduce regulatory burdens on states, praised states and districts for their work to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and voiced her approval of the Department’s work to enforce ESSA. In her testimony, Secretary DeVos provided the Committee an update on her work at the Department as Secretary, including her work with the Federal School Safety Commission in the wake of recent school shootings and her expectation that the Commission will release its findings by the end of 2018. Ranking Member Bobby Scott (D-VA) challenged Secretary DeVos’ approval of some state plans for implementation of ESSA on the grounds that they did not comply with the law. Secretary DeVos maintained that all state plans approved by the Department comply with ESSA. In answers to questions by Committee members, Secretary DeVos also encouraged members of Congress to swiftly pass H.R. 4508, "Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform" (PROSPER) Act and H.R. 2353, "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act," both of which were authored and passed out of the Committee. In addition, Secretary DeVos voiced her opposition to recent proposals to use federal Impact Aid funds to create education savings accounts for military families based on the funding stream the plan would draw from and reiterated her view that all state laws protecting the rights of student loan borrowers should be preempted by federal law. Written statements and a recording of the proceedings can be found here.
- **White House IGA and VA Holds Call on Future of Veterans Choice Program:** On Monday the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) held a conference call to discuss the future of the Veterans Choice Program and S. 2372, the VA MISSION Act. Last week, S. 2372 passed the House with a vote of 347-70, and is expected to pass the Senate this week. The White House expressed its support for the VA MISSION Act, which consolidates the Veterans Choice Program with other veterans’ medical programs utilized outside of the VA system in to a new Veterans Community Care Program. Brooks Tucker, the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, described that the VA MISSION Act will bring further integration between VA and private medical systems, providing veterans with expanded opportunities for care, and that the legislation achieves three main objectives: reviewing VA infrastructure and other assets to create a right-size VA system; developing a commission, with input from veterans service organizations (VSOs) and other influencers, that will yield recommendations to Congress and the President related

to the capacity of VA medical infrastructure; and expanding the VA Caregivers Program to include pre-9/11 service veterans and their families. A NGA summary memo on the legislation can be found [here](#).

- **DHS and FEMA Announce FY18 Preparedness Grants Notice:** On Monday the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announced the release of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Notices of Funding Opportunity for eight DHS preparedness grant programs. The programs include the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), the Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrak Program, the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program. All preparedness Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at www.grants.gov. Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov>.
- **FCC Releases Updated Mobility Fund Phase II Eligibility Map:** On Thursday the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released an updated map of areas that are presumptively eligible or ineligible for funding under the Mobility Fund Phase II program. According to the FCC, the eligibility status of 99.87 percent of original map remains unchanged. The \$4.53 billion program will award \$453 million annually over 10 years to companies that will preserve and expand 4G LTE service in primarily rural areas that lack an unsubsidized provider of 4G LTE service. Companies that receive the funding must deliver median download speed of 10 megabits per second and median upload speeds of 1 megabits per second. State and local governments and wireless providers in areas that have been deemed ineligible for the program may challenge the finding between March 29 to August 27. NGA will host a briefing on the program with FCC officials on June 12th.
- **FEMA Holds Conference Call Regarding FY 2018 Preparedness Grants Rollout:** on Thursday the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) held a conference call regarding the release of eight Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Preparedness Grants, announced this Monday by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Programs include the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), the Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrak Program, the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program. Total awards include \$1.6 billion in funding for state, local, tribal and territorial governments, transportation authorities and eligible non-profits, with an overall 4 percent increase from FY 2017 funding levels. Brian Willis, Deputy Director of the Preparedness Grants Division, FEMA Grant Program Directorate presented a slide deck detailing program updates, funding allocations and further steps in applying for the grants. All preparedness Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at www.grants.gov. Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov>.
- **EPA Extends Comment Deadline for Science Transparency Rule:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extended the comment deadline for the proposed rule titled, “Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science” to August 16, 2018. The comment deadline was originally May 30, 2018. It also announced a public hearing on the rule on July 17, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The stated intent of the rule is to strengthen regulatory transparency associated with the science the agency uses for regulatory decision making and to ensure the data and models underlying rules are publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent validation and analysis. The National Governors Association sent a letter with six other state associations to EPA on May 23, 2018 requesting the extension of the comment period.
- **Treasury Adds Opportunity Zones Designations:** Last week the Department of the Treasury designated qualified opportunity zones in an additional 30 states and two territories under the Opportunity Zones Program contained in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The program allows investors to receive tax incentives on unrealized capital gains that are invested in “Opportunity Funds,” which are dedicated to investing in low-income areas designated as qualified opportunity zones. Governors may nominate up to 25 percent of a state’s eligible low-income community census tracts to receive the qualified opportunity zone designation for 10 years, allowing that area to receive

Opportunity Funds. The eligibility of low-income census tracts to receive the qualified opportunity zone designation, along with certain contiguous census tracts, is determined by the 2011- 2015 American Community Survey. Please see the NGA's [memo](#) and Economic Innovation Group's [memo](#) for more information on the program.

- **EPA Administrator Pruitt Announces Action Plan to Address PFAS:** This week Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt [announced](#) an action plan outlining four steps the agency will take to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS is a category of man-made chemicals that have been widely used in products due to their waterproof and nonstick properties and include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), and GenX, which is a trade name for a processing aid technology. The steps in the plan are: evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS, begin the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as “hazardous substances” under existing statutory authority, develop groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS, and develop toxicity values for GenX and perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS). Administrator Pruitt announced the plan at the National Leadership Summit on PFAS, which was attended by over 40 states, tribes, and territories, as well as numerous federal agencies, congressional staff, associations, industry groups, and non-governmental organizations. NGA staff will send a memo on the summit next week.
- **USDA Announces Funding for Water Infrastructure in Rural Areas:** This week the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) it is investing \$256 million to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in rural areas. The loans and grants will support [81 projects](#) in 35 states and are being awarded through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. The Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus bill increased financial support for water and wastewater projects, providing \$5.2 billion for USDA loans and grants.

Federal Deadlines

- **U.S. Census Bureau 2017 Economic Census:** Every five years the U.S. Census Bureau collects extensive statistics about businesses through its official count known as the economic census. The important business census serves as the foundation for measuring U.S. businesses and their economic impact, and it is essential to understanding the American economy. Nearly four million businesses, large, medium and small, covering most industries and all geographic areas of the United States, will receive surveys tailored to their primary business activities. The mailing began on May 1, 2018. The due date for completed forms is **Tuesday, June 12**. Please direct questions to Sabrina McNeal (Sabrina.e.mcneal@census.gov).
- **CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Its Guidance and Implementation Support:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing the overall effectiveness and accessibility of its guidance materials and activities, including implementation support. It is also considering whether it would be appropriate to make changes to the formats, processes, and delivery methods for providing this guidance, and whether it would be appropriate to make changes to the disclaimers used on certain forms of guidance. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. Click [here](#) to view the RFI. Comments are due **July 2, 2018**.
- **USDA Proposed Rule on National GMO Labeling Standard:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its [proposed rule](#) that would require food manufacturers to disclose information on labels either through text, symbol, or electronic label like a QR code about food containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs), which USDA refers to as “bioengineered food”. The rule would provide a uniform national standard for the disclosure of information to consumers concerning GMOs in food they purchase. The rule proposes that the disclosure be placed on the food package information panel and states that labels should be of sufficient size and clarity. For the symbol disclosure option, the USDA has proposed three symbols, along with variations of those symbols, that display “BE” for bioengineered, and comment is requested on the symbols. Food and beverage

labeling typically falls within the province of state regulation. A [2016 law](#) required USDA to set a national standard for labeling. For additional background, please see the NGA memo [here](#). Comments on the proposed rule are due by [July 3, 2018](#). The proposed rule must be finalized by July 29, 2018 per statute

