

**Air Force Association
Wright-Patterson Chapter
Jun 2018 Legislative Updates**

**Ohio State Updates - Provided by State Representative Rick Perales' Office and
GONGWER, May 29, 2018**

Ohio House Bills:

- 1. HB 24 - BUDGET UPDATE** (Ginter, T.) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency. Signed by the Governor (3/30/2018; Signed: March 30, 2018; Effective: Immediately)
- 2. HB 38 - AGGRAVATED MURDER** (Greenspan, D.) To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense. Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (4/10/2018; CONTINUED)
- 3. HB 48 - WAR RELICS** (Schaffer, T.) To prohibit a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being sold or otherwise disposed of, or destroyed, relocated, removed, altered, or otherwise disturbed, except under certain circumstances. Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/20/2017; CONTINUED-AMENDED)
- 4. HB 75 - PROFESSIONAL LICENSES** (Gavarone, T., Merrin, D.) To establish an expedited process to grant a professional license to an individual who is on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is the spouse of such an individual, and holds a valid license in another state. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (3/15/2017; CONTINUED (No testimony))
- 5. HB 158 - MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Perales, R., Craig, H.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. Committee Hearing in Senate Finance (3/20/2018; CONTINUED)
- 6. HB 192 - VETERAN COMMISSIONS** (Miller, A., Anielski, M.) To permit county veterans service commissions to elect to add two members to the commission, one who is a veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or subsequently in those theaters of operation, and one who is a military spouse. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (3/21/2018; CONTINUEDSUBSTITUTE)
- 7. HB 194 - LICENSE PLATES** (Johnson, T., Craig, H.) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards and to modify the law that governs the nonprofit corporation organized to operate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus. Signed by the Governor (3/30/2018; Signed: March 30, 2018; Effective: In 90 days)

- 8. HB 202 - AWARENESS DAY** (Thompson, A.) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day." Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (4/17/2018; REPORTED)
- 9. HB 233 - FIREARMS** (Becker, J.) To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm. Referred in Senate (9/20/2017; Government Oversight & Reform) Passed in House (7/6/2017; 64-31)
- 10. HB 238 - VETERANS WAIVER** (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.) To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (9/20/2017; CONTINUED (No testimony))
- 11. HB 254 - POW/MIA FLAG** (Wiggam, S.) To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day. Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (5/15/2018; REPORTED (No testimony))
- 12. HB 272 - HUNTING LICENSES** (Householder, L., Kick, D.) To allow a landowner's grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit, and to allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp. Committee Hearing in House Energy & Natural Resources (2/13/2018; CONTINUED)
- 13. HB 295 - DOG REGISTRATIONS** (Goodman, W.) To exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a dog registration fee when application is made to the county auditor that includes proof that the dog is an assistance dog. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (10/24/2017; CONTINUED)
- 14. HB 414 - To designate July 16 as "National Atomic Veterans Day" in Ohio.** Calendar for Coming Session in House (5/15/2018) Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (2/28/2018; REPORTED (No testimony))
- 15. HB 434 - LICENSE PLATES** (Sweeney, M., Perales, R.) To create the "Army Distinguished Service Cross," the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force Cross," and the "Coast Guard Cross" license plates. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (1/24/2018; CONTINUED)
- 16. HB 468 - MILITARY LEAVE** (Perales, R., Boyd, J.) To grant full-time state employees paid leave for the purpose of attending medical examinations and appointments provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (3/21/2018; CONTINUED (No testimony))
- 17. HB 523 - ABUSE REPORTING** (Lanese, L., Perales, R.) To establish animal abuse reporting requirements, to require the Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program to be notified when a person serving in the armed forces is investigated for child abuse or neglect or domestic violence, and to modify the laws regulating counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. Committee Hearing in House Community & Family Advancement (5/23/2018; REPORTED)

18. HB 558 - DOG FEES (McClain, R.) To exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a dog registration fee when application is made to the county auditor that includes proof that the dog is an assistance dog. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (5/23/2018; CONTINUED (No testimony))