- **CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Consumer Financial Education:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing the overall efficiency and effectiveness of its consumer financial education programs. This includes delivery of financial education through online tools, print publications, and community collaborations. This is the 11th in a series of RFIs announced as part of Acting Director Mick Mulvaney's call for evidence to ensure CFPB is fulfilling its proper and appropriate functions. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. The next RFI in the series will address consumer inquiries, and will be issued next week. Click [here](#) to view the RFI on consumer financial education. Click [here](#) for more information about the call for evidence. Comments are due by [July 9, 2018](#).
- **CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Consumer Complaints and Inquiries:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties on its handling of consumer complaints and inquiries. CFPB is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing its handling of consumer complaints and consumer inquiries and, consistent with law, considering whether changes to its processes would be appropriate. To date CFPB has received 1.5 million consumer complaints. This is the 12th in a series of RFIs announced as part of Acting Director Mick Mulvaney's call for evidence to ensure CFPB is fulfilling its proper and appropriate functions. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. Click [here](#) to view the RFI. Click [here](#) for more information about the call for evidence. Comments are due by [July 16, 2018](#).
- **HHS Releases a Request for Information on Drug Pricing Blueprint:** HHS issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) to gather feedback on policy options outlined in the [HHS Blueprint](#) to lower drug pricing. Stakeholders will have 60 days to respond. HHS is asking for comments on the Medicaid drug rebate program and whether it is a barrier to price negotiations and value-based agreements in other markets and how changes to the rebates in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have impacted list prices of drugs. Other questions relate to Medicare Parts B and D, the 340B drug program and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) related issues. The RFI includes both proposals that could be done through administrative action and some that would require a change in statute. HHS is also asking stakeholders to offer additional suggestions not included in the blueprint that could improve the affordability and accessibility of drugs. Comments are due by [July 16, 2018](#).
- **EPA Extends Application Deadline for WIFIA Loans:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) the extension of the deadline to submit letters of interest for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFIA) loans. The new deadline is [July 31, 2018](#). The announcement was made as part of Infrastructure Week, and EPA Administrator Pruitt highlighted the extension in a [letter](#) sent to governors. The EPA [announced](#) the availability of funding for up to \$5.5 billion in loans through the WIFIA program to support water infrastructure projects on April 4, 2018. These funds could leverage over \$11 billion in water infrastructure investment. The [Notice of Funding Availability](#) highlights protecting public health, including reducing lead exposure, and updating aging infrastructure. The Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus bill included \$63 million in funding for WIFIA, more than doubling the program's funding from 2017. In 2017, EPA selected 12 projects in 9 states to apply for WIFIA loans totaling more than \$2 billion. The first WIFIA loan, totaling \$134.5 million, was issued by EPA to King County, Washington on April 20, 2018. More information about WIFIA can be found [here](#). Also in conjunction with Infrastructure Week, EPA unveiled a new [website](#) that provides information on leading state, public water system, and community efforts to replace lead service lines.
- **EPA Extends Comment Deadline for Science Transparency Rule:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [extended](#) the comment deadline for the [proposed rule](#) titled, "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science" to [August 16, 2018](#). The comment deadline was originally May 30, 2018. It also announced a public hearing on the

rule on July 17, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The stated intent of the rule is to strengthen regulatory transparency associated with the science the agency uses for regulatory decision making and to ensure the data and models underlying rules are publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent validation and analysis. The National Governors Association sent a [letter](#) with six other state associations to EPA on May 23, 2018 requesting the extension of the comment period.

List of Legislation Passed in Congress this Week

- **House**

[H.R.5682](#) - FIRST STEP Act

[S.292](#) - Childhood Cancer STAR Act

[H.R.1972](#) - VA Billing Accountability Act

[H.R.3642](#) - Military SAVE Act

[H.R.3832](#) - Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act

[H.R.3946](#) - To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic".

[H.R.4245](#) - Veterans' Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act of 2017

[H.R.4334](#) - Improving Oversight of Women Veterans' Care Act of 2018

[H.R.4451](#) - Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018

[H.R.4830](#) - SIT-REP Act

[H.R.4958](#) - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018

[H.R.5044](#) - Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act

[H.R.5215](#) - Veterans Affairs Purchase Card Misuse Mitigation Act

[H.R.5418](#) - Veterans Affairs Medical-Surgical Purchasing Stabilization Act

[S.1282](#) - A bill to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana.

[H.R.5515](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019

- **Senate**

[S.204](#) - Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017

[S.916](#) - Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018

[S.1333](#) - Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2017

[S.2178](#) - Inspector General Recommendation Transparency Act of 2018

[H.R.3663](#) - To designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center.

[H.R.4910](#) - Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act

[S.2952](#) - A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to establish protections against congressional sexual harassment and discrimination, and for other purposes.

- **Became a Law**

[S.2155](#) - Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act

NGA Activity

- **NGA Statement on U.S. Municipal Securities as High-Quality Liquid Assets:** On Wednesday the National Governors Association released a [statement](#) in reaction to Congress' support in treating U.S. Municipal Securities as High-Quality Liquid Assets, applauding Congress for directing federal regulators to classify all investment-grade, liquid and readily marketable municipal securities as High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA).
- **GHSAC Request for Information on School Safety:** The Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council's Special and Emerging Issues Committee has requested the HSPS Division survey GHSAC members about what states are

currently doing to promote school safety. Here is a link to the document they are being asked to fill out: [Request for Information State School Safety Initiatives.docx](#). The responses will be collected on a secure website, HSIN, run by the Dept. of Homeland Security.

- **Reminders/Upcoming Deadlines and Events:**

- **NGA Spring Reception:** A reception for Wash Reps, the Intergovernmental Affairs community, and NGA's Corporate Partners, will take place from 5 – 7 p.m. on **Thursday, May 31** at Art & Soul in Washington, DC. Click [here](#) to register by today, **Friday, May 25**. Please direct questions to Courtney Scarbin (cscarbin@nga.org; 202-719-2874).
- **NGA Management Seminar for Governors' Washington Office & State-Federal Directors:** The seminar will take place on **Friday, June 1** at the [International Student House](#) (18th & R St NW) in Washington, DC. Registration ended on Friday, May 18. Click [here](#) to view the draft agenda. Meeting participants are responsible for securing their own hotel and travel arrangements to and from Washington, D.C. and their own transportation to and from the International Student House. NGA will reimburse out-of-town participants only for the cost of their hotel room stays (room and tax, not incidentals) for up to two nights (Wednesday, May 30 and/or Thursday, May 31) at a cost up to the government per diem rate of \$253 per night. Please contact Tonya Smith (tsmith@nga.org; 202-624-5389) for hotel recommendations. Please direct retreat questions to Anna Davis (adavis@nga.org; 202-624-5360) or Christie Amberman (camberman@nga.org; 202-624-5370).
- **Webinar on Preventing Targeted Violence: Illinois' Targeted Violence Prevention Program:** The webinar will take place on **Monday, June 4** at 2 p.m. ET. Click [here](#) to register. Please direct questions to Michael Garcia (mgarcia@nga.org; 202-624-5312).
- **Northeast Workshop to Enhance Emergency Communications Governance:** Letters of intent for the fourth and final regional [workshop](#) designed to engage with all 56 states, territories, and the District of Columbia and convene senior state officials and emergency communications leaders to improve public safety communications governance and policies on existing and emerging public safety communications are due by 5 p.m. ET on **Friday, June 8**. An informational call (dial-in 888-858-602; passcode: 2026245312#) take place on Wednesday, May 30 at 1 p.m. ET. Please direct questions to Michael Garcia (mgarcia@nga.org; 202-624-5312).
- **NGA Annual Energy Policy Institute:** The institute will take place from **Tuesday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 13** (with welcome reception and pre-institute workshop on offshore wind the 11th) in Washington, DC. This meeting is by invitation only and registration is required. Please visit the event website to [register](#), view the preliminary [agenda](#), and find other logistical information. Travel costs will be reimbursed for one attendee per state, but additional representatives may attend at the state's expense as space permits. Please direct questions to Tom Simchak (tsimchak@nga.org; 202-624-5387).
- **NGA Annual Governors' Health Policy Leaders Institute:** The institute will take place from **Wednesday, August 8 – Friday, August 10** in San Diego, CA. Please direct questions to Kelly Murphy (kmurphy@nga.org; 202-624-5399).