19. HB 603 - HIGHER ED TUITION (Perales, R.) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents. Referred in House (5/15/2018; Higher Education & Workforce Development)

20. HB 636 - VETERAN RESIDENCY (Ramos, D.) To exempt veterans from the three-month county residency requirement to be eligible for financial assistance from the county veterans service commission, if the veteran has relocated to the county from another Ohio county, state, or United States territory after the Governor or President of the United States declares a disaster or emergency. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (5/23/2018; CONTINUED)

21. HB 696 - MILITARY AFFAIRS (Perales, R.) To establish the Office of Government and Military Affairs, and to authorize the Office to make loans to defense or NASA communities and grants to defense or NASA communities, defense or NASA support organizations, and certain state institutions of higher education. Introduced in House (5/22/2018)

Ohio Senate Bills

1. SB 81 - FIREARMS (Terhar, L.) To waive the concealed carry license fee for active members of the armed forces and retired and honorably discharged veterans, to accept military experience with firearms as proof of competency with firearms regardless of when the applicant for a license acquired the experience, to permit a licensee to renew a concealed handgun license at any time before the expiration of the license, and to require the Attorney General to monitor the number of license fees waived and cap the total amount allowed to be waived at \$1.5 million. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (3/21/2018; REPORTED (No testimony))

2. SB 107 - VETERAN IDENTIFICATION (Tavares, C.) To provide that any nondriver identification card that is issued to a veteran who is disabled or blind may be issued without an expiration date. Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (2/20/2018; CONTINUEDSUBSTITUTE)

3. SB 116 - MILITARY TRANSFERS (LaRose, F., Williams, S.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (5/23/2018; SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD)

4. SB 170 - COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSES (LaRose, F.) To require the Director of Public Safety to seek approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement a temporary pilot program regarding the waiver of the skills test for a commercial driver's license that applies to present and former military personnel. **Signed by the Governor (5/2/2018; Signed: May 5. SB 190 - VETERAN PAID LEAVE** (Hoagland, F.) To grant full-time state employees paid leave for the purpose of attending medical examinations

and appointments provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (5/15/2018; CONTINUED (No testimony))

4. SB 190 - VETERAN PAID LEAVE (Hoagland, F.) To grant full-time state employees paid leave for the purpose of attending medical examinations and appointments provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (5/15/2018; CONTINUED (No testimony))

5. SB 213 - ECONOMIC PROGRAMS (Schiavoni, J.) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for child care centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation. Referred in Senate (11/15/2017; Finance)

6. SB 215 - PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Skindell, M.) To create the Ohio Pharmaceutical Assistance Program in the Department of Insurance to provide assistance with the cost of prescription drugs for certain seniors, the disabled, veterans, and certain persons who are covered under a Bronze Health Plan sold in the Health Insurance Marketplace established by federal law. Referred in Senate (11/15/2017; Insurance & Financial Institutions)

7. SB 318 - ARMED FORCES (Dever, J.) To urge the President and Congress of the United States, and the Secretary of Defense, to authorize the recruitment of individuals with disabilities for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Committee Hearing in House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (1/24/2018; CONTINUED)

8. SCR 8 - MISSILE DEFENSE (O'Brien, S., Eklund, J.) A resolution to urge the United States Missile Defense Agency to select Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as the preferred site for a future east coast Missile Defense system. Passed in House (1/24/2018; 91-0)

AFA Updates/May 2018

After string of fatal crashes, Air Force orders safety stand down

AirForceTimes.com | 8 May 2018 | by Stephen Losey

In the wake of a series of troubling [aircraft mishaps and crashes](#) — several of which have been fatal — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein has ordered a one-day safety stand down [NLT 21 May] for all flying and maintenance wings.

“I am directing this operational safety review to allow our commanders to assess and discuss the safety of our operations and to gather feedback from our airmen who are doing the mission every day,” Goldfein said in the Tuesday news release.

Lawmaker pushes for new commission on military aviation safety

StarsAndStripes | 7 May | by Claudia Grisales

WASHINGTON – Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., introduced legislation Monday to create an independent National Commission on Military Aviation Safety in response to a series of deadly aircraft crashes in the last year.