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Hello Sam,

Please find the Draft Script for the Fallen Heroes Ceremony on Thursday,
I think you will find all you need there. If not, let me know and I will pursue further.

Have a great day!

Respectfully,

Susan

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Script for Memorial Day Ceremony – 24 May 2018
Location: Fallen Heroes Memorial, Camp Johnson, Colchester, VT

Sequence of Events for the Ceremony:

- Warning
- Welcome
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Key Note Speakers
- Reading of "In Flanders Fields"
- Wreath Laying
- Moment of Silence for all Fallen Heroes
- Cannon Salute
- Taps/Lowering of the Flag
- Benediction
- Conclusion

1355: Commander of Troops gets all military personnel into a mass formation. At close interval, dress right dress, parade rest.

1359: Narrator: Ladies and gentlemen, the ceremony will begin in a moment. Please silence all cell phones and take your seats. Photographs may be taken during the ceremony. However, please be respectful of the event.

Note: Official Party begins ceremony in their seats. Escort OIC identifies military personnel to fill in vacant seats.

1400: Narrator: Good afternoon. I am Captain Austin Barber and I will serve as your master of ceremonies for today's event. I would like to recognize our official party; Vermont's Governor Mr. Phil Scott, Vermont's Adjutant General Major General Steve Cray, and Chaplain Norman Boyden. We are also honored to have with us today Mr. Charles Martin representing Senator Leahy, Ms. Kathryn Becker Van Haste representing Senator Sanders, and Ms. Shannon Furnari representing Congressman Welch.

I would like to provide special recognition to our Vermont National Guard Gold Star families, as well as other Gold Star Families in the audience. Our Vermont National Guard Gold Star Family Members in attendance today are James Grady, Steve Gray, Kevin and Vicki McLaughlin, Kristen Merchant, Leighanne Merchant and her friend Max, Erika Procopio, David Procopio, and Heather Sheehan. Finally, we welcome the Soldiers, Airmen and friends of the Vermont National Guard.

Narrator: Please rise as we honor America with the playing of the National Anthem and remain standing for the invocation. *(Narrator does an about face. This is the cue for the Commander of Troops. The Narrator follows the Commands)*

Commander of Troops: Group Attention. Present Arms.

"Present Arms" is the cue for the Band to begin the National Anthem. Once the National Anthem is complete...

Commander of Troops: Order Arms. Parade Rest.

Narrator: Chaplain Boyden will now deliver the invocation.

Narrator remains in place (steps back) while the Chaplain proceeds to the lectern and provides the invocation and returns to his seat.

Narrator: Ladies and Gentlemen, please be seated. We thank all of you for taking the time to be here today as we remember our fallen Service Members and their families who have sacrificed so much while serving their country.

On May 5th, 1868 John A. Logan, the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War Veterans, issued General Order Number 11. This order designated the 30th day of May, 1868, for the purpose of decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the Civil War. The General Order also intended this observance to be kept up from year to year with the specific desire for the public to be involved across all parts of the country. This day came to be known as Decoration Day and was adopted by many states as a state holiday. After World War I the holiday evolved to commemorate military personnel lost in all wars and came to be known as Memorial Day. In 1971 Memorial Day, as the last Monday of May, became a Federal Holiday.

Today's ceremony is intended to honor the fallen from all conflicts and all branches of service. It will include remarks from our key note speakers, the reading of a traditional Memorial Day poem, the placing of a wreath at the Fallen Heroes Memorial and other military traditions for rendering honors to our fallen.

At this time, it is my honor to introduce our keynote speaker, Governor Phil Scott.

GOV Scott proceeds to the lectern. Narrator back to assigned seat.

GOV Scott: Remarks...

GOV Scott returns to his seat and the Narrator returns to the lectern.

Narrator: Thank you Governor Scott. I would now like to introduce The Adjutant General of the State of Vermont, Major General Steve Cray.

Maj Gen Cray proceeds to the lectern. Narrator back to assigned seat.

Maj Gen Cray: Remarks...

Maj Gen Cray returns to his seat and the Narrator returns to the lectern.

Narrator: Thank you Major General Cray ... In 1915, during a terrible 17-day battle in Ypres (eee-prah), Belgium, a Canadian Surgeon by the name of LTC John McRae, wrote the poem *In Flanders Fields*. It was based on his experience during those 17 days, his view of poppies from a nearby cemetery blowing in a gentle breeze and his frustration at the loss of his young friend and former student, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. This poem has become one of the most famous war poems and is read as part of many Remembrance Day or Memorial Day ceremonies in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. Here to read it for us today is Leighanne Merchant.

Narrator remains next to the lectern while Ms. Merchant moves to the lectern, reads the poem and returns to her seat. Narrator returns to the lectern

Narrator: Thank you Ms. Merchant. As part of General Logan's General Order Number 11 he directed the "strewing of flowers" as a means of decorating the graves of fallen comrades. Today, wreaths are commonly used during Memorial Day celebrations. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes eternity and immortality. Flowers often decorate the wreaths with patriotic colors. As part of today's ceremony, Governor Scott and Major General Cray will lay a wreath at the base of the memorial in honor of our State's Service Members who have died in service to their country. In honor of our fallen heroes and out of respect for their families we ask that you stand while the wreath is being placed. Please rise.

Narrator assists by moving or handing the wreath and then remains in place.

Commander of Troops: Group Attention. Present Arms.

GOV Scott and Maj Gen Cray lay the wreath at the base of the memorial and return to their seats.

Commander of Troops: Order Arms, Parade Rest.

Narrator returns to the lectern

Narrator: At this time I ask that we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of our Vermont National Guard fallen heroes.

Narrator bows his head and holds for 20-30 seconds....

Narrator: Please be seated.

Today it is customary to honor our fallen service members by firing three volleys and playing taps at the time of burial. The firing of three volleys comes from an old battlefield custom. Two warring sides would agree to cease hostilities to clear their fallen from the battlefield, and the firing of three volleys meant that all had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. To honor our fallen, our firing party will fire three cannon volleys.

The bugle call "Taps" originated during the Civil War with the Army of the Potomac. Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield didn't like the bugle call that signaled Soldiers in the camp to put out the lights and go to sleep. He worked out the melody of "Taps" with his brigade bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton. The call later came into another use as a figurative call to the sleep of eternal rest for Soldiers.

Please stand for the Cannon Salute, the playing of Taps and lowering of the flag in front of the Green Mountain Armory, to your front, to half-staff.

(Narrator nods to the Commander of Troops, pivots to face the flag and follows the commands from the Commander of Troops)

Commander of Troops: Group Attention. Present Arms.

Present Arms is the cue for the firing party NCOIC

Firing Detail NCOIC issues firing commands.

Firing Detail fires three volleys.

Bugler takes his signal from the Firing Party NCOIC and plays Taps upon completion of the volley. While taps is being played the honor guard lowers the flag in front of GMA to half staff.

Commander of Troops: Order Arms. Parade Rest.

Narrator: Chaplain Boyden will now deliver the benediction.

Chaplain Boyden moves to the lectern, gives the benediction and returns to his seat.

Narrator: Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes today's ceremony. We thank all of you for attending.

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Dear Washington Representatives,

Below is this week's wrap-up report. Attached is the agenda for next week's Washington Representatives Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 333 of the Hall of the States and the most up-to-date list of IGA contacts.

Weekly Legislative Wrap-up

Senate Activity

- **Sec. Zinke Testifies Before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 2019 Budget Proposal for DOI:** On Thursday Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke testified at a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies hearing on the President's \$11.7 billion budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 for the Department of the Interior (DOI). In her opening statement, Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) expressed her support for the budget's emphasis on energy security and increasing responsible development of natural resources, the Draft Proposed Plan for offshore drilling, and the proposed Public Lands Infrastructure Fund to address deferred maintenance, and she expressed her concern about proposed reductions to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) commented on cuts to environmental protection, conservation, and land management programs, and he spoke about the importance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and how the budget would abandon it. Ranking Member Tom Udall (D-NM) expressed concerns about the proposed funding cuts for most land management and science bureaus, cuts to tribal programs, and the decision to increase fees at national parks, and he called for more details on the DOI reorganization. Secretary Zinke described budget priorities, including developing the Public Lands Infrastructure Fund, and discussed reorganization efforts and how the DOI budget supports advancing American energy dominance. Other conversations included consulting state, local, and tribal governments regarding the DOI reorganization; acknowledging achievements regarding fire borrowing; state concerns regarding the offshore drilling plan; and DOI's shift from regional sage-grouse plans to state-based plans.
- **Senate Hearing on 2018 WRDA:** On Wednesday the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) held a legislative hearing on the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, the Senate's recently introduced Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization. In their opening remarks, EPW Committee leadership, Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) and Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE), thanked members of the committee for their bipartisan efforts, emphasized the importance of timely reauthorization to support water infrastructure programs and projects, and discussed the bill's updates to benefit-cost ratio. Witnesses included Jeffrey Bullock, Secretary of State of Delaware, testifying in his capacity as Chairman of the Diamond State Port Corporation. Conversations included budget reforms to increase transparency and stakeholder input; provisions pertaining to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program; the SRF WIN Act, which is not included in the bill; and the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) study on benefit-cost analysis in the bill. EPW has scheduled a hearing for Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, R.D. James, to testify on May 17, and a markup of the bill is expected May 24. A bipartisan manager's amendment is expected to be introduced at the markup. A section-by-section of the bill is here. NGA will send a detailed memo on the bill early next week, and have a committee briefing in the upcoming weeks.
- **EPW Leaders Introduce 2018 Water Resources Development Act:** On Tuesday Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) and Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE), and EPW Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-MD) introduced the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. The bipartisan bill would authorize or reauthorize water infrastructure programs and projects; repair aging drinking water and wastewater systems; allow for additional Army Corps projects to be budgeted at regional and local levels by creating a new framework; maintain the navigability of inland waterways; provide protection from floodwaters; and increase water storage. The bill would authorize feasibility studies for nine projects and six projects with completed chief of engineers' reports from the Army Corps, extend the authorization for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) at \$100 million for fiscal years 2020 through 2021, and require a study on WIFIA implementation

impediments, among other things. [Here](#) is a section-by-section of the bill. NGA will release a detailed memo on the bill later this week. The EPW Committee held a legislative [hearing](#) on the bill Wednesday at 10:00 am, and the bill is expected to be marked up this month. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is working on its own bill, but the timing of the bill is unclear.

- **Senate Commerce Subcommittee Explores Drone Integration:** On Tuesday the Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a [hearing](#) exploring the integration of unmanned aircraft systems, often called drones, into the national airspace. Witnesses included Earl Lawrence, the Director of the Office of Unmanned Aircraft Systems at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as industry representatives. During the hearing, Mr. Lawrence announced that the FAA has been working with several companies, including Amazon, on authorizing drone delivery operations. The FAA has this authority under the [Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program](#). However, the panel of witnesses lacked any representation from state or local stakeholders.

House Activity

- **House Passes Nuclear Waste Storage Bill:** On Thursday the House passed [H.R. 3053](#), the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018 by a vote of 340-72. An [amendment](#) from Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) establishing a consent-based process for permanent nuclear waste repository siting that would require an agreement to host a site between the Secretary of Energy and the governor of the state in which the site would be located was rejected. Two other amendments, [one](#) requiring clearer annual reports on the balance of the Nuclear Waste Fund and [one](#) requiring a report on resources that could help communities dealing with the impact of housing spent nuclear fuel or the closure of a nuclear plant, were agreed to by voice vote. The bill would provide incentives to Nevada for allowing the Yucca Mountain repository to advance, address federal land transfers associated with the site, and change how user fees are collected. It would also authorize the construction of an interim storage facility. The bill [passed](#) the House Committee on Energy and Commerce by a 49-4 vote in June. It is unlikely the bill will be taken up in the Senate this year.
- **Sec. Perry Testifies Before House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology on FY 2019 Budget Proposal for DOE:** On Wednesday Secretary of Energy Rick Perry testified at a House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology [hearing](#) on the President's \$30.6 billion budget request for the Department of Energy (DOE) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. In his opening statement, Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) remarked on the role of DOE in research and development, and he expressed his concern about the level of funding proposed for the ITER project and his support for investments in exascale computing and the National Laboratories. Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) spoke about proposed cuts to Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy research and the Offices of Electricity and Nuclear Energy, among other cuts, as well as the proposed elimination of Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) and DOE's loan programs office. Secretary Perry discussed several topics pertinent to the budget and agency priorities, including advancing domestic energy production, protecting energy infrastructure from cyber attacks, strengthening grid resiliency, advancing exascale computing, and modernizing the nuclear arsenal. Other conversations included addressing the role of states in energy projects, developing technologies to address the effects of climate change, the role of DOE in the Iran nuclear deal decision, and addressing nuclear waste management issues.
- **HASC Marks Up FY19 NDAA, Debates National Guard Southwest Border Mission:** On Wednesday the House Armed Services Committee marked-up and approved its Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) after over 14 hour, considering over 300 amendments to the underlying bill. The committee spent a part of the evening debating the southwest border mission for the National Guard, and the use of Department of Defense (DOD) funding for border wall construction. The committee rejected an amendment from Rep. O'Rourke (D-TX) that would have prohibited the National Guard from undertaking law enforcement activities while supporting operations on the southwest border. A NGA summary memo highlighting key amendments can be found [here](#), and an en bloc passed amendment tracker can be found [here](#). NGA will update this memo and tracker as full amendment text is made available.