The commission would review military aviation mishaps from 2013 and 2018, compare trends to historical data, assess causes fueling the crashes and make recommendations on safety, training, maintenance, personnel and other policies related to military aviation safety, Smith's office said.

Government Matters Interview with AFA President

Govmatters.tv | 9 May | by Andrew Wagner

Gen. Larry Spencer (USAF, Ret.), president of the Air Force Association, discusses Rep. Adam Smith's proposed commission on aircraft safety in the armed forces, and how the recent safety issues may lie in old aircraft platforms.

Second phase of Light Attack Experiment underway

AF.mil | 7 May | by Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Flying began May 7, 2018, for the Air Force's second phase of the Light Attack Experiment at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Pilots are flying the Sierra Nevada/Embraer A-29 Super Tucano and the Textron Aviation AT-6B Wolverine during a three-month, live-fly experiment to gather additional information about aircraft capabilities, as well as partner nation interoperability, prior to a potential light attack purchase.

Air Force empowers commanders to train Airmen how they see fit

FederalNewsRadio.com | 7 May | by Scott Maucione

As of April 27, the Air Force empowered its commanders and supervisors to conduct nearly all ancillary training as they see fit. Computer-based training is no longer the primary tool for providing information.

AFA to Hold Over 260 CyberCamps Across the United States

The Air Force Association (AFA) announced today that its CyberPatriot program will be hosting AFA CyberCamps at over 260 locations across the United States this year. This marks an increase of more than 60 percent from the 160 camp locations in the 2017 summer session.

"We are thrilled by the growth in our AFA CyberCamp program", said Rachel Zimmerman, CyberPatriot's Director of Business Operations. "We hope that AFA CyberCamps will introduce students to all of the facets of the CyberPatriot program and inspire them to participate in our National Youth Cyber Defense Competition this fall."

AFSA Updates/The Washington Report, May 25, 2018

1. House OK's NDAA

The full House [passed](#) its version of the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), [H.R. 5515](#) on Thursday by a vote of 351 to 66. As previously reported, the \$717 billion measure provides a 2.6 percent pay raise for military service members, and increases end strengths for all branches of service. According to the [Military Times](#), nearly 500 amendments were added to the bill during committee and floor mark-ups without much objection from either party. As one observer told AFSA, it was one of the smoothest processes he had seen in recent years. However, on Wednesday, the White House outlined 37 objections to the House version of the NDAA in a formal [Statement of Administration Policy](#). These objections include both personnel and equipment related items, which we will be following closely to see if they will be reflected on the Senate side.

2. SASC NDAA Markup Begins

The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) has been marking up its own version of the FY 2019 NDAA this week. Unlike most of the House mark-ups, their deliberations are being conducted in private. Earlier in the week the SASC Personnel Subcommittee released its portion of the bill, which included a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members. This makes the first time in a few years that both chambers of Congress, as well as the White House, agree on this important matter.

3. VA MISSION Act Soon to be Law

Good news for veterans: the VA MISSION Act was easily approved by the Senate with a vote of 92 to 5 on Wednesday. The bill is now headed to the White House, and there is still a chance that it could become law by Memorial Day. For AFSA and many veterans, the two most significant elements of the bill are extending VA Choice funding and expanding VA's caregiver benefit to veterans of eras predating September 11, 2001.

AFA KEY DATES TO WATCH

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| Feb 12 | FY 2019 President's Budget Released |
| May 18 | Mitchell Hour: "Light Combat Aircraft, Looking at O/A-X and Beyond", AFA HQ |
| May 19 | Wounded Airman Program Cycling Challenge, CycleBar, Arlington, VA |

May 24 AFA Breakfast Series with Gen. John Raymond, Key Bridge Marriott,
Arlington, VA
Sep 17-19 Air, Space & Cyber Conference, Gaylord National Hotel, MD

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Oct 1 FY 2019 Begins
Feb 27-Mar 1 AFA's Air Warfare Symposium, Orlando, FL