- House E&C Committee Reports Opioid and Energy Legislation from Markup:** On Wednesday the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee advanced 32 pieces of legislation from markup, including opioid- and energy-related bills. The markup precedes an additional markup scheduled for next week, where up to 31 opioid bills may be considered. Several pieces of opioid legislation reported to the House floor align with NGA's federal recommendations, including H.R. 5353, H.R. 5002, H.R. 5197, H.R. 5176, and H.R. 5483. NGA updated its opioid legislation tracker to reflect the 25 pieces of opioid legislation reported to the House floor, including details on the committee vote and whether the legislation has alignment with, or is out-of-scope of, NGA's federal recommendations. Five energy bills were also included and approved by voice vote, including H.R. 5175 and H.R. 5240, which would create voluntary programs to establish policies and procedures to coordinate state, local and federal emergency response efforts in physical and cyber grid security. To close the markup, Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) reiterated his goal to send a comprehensive opioid bill package to the House floor by Memorial Day.
- House Appropriations Subcommittee Holds FY 2019 Agriculture Bill Markup:** On Wednesday the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup to consider the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill. It passed by voice vote. During the markup, both sides praised the bill, and some Democrats said they were pleased that language on the Harvest Box concept included in the President's budget request was not in the bill. Released on Tuesday, the bill allows for \$145.09 billion in discretionary and mandatory funding, which is \$922 million below the enacted level in FY 2018. Discretionary funding totals \$23.27 billion, \$14 million above the enacted level in FY 2018. More than \$3.079 billion is included in the bill for rural development programs, with over \$637 million for water and waste grants and \$620 million to support the expansion of broadband service. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) receives \$3.1 billion in discretionary funding. To assist farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners with conserving and protecting their land, the bill provides \$1.05 billion. Finally, the bill contains discretionary and mandatory funding for food and nutrition programs, including \$6 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), \$23.2 billion in mandatory funding for child nutrition programs, and \$73.2 billion in mandatory funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It is expected that a broader policy debate will occur when the full House Appropriations Committee holds a markup on the bill.
- House Ways and Means Subcommittee Holds Hearing on TANF and the Jobs Gap:** On Wednesday the Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing titled "Jobs and Opportunity: Legislative Options to Address the Jobs Gap." In his opening statement, Subcommittee Chairman Adrian Smith (R-NE) referenced a discussion draft released by the Subcommittee Majority to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program on Tuesday aimed at refocusing TANF on work through instituting more stringent measures of work outcomes and limiting program assistance to only families making below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Witnesses included Jennifer Meek Eells, Executive Director of the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board; Nisha Patel, Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute; and Robert Doar, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute. Witnesses offered their insights to how TANF could be reformed to better address the jobs gap, including leveraging human services and workforce systems in states together, improving support for children and whole family approaches, and reforms to how outcomes are measured for job placement and retention. In questions to the panel, several members, both Republicans and Democrats, criticized states for their use of TANF funding outside of the core purposes of the program and asked for ways to incentivize states to better target TANF funds only towards core program purposes and the most needy populations. Written statements from each witness can be found here, and a recording of the proceedings can be found here.
- House Appropriations Committee Passes Milcon-VA Bill:** On Tuesday the House Appropriations Committee advanced unanimously the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (Milcon-VA) appropriations bill with a managers amendment package included. The bill provides \$10.3 billion for military construction projects and \$194.5 billion in both discretionary and mandatory funding for the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA). The committee [report](#) notes the need to eliminate barriers to veterans employment and improve veterans service data. Therefore, the committee calls on the Secretary of Defense and state governors to identify and implement opportunities to improve use of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and support the employment of veterans. The FY19 Milcon-VA bill marks the first FY19 appropriations bill to pass the committee. Click [here](#) to view the most up-to-date appropriations tracker.

- **House Judiciary Committee Holds Hearing on Opioid Trafficking and Diversion:** On Tuesday the House Judiciary Committee held a [hearing](#) addressing solutions to stem the opioid crisis. Witnesses included Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Acting Administrator Robert Patterson, and a panel of individuals affected by the crisis. In his opening statement, Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) described the dangers of opioids, fentanyl and illicit drugs, and the importance of efforts to prevent drug trafficking and diversion. Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) applauded the prevention and treatment approach used to address the opioid crisis, counter to the approach used during the crack cocaine epidemic, which, he said, adversely affected African Americans and led to mass incarceration. Acting Administrator Patterson described that strategy that the DEA is using to address the opioid issue, including using data from state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), increasing public education on the effects of opioids, reducing the demand of prescription opioids, and addressing the entrance of illicit drugs from international sources through mail and transportation systems. Other conversations include incentivizing states to share PDMP data, addressing internet drug trafficking, adding illicit drugs to the drug schedule for greater law enforcement capabilities, reviewing the scheduling of marijuana, and addressing mandatory minimum sentences in prosecution policies.
- **House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act:** On Tuesday the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee held a [hearing](#) to discuss H.R. 3545, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act. Witnesses included Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and a panel of individuals from patient advocacy organizations, academia, and a public corporation. In his opening statement, Chairman Burgess (R-TX) described that the bill increases protections for those seeking treatment and penalizes entities that breach patient-data standards, imploring this bill will enable better patient care coordination. Ranking Member Green (R-TX) remarked that the bill might affect individuals' decisions to pursue treatment due to perceived threat of discrimination in housing, child custody, employment and other areas. Concerns included the potential for data breaches of emergency health records, the potential for covered entities to redisclose patient records without patient consent, clarity issues surrounding the definition of covered entities under the bill language, and the limiting of patient participation in treatment processes. Other conversations included providing resources for substance use disorder health homes, improving provider education on Part 2, and reducing uninformed prescribing of opioids to patients with substance use disorder.
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee Holds FY 2019 Energy and Water Bill Markup:** On Monday the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a [markup](#) to consider the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. No amendments were considered during the markup, and the [bill](#) passed by voice vote. While Democrats praised the increase in funding for the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Department of Energy (DOE), concerns were expressed about cuts to renewable energy and energy efficiency, a reduction in funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) from the FY 2018 enacted level, and the inclusion of certain policy riders, including a provision aimed at repealing the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. The bill, [released](#) on Sunday by the House Appropriations Committee, would provide \$44.7 billion, an increase of \$1.5 billion above the FY 2018 enacted level and \$8.17 billion above the President's budget request, for the Corps, programs under DOE, national defense nuclear weapons activities, and other related agencies. It includes \$7.28 billion, an increase of \$451 million above FY 2018, for the Corps, and \$1.6 billion in funding from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Energy programs within DOE are funded at \$13.4 billion, an increase of \$504 million above the FY 2018 enacted level, and the bill provides \$117 million, an increase of \$41 million above the level provided in FY 2018, to support research and development to strengthen electric grid security. The bill would also repeal the Waters of the United States rule and restrict Clean Water Act application in certain agricultural areas. NGA will release appropriations trackers upon House passage.

Federal Activity

- **President Trump Delivers Remarks on Drug Pricing and HHS Releases Blueprint Document:** Today President Trump and Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar addressed drug pricing during remarks made at the White House, with HHS to act on a 44-page blueprint to implement policies. The President laid out contributing factors affecting high drug prices, including government rules preventing health plans and vendors from negotiating drug prices through Medicare Part B and Part D, gaming of regulatory processes and the patent system by the pharmaceutical companies, the lack of transparency in drug pricing, and the role of "middlemen" or Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). President Trump announced that tougher negotiation and more competition will lead to lower drug pricing, and remarked on actions taken by the Administration to lower drug pricing, including reforms to the 340B Program and quicker Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approval of generic drugs. Additionally, Secretary Azar addressed the blueprint, which includes more than 50 policy options for HHS, and described a proposal for the FDA to require price disclosure in drug advertisement. The blueprint document focuses largely on the Medicare program, but also seeks feedback on Medicaid rebates and transparency. Secretary Azar is expected to deliver detailed remarks on Monday at HHS.
- **Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion Approves Recommendations to the President:** On Thursday the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion, established by President Trump's executive order, "Expanding Apprenticeships in America," held its final meeting and approved its recommendations to be reported to the President. The recommendations include the development of a pilot Industry Recognized Apprenticeship program and expectations for the standards and structure of such a program; directing the Department of Labor to explore ways to improve the existing Registered Apprenticeship program especially through changes to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to incentivize use of apprenticeship programs; and raising the profile of "earn and learn" models like apprenticeship through a brand awareness campaign. A copy of the full draft report to the President can be found here. Background information on Task Force meetings, and those of its subcommittees, can be found here.
- **EPA Administrator Pruitt Signs Memo on NAAQS Review Process Reform:** On Thursday the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a memorandum revising the review process for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The reforms in the memo advance initiatives outlined in President Trump's memorandum last month that directed Administrator Pruitt to ensure cost-effective implementation of air quality programs under the Clean Air Act (CAA), specifically the NAAQS. States are the primary implementers of the NAAQS. The memo outlines five principles for the agency to follow in future NAAQS reviews. They are: meet statutory deadlines, address all CAA provisions for NAAQS reviews, streamline and standardize the process for development and review of key policy-relevant information, differentiate science and policy judgements in the NAAQS review process, and issue timely implementation regulations and guidance. The memo directs the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Council (CASAC), which gives advice to EPA on NAAQS issues, to provide information on background pollution concentrations and advise on adverse health, welfare, economic, social, and energy effects resulting from NAAQS attainment and maintenance strategies. It also requires the agency to look at efficiencies to streamline the NAAQS review process; to identify more efficient ways to conduct a scientific assessment; to more clearly distinguish between scientific conclusions and broader policy concerns the Administrator considers in making decisions on the standards; and to provide the finalization of NAAQS revisions and implementation regulations and guidance, in addition to technical information to help states develop plans intended to demonstrate how new standards will be attained and maintained, at the same time. Finally, it directs staff to start the next review of the ozone NAAQS and the agency to complete its particulate matter standard review by December 2020.
- **USDA and DOI Secretaries Host Fire Briefing for Members of Congress:** On Thursday morning Secretaries' from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Department of Interior (DOI) hosted a fire briefing for Members of Congress to hear the forecast for this year's wildfire season, 11 Members of Congress and 9 Senators attended. Following the devastating 2017 wildfire season, the 2018 season will potentially be record breaking again. U.S.

Forest Service Interim-Chief Viki Christiansen provided additional insight [here](#). Following the briefing, the Secretaries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the importance of inter-departmental collaboration. The National Association of State Foresters issued a statement supporting the MOU and emphasizing states roles in wildfire suppression, “in a typical year State Foresters are responsible for suppressing with over 80% of the nation’s wildfires, almost 50% of the acreage burned, providing a majority of the country’s initial attack, and providing wildfire protection responsibilities for over 60% of the nation’s forests which are on State and Private Lands, often interspersed with federal lands. Last year states spent 1.4 billion dollars in wildfire suppression, not including local agency wildfire suppression costs.”

- **Unified Agenda Update Provides Insight into Upcoming Rulemakings:** On Wednesday the White House’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) released its updated “[Unified Agenda](#)” which outlines Administrative actions to-date and actions agencies intend to take in the next year. An NGA summary of specific regulatory actions of interest to states from the February Unified Agenda is [here](#). Updated timelines for regulations with direct state-impacts include:
 - Revised Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for model year 2022-25 and Corporate Average Fuel Economy NPRM expected next month with a final rule February 2019;
 - Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rulemaking timeline has been delayed, with revised WOTUS definition NPRM expected in August and a final rule in November 2019;
 - The 2015 Clean Power Plan rule is expected to be fully repealed by December, with an NPRM for a revised rule outlining state guidelines for existing- and new-sources expected next month; and
 - A Revised Lead and Copper Rule NPRM is now expected February 2019 with a final rule in February 2020.In FY2018 the Administration expects future deregulatory actions to save an estimated \$687 million in regulatory cost-savings a year.
- **DHS to Request More National Guard Troops for the Southwest Border:** The Department of Homeland Security is expected to request additional National Guard forces from the Department of Defense to assist operations on the southwest border. The request is being finalized at DHS, and is expected to ask for more guard troops to aid Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) Office of Field Operations, as well as its air, marine and intelligence divisions. National Guard from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas are currently supporting CBP operations on the border. The Department of Defense noted to NGA that all states and territories have been contacted requesting support for the border mission. NGA background memo can be found [here](#).
- **DOJ Opens COAP Solicitations:** On Wednesday the Department of Justice (DOJ) [announced](#) the opening of applications for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site Program (COAP). The competitive grant program is open to applicants that meet six category criteria – first responder partnerships, technology-assisted treatment projects, system-level diversion projects, statewide planning, coordination, and implementation projects, prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) implementation and enhancement projects, and public safety, behavioral health and public health information sharing partnerships. The solicitation remains open until 11:59 p.m. EST on June 7, 2018. Additionally, all Office of Justice Programs solicitations can be found [here](#).
- **DOT Releases Sites Selected for Drone Pilot Program:** On Wednesday the Department of Transportation (DOT) released a [list](#) the 10 sites that had been selected to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program administered by the DOT and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The purpose of the [pilot program](#) is to test state and local involvement in drone regulation, to encourage the introduction of drone operations, and to inform federal drone regulations and guidelines going forward. The 10 sites selected sites are the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; the Lee County Mosquito Control District, FL; the University of Alaska at Fairbanks; the city of San Diego, CA.; the North Carolina Department of Transportation; the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, TN.; the city of Reno, NV.; the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority, VA; the North Dakota Department of Transportation; and the Kansas Department of Transportation. These sites were selected out of 149 applications for the program. [H.R. 4](#), the FAA Reauthorization Bill of 2018, also contains an amendment offered by Rep. Lewis (R-MN) that would codify the program into federal law. NGA has been

working with the House and Senate to guarantee the implementation of any UAS policy properly identifies the complex division of state and federal responsibilities.

- **President Sends \$15 Billion Rescissions Package to Congress:** On Tuesday the President proposed a rescissions package with 38 proposed items, culling \$15 billion in previously appropriated funding. Rescissions are common in the budgetary process. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, Congress has exercised more than \$60 billion in rescissions, but that funding is often used to offset funding shortfalls for certain federal programs. For instance, cuts to federal job training programs have been avoided in certain years due to rescissions from other programs. The bulk of the rescissions are from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a program Congress reauthorized for 10 years earlier this year. \$5 billion would be cut from FY 2018 budget authority for the program and \$2 billion would be cut from the CHIP contingency fund which provides certainty for governors, including during enrollment surges due to disasters. Other proposed cuts include \$800 million from the Medicare and Medicaid Innovation program, \$252 million designated for the 2015 Ebola outbreak, \$107 million in unobligated funding from FY 2013 for watershed rehabilitation programs following Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and \$37 million in unobligated balances from rural water and waste disposal program - which provides a grant and loan combination to low income communities of 10,000 or less for clean drinking water and wastewater facilities in rural America. Rescissions from other programs with state implications include:
 - Economic Development Administration (EDA), Development Assistance Programs;
 - Public Housing Capital Fund;
 - Employment and Training Administration (ETA) National Emergency Grant;
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) earmarks, Appalachian Development, and miscellaneous;
 - Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) High Speed Rail capital grants; and
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula grants.
- **DOJ and DHS to Prosecute All Illegal Southwest Border Crossings:** On Monday, during a speech to the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Conference, Attorney General (AG) Jeff Sessions reiterated the Administration's "zero-tolerance" policy for illegal entries on the southwest border and announced a new initiative between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to refer 100 percent of illegal southwest border crossings to DOJ for prosecution. AG Sessions noted that any individual crossing the border unlawfully will be prosecuted, and any child smuggled across the border will be separated and transferred to the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Previous policy allowed family members to be released together with an order to appear in an immigration court. In order to carry out this new enforcement policy, DOJ has sent 35 prosecutors and 18 immigration judges to the border to tackle the increase caseload. This announcement follows on a statement from DHS last week that the agency will no longer exempt classes or groups of individuals from prosecution or removal proceedings.
- **Secretary of Education Approves ESSA State Plans for Alabama, Colorado and Kentucky:** On Monday Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that she has approved consolidated state plans for implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) from Alabama, Colorado and Kentucky. Including these new approvals, 25 state plans have been approved in the second submission window for state plans which began on September 18, 2017. Ten other states submitted their state plans in the second review window and await approval by the Secretary. State plans from 16 states and the District of Columbia were all approved during the first review window for ESSA state plans that began in April 2017.

Federal Deadlines

- **Rural and Faith Based Contacts Request:** The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Rural and Community Engagement and the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partners is compiling a list of rural and faith-based contacts within governors' offices. The Department would greatly appreciate the name and contact information of each governors' office lead in each category (name, phone, and email address), with the intent of inviting him or her to a kick-off call in the next few months to share information and receive feedback. States willing to share should submit information to adam.honeysett@ed.gov by COB today, **May 11, 2018**.

- Department of Education Releases 2018 Grant Application for Arts Education Program:** The U.S. Department of Education announced its application for fiscal year (FY) 2018 grants authorized by the Assistance for Arts Education Program. This program was reauthorized in title IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and supports the development and dissemination of accessible instructional materials and arts-based educational programming, including online resources, in multiple arts disciplines. Awards through this program have not been made since 2014, prior to passage of ESSA. Up to an estimated \$14 million in funds will be awarded for FY 2018. Local education agencies, state education agencies, institutions of higher education, museums and cultural institutions, The Bureau of Indian Education, or consortia of these groups are eligible to apply. Applications can be accessed here. A notice of intent to apply is required by **May 16, 2018**, applications are due by July 2, 2018, and awards are scheduled to be announced on August 29, 2018. More information on the program can found here.
- EPA Seeks Comment on the Clean Water Act and Pollutant Discharges Through Groundwater:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a request for comment on whether further clarity is needed regarding its previous statements on the Clean Water Act (CWA) and whether pollutant discharges reaching jurisdictional surface waters through groundwater may be subject to regulation and permitting under the CWA. Authority for groundwater regulation, oversight and enforcement lies mostly with state agencies, although some have shared authority with local agencies. The EPA has previously stated that these pollutant discharges may be subject to CWA permitting requirements. EPA is seeking comment on whether it should revise previous statements concerning the applicability of the CWA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program to pollutant discharges through groundwater and whether such releases are adequately addressed through existing state or federal programs. Additionally, EPA is asking for comments on the appropriate format to revise or clarify previous statements (i.e. guidance, rulemaking, etc.). Comments are due **May 21, 2018**. The request for comment comes after a 9th circuit court ruling found that a sewage treatment plant in Hawaii injecting wastewater into underground wells connected to the Pacific Ocean through groundwater needs a pollution permit under the CWA.
- CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Its Guidance and Implementation Support:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing the overall effectiveness and accessibility of its guidance materials and activities, including implementation support. It is also considering whether it would be appropriate to make changes to the formats, processes, and delivery methods for providing this guidance, and whether it would be appropriate to make changes to the disclaimers used on certain forms of guidance. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. Click here to view the RFI. Comments are due **July 2, 2018**.
- USDA Proposed Rule on National GMO Labeling Standard:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its proposed rule that would require food manufacturers to disclose information on labels either through text, symbols, or electronic label like a QR code about food containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs), which USDA refers to as “bioengineered food”. The rule would provide a uniform national standard for the disclosure of information to consumers concerning GMOs in food they purchase. The rule proposes that the disclosure be placed on the food package information panel and states that labels should be of sufficient size and clarity. For the symbol disclosure option, the USDA has proposed three symbols, along with variations of those symbols, that display “BE” for bioengineered, and comment is requested on the symbols. Food and beverage labeling typically falls within the province of state regulation, a 2016 law required USDA to set a national standard for labeling. For additional background, please see the NGA memo here. Comments on the proposed rule are due by **July 3, 2018**. The proposed rule must be finalized by July 29, 2018 per statute.
- CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Consumer Financial Education:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing the overall efficiency and effectiveness of its consumer financial education programs. This includes delivery of financial education through online tools, print publications, and community collaborations. This the 11th in a series of RFIs

announced as part of Acting Director Mick Mulvaney's call for evidence to ensure CFPB is fulfilling its proper and appropriate functions. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. The next RFI in the series will address consumer inquiries, and will be issued next week. Click [here](#) to view the RFI on consumer financial education. Click [here](#) for more information about the call for evidence. Comments are due by **July 9, 2018**.

- **CFPB Issues Request for Information (RFI) on Consumer Complaints and Inquiries:** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking comments and information from interested parties on its handling of consumer complaints and inquiries. CFPB is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist in assessing its handling of consumer complaints and consumer inquiries and, consistent with law, considering whether changes to its processes would be appropriate. To date CFPB has received 1.5 million consumer complaints. This is the 12th in a series of RFIs announced as part of Acting Director Mick Mulvaney's call for evidence to ensure CFPB is fulfilling its proper and appropriate functions. This RFI will provide an opportunity for the public to submit feedback and suggest ways to improve outcomes for both consumers and covered entities. Click [here](#) to view the RFI. Click [here](#) for more information about the call for evidence. Comments are due by **July 16, 2018**.

List of Legislation Passed in Congress this Week

- **Senate**

[S.1732](#) - Improving Access to Behavioral Health Information Technology Act
[H.R.931](#) - Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017

- **House**

[H.R.1496](#) - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3585 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marvin Gaye Post Office".
[H.R.4301](#) - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the "J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building".
[H.R.4335](#) - Servicemember Family Burial Act
[H.R.4574](#) - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Schick Road in Bloomingdale, Illinois, as the "Bloomingdale Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".
[H.R.4722](#) - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 Market Street in Saugerties, New York, as the "Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building".
[H.R.4840](#) - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 East Franklin Street in Oviedo, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe Post Office Building".
[H.R.4910](#) - Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act
[H.R.1680](#) - Women's Business Centers Improvements Act of 2017
[H.R.1702](#) - Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2017
[H.R.3170](#) - Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2017
[H.R.4111](#) - Spurring Business in Communities Act of 2017
[H.R.4743](#) - Small Business 7(a) Lending Oversight Reform Act of 2018
[H.R.4754](#) - Change Order Transparency for Federal Contractors Act
[H.R.5236](#) - Main Street Employee Ownership Act of 2018
[H.R.2152](#) - Citizens' Right to Know Act of 2018
[H.R.5645](#) - Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2018
[H.R.3053](#) - Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017

NGA Activity

- **Reminders/Upcoming Deadlines and Events:**

- **NGA Education and Workforce Committee Briefing:** The committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 15** at 2 p.m. ET in the NGA Governors Room, Room 210, for update on charter schools in implementation of the

Every Student Succeeds Act, Charter School Program grants and highlight opportunities and challenges in charter school facilities.

- **NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee Briefing:** The committee will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 2 p.m. ET in the NGA Governors Room, Room 210 to discuss the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) 2018-2022 [strategic plan](#).
- **NGA Natural Resources Committee Briefing:** The committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 16** at 3 p.m. ET in the NGA Governors Room, Room 210 to discuss regulating emerging contaminants.
- **Request for Applications – Project to Foster Cross-Sector Collaboration to Address the Health and Success of Children and Families:** [Applications](#) are due by **Thursday, May 17** at 5 p.m. ET. Please direct questions to Akeiisa Coleman (acoleman@nga.org; 202-624-5344) or Sandra Wilkniss (swilkniss@nga.org; 202-624-5322).
- **NGA Cyber Webinar: Missouri's Public Data Vulnerability Program:** The webinar will take place on **Friday, May 18** at 11 a.m. ET. Interested attendees must [register](#). Please direct questions to David Forscey (dforscey@nga.org; 202-624-5356).
- **NGA Spring Reception:** A reception for Wash Reps, the Intergovernmental Affairs community, and NGA's Corporate Partners, will take place from 5 – 7 p.m. on **Thursday, May 31** at Art & Soul in Washington, DC. Click [here](#) to register by Friday, May 25. Please direct questions to Courtney Scarbin (cscarbin@nga.org; 202-719-2874).
- **NGA Management Seminar for Governors' Washington Office & State-Federal Directors:** The seminar will take place on **Friday, June 1** at the [International Student House](#) (18th & R St NW) in Washington, DC. Click [here](#) to register by Friday, May 18. Click [here](#) to view the draft agenda. Meeting participants are responsible for securing their own hotel and travel arrangements to and from Washington, D.C. and their own transportation to and from the International Student House. NGA will reimburse out-of-town participants only for the cost of their hotel room stays (room and tax, not incidentals) for up to two nights (Wednesday, May 30 and/or Thursday, May 31) at a cost up to the government per diem rate of \$253 per night. Please contact Tonya Smith (tsmith@nga.org; 202-624-5389) for hotel recommendations. Please direct retreat questions to Anna Davis (adavis@nga.org; 202-624-5360) or Christie Amberman (camberman@nga.org; 202-624-5370).
- **NGA Annual Energy Policy Institute:** The institute will take place from **Tuesday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 13** (with welcome reception and pre-institute workshop on offshore wind the 11th) in Washington, DC. This meeting is by invitation only and registration is required. Please visit the event website to [register](#), view the preliminary [agenda](#), and find other logistical information. Travel costs will be reimbursed for one attendee per state, but additional representatives may attend at the state's expense as space permits. Please direct questions to Tom Simchak (tsimchak@nga.org; 202-624-5387).
- **NGA Annual Governors' Health Policy Leaders Institute:** The institute will take place from **Wednesday, August 8 – Friday, August 10** in San Diego, CA. Please direct questions to Kelly Murphy (kmurphy@nga.org; 202-624-5399).

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To: Governors Washington Representatives
From: Ryan McGinness, Nevada
Adam Schafer, Montana

Re: **Washington Representatives Meeting**
Monday, May 14, 2018
1:30 pm (EST)
Hall of States, Room 333
Conference Call Number: 888-858-6021; Passcode: 2026245360#

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Scott Pattison, NGA

II. FEDERAL UPDATE

Anna Davis, Director
Stephen Parker, Education and Workforce Committee
Caroline Sevier, Economic Development and Commerce Committee
Alex Schaefer, Natural Resources Committee
Mary Catherine Ott, Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee
Amy Zettle, Health and Human Service Committee

III. NORTH AMERICAN SUMMIT DEBRIEF

Tiffany Shackelford, NGA

IV. CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES UPDATE

Hemi Tewarson, NGA

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Committee

Education and Workforce Committee Briefing
Update on Charter School Facilities and Charters in ESSA Implementation
Tuesday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.
NGA Governors Room, Room 210
Contact: Stephen Parker (sparker@nga.org)

Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee Briefing
FEMA's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan
Wednesday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m.
NGA Governors Room, Room 210

Contact: Mary Catherine Ott (mcott@nga.org)

Natural Resources Committee Briefing:

Emerging Contaminants (i.e. PFAS)

Wednesday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

NGA Governors Room, Room 210

Contact: Alex Schaefer (aschaefer@nga.org)

- **General**

Next Washington Reps Meeting

Monday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Hall of States, Room 333

Contact: Courtney Scarbin (cscarbin@nga.org)

VI. CALENDARS

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NGA Calendar

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From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:11 AM
To: Delude, Tracy
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child
Attachments: MOMC.agenda.2018.pdf

Tracy,

Thank you for making this work. 11:30a-12:00p (noon) will work wonderfully. We are so fortunate that Governor Scott is willing and able to honor the military youth of our great state! I appreciate your added efforts in getting us on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3April2018 at 11:30 am in the Governor's Ceremonial Office. I have attached the updated agenda for our time at the Statehouse, feel free to share this with any and all interested parties.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any further information or questions.

Have a fantastic day!

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Delude, Tracy [mailto:Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 6:14 PM

To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

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Hi Brian,

Unfortunately he's committed to being across the street with the National ATSSA Monument during that time. If it's possible to make 11:30 work, I'd really appreciate it. Otherwise, I have some openings in the afternoon I could squeeze it into.

I'm really sorry.

Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:18 AM

To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Tracy,

Good morning! It would work out best for the flow of the event for us to be in the Ceremonial Office at 10:30/10:45. This would allow us to move directly from the House Floor to the Governor's Ceremonial Office, and then close out our morning in Room 11. Ultimately we want time with Governor Scott! So, if it needs to be at 11:30 on Tuesday 3 April 2018 then we will make it work. Please let me know how to proceed.

Thank you for touching base and I look forward to seeing in a two (2) weeks.

Have a great day!

Respectfully,

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From: Delude, Tracy [Caution-mailto:Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 12:39 PM

To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

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Hi Brian,

Would 11:30 work for you to have the Proclamation reading/signing in the Ceremonial office on 4/3?

Thanks for letting me know when you can.

Best,

Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:39 PM

To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Hey Tracy,

Thank you for jumping on this! I look forward to seeing you in April.

Have a great evening!

Respectfully,

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To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Hi there,
I do remember and I'll get this on the list for review - and I'll let you know just as soon as I do how the calendar looks.
Thanks!!
Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) [Caution-Caution-mailto:brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>
Subject: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

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From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:11 AM
To: Delude, Tracy
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child
Attachments: MOMC.agenda.2018.pdf

Tracy,

Thank you for making this work. 11:30a-12:00p (noon) will work wonderfully. We are so fortunate that Governor Scott is willing and able to honor the military youth of our great state! I appreciate your added efforts in getting us on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3April2018 at 11:30 am in the Governor's Ceremonial Office. I have attached the updated agenda for our time at the Statehouse, feel free to share this with any and all interested parties.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any further information or questions.

Have a fantastic day!

Respectfully,

Brian Stoudnour
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From: Delude, Tracy [mailto:Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 6:14 PM
To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

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Hi Brian,

Unfortunately he's committed to being across the street with the National ATSSA Monument during that time. If it's possible to make 11:30 work, I'd really appreciate it. Otherwise, I have some openings in the afternoon I could squeeze it into.

I'm really sorry.

Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:18 AM
To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Tracy,

Good morning! It would work out best for the flow of the event for us to be in the Ceremonial Office at 10:30/10:45. This would allow us to move directly from the House Floor to the Governor's Ceremonial Office, and then close out our morning in Room 11. Ultimately we want time with Governor Scott! So, if it needs to be at 11:30 on Tuesday 3 April 2018 then we will make it work. Please let me know how to proceed.

Thank you for touching base and I look forward to seeing in a two (2) weeks.

Have a great day!

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From: Delude, Tracy [Caution-mailto:Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 12:39 PM

To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

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Hi Brian,

Would 11:30 work for you to have the Proclamation reading/signing in the Ceremonial office on 4/3?

Thanks for letting me know when you can.

Best,

Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:39 PM

To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Hey Tracy,

Thank you for jumping on this! I look forward to seeing you in April.

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Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) <brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Governor Scott and recognition of April as Month of the Military Child

Hi there,
I do remember and I'll get this on the list for review - and I'll let you know just as soon as I do how the calendar looks.
Thanks!!
Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stoudnour, Brian R CTR (US) [Caution-Caution-mailto:brian.r.stoudnour.ctr@mail.mil]
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Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event

Date: Tuesday 3 April 2018

Time: 8:30am-12:00pm & Tour from 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Vermont State House, 115 State St., Montpelier, VT

Schedule of Events

- 8:30am – Van leaves Camp Johnson (for FRP Staff)
- 9:30am – arrival at State House and proceed to Room 11
- 9:45am – Attend meeting of the House of Representatives for the passing of the resolution
- 10:30am – 11:20am – Speeches in the following order:
 - Lieutenant Colonel David Leonard, State Family Programs Director-Welcome and Thank You
 - Major General Steven Cray, The Adjutant General
 - Brian Stoudnour, VTNG Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator (contractor) and Military Kids: Vermont State Team Member – Facilitator/MC
 - Sargent Major Toby Quick, Command Sargent Major
 - Representative Head
 - Representative Fagan
 - Kathryn Becker Van Haste, Director of Health Policy, Office of Senator Bernard Sanders
 - Katherine Long, Caseworker for Senator Patrick Leahy
 - Shannon Furnari, Casework Manager and Communications Liaison, Office of Congressman Peter Welch
 - MOMC Art Contest winners presented and invited to present their entries
- 11:30am – 12:00pm - Meet with Governor Scott for signing of the proclamation
- 9:30a-12:00p – Youth, military members, veterans, elected officials, and MKVT begin to gather in Room 11 (downstairs across from Coat Room). Set up art display and information about MKVT/Partners. Mingling. Introduce activity. Potentially another activity?
- 12:00p-1:00p – Break for Lunch
- 1:00p-2:00p – Statehouse Tour (optional)

**A representative from MKVT will be introducing each speaker