

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

**Ohio State Updates - Provided by State Representative Rick Perales' Office and
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Explanation of terms used for Ohio Senate and House Bills:

Continued – Bill remains in the committee it was assigned too to await further hearings, amendments, etc.

Reported – The committee has voted the bill out of committee and recommends its passage on the House or senate floor

Referred – A newly introduced bill gets assigned to a committee

Introduced – A new bill that has just been assigned a number

Scheduled but not heard – A bill was supposed to have a hearing in committee but was passed over due to sponsor/chair request

Cancelled - awaiting a new hearing date

Enacted - a bill that has passed both house and senate and has been signed by the governor

The following House and Senate Bills that have been enacted will be deleted for the October Legislative Updates: HB 24; HB 254; SB 81; SB 170

Ohio House Bills:

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. (CONTINUED)

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. (CONTINUED-AMENDED)

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 (CONTINUED)

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. (CONTINUED)

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. (CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

HB 202 AWARENESS DAY (Thompson, A.) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day." (REPORTED)

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. (Government Oversight & Reform)

HB 238 VETERANS WAIVER (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.)
To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program. (CONTINUED (No testimony))

HB 272 HUNTING LICENSES (Householder, L., Kick, D.) To allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp. (CONTINUED)

HB 414 DAY DESIGNATION (Schaffer, T.) To designate July 16 as "National Atomic Veterans Day" in Ohio. REPORTED (No testimony)

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. (CONTINUED)

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. (CONTINUED (No testimony))

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. (REPORTED)

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. (Canceled)

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)

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. (CONTINUED)

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. (Canceled)

HB 710 HISTORICAL VEHICLES (Johnson, T.) To add "high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle manufactured for military purposes" to the definition of "historical motor vehicle." Introduced in House (6/21/2018)

HB 716 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES (Butler, J., Perales, R.) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty. Introduced in House (7/30/2018)

Ohio Senate Bills

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. (CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

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. (CONTINUED (No testimony))

SB 213 ECONOMIC PROGRAMS (Schiavoni, J.) authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; (6/19/2018; CONTINUED)

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 veterans, (11/15/2017; Insurance & Financial Institutions) Introduced in Senate (10/5/2017)

SB 311 DAY DESIGNATION (Hoagland, F., Williams, S.) To designate June 12 as "Women Veterans' Day." Committee Hearing in Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (9/25/2018; CONTINUED)

SB 320 MILITARY PERSONNEL LICENSURE (Beagle, B., Lehner, P.) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty. Referred in Senate (9/25/2018; Transportation, Commerce & Workforce) Introduced in Senate (8/1/2018)

House and Senate Resolutions

HR 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) Introduced and Referred in House (1/16/2018; Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security)

HR 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)

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)

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AFA Updates:

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Keith's Congressional Corner

"The creation of the United States Air Force as an independent entity recognizes the special capabilities of airpower; the creation of the Air Force Association recognizes aviation problems that require—specialized and organized—civilian assistance toward their solution. In this group we have a wealth of military and civilian talent that will devote itself to our defense needs ..."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Chief of Staff, US Army

TSgt John Chapman, killed in March 2002 during the Battle of Takur Ghar in Afghanistan, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Trump in August. TSgt Chapman, posthumously promoted to MSgt, is the first member of the Air Force since the Vietnam War to receive the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor in combat.

Congress just returned from its August Recess, and a looming government shutdown, Supreme Court Justice confirmation hearings, midterm elections, and partisan fights are on the radar. Congress now has approximately seven legislative days to work out differences and pass defense bills to provide for our warfighters in the new fiscal year.

The president signed the \$716 billion *John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act* for Fiscal year 2019 into law. Providing \$16 billion more than the current year, the bipartisan legislation set the military pay raise at 2.6 percent—the largest increase in nine years. It increased overall end strength, authorized the termination of some programs (JSTARS), and started others. It froze civilian pay increases and in less publicized actions, it provides relief against the increase of fees to the occupants in the Armed Forces Retirement Home and allows Space A travel for disabled veterans.

Assuming defense appropriators complete their work soon on the fiscal year 2019 appropriations bills, at least next year's funding will be secured.

Time to address the elephant in the room—Space Force. Last month, the Pentagon released its

report on the possibility of creating a sixth military branch, a Space Force, while reorganizing its operational and acquisition structures accordingly. The Pentagon has yet to determine the cost of creating a sixth service branch, yet they rolled out a plan early in August to do just that.

Well, at least personnel assigned to the new Space Force won't have to worry about PT...you can't be overweight if you are weightless in space.

"We learned the value of organization of true believers within a democracy, in which public opinion is the final term of reference. Hence the formation of the Air Force Association."

Gen Carl Spaatz, First Chief of Staff, US Air Force

September marks the 100th birthday of AFA's *Air Force Magazine*. Congratulations to the outgoing editor, Adam Hebert, and the magazine's dedicated staff. The first issue of the Army Aeronautical Information Branch's *'Weekly News Letter'* debuted the week of September 15, 1918. It delivered the news that the Air Service needed more mechanics, pilots, bombers, observers, and balloonists. Well, with the possible exception for balloonists, the Air Force still has 'Jobs Available' signs posted for those critical positions.

Speaking of needed specialties, AFA's CyberPatriot program develops inspiring, determined, young cybersecurity defenders, many of whom will protect our nation's networks in the future. The National Youth Cyber Education Program is growing at a rate of 1,000 additional teams per year and recently completed 260 summer training camps.

"AFA has generally supported Air Force policies but has remained independent of the Air Force by mutual agreement of USAF's leaders and those of the Association. That is one reason why it has become a respected voice in national affairs."

Gen Jimmy Doolittle

This month also marks the 71st anniversary of the first Air Force Association (AFA) convention. We hope many of you will join AFA for our 2018 Air, Space & Cyber Conference starting next Monday at the Gaylord Hotel, National Harbor, MD. This is the premier event for defense and aerospace professionals from across the globe. The conference is the nation's largest annual Air Force gathering, bringing together the top leadership of the Air Force as well as industry experts and government officials to discuss challenges facing the Air Force and aerospace community today and in the future. This year's theme is "Multi-Domain Operations: Leveraging the Full Spectrum."

"A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve. America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one

will keep that light from shining."
President George W. Bush, September 11, 2001

September 11th is a day in which we should take time to reflect. 9-11-2001 was a day and a time when our nation came together against a brazen enemy's unprovoked attack. Many are still in harm's way defending against our enemies, and we thank them.

In closing,

Happy 71st Birthday US Air Force!

Air Force Highlights

Lengthy operations are grinding down the Air Force, according to Rand report

AirForceTimes.com | 30 Aug 2018 | by Stephen Losey

A new study sounds the alarm over the longer missions the Air Force has conducted overseas since the Cold War — and warns that the service won't be able to fully do any of the jobs that may be asked of it in the future.

Top Air Force leaders have been [expressing concern for some time](#) about the [pace of operations](#) and the size of the force. But the Rand Corp. report — "[Is the USAF Flying Force Large Enough?](#)" — attempts to specifically identify how bad the problem is and where the danger areas lie. [Read more.](#)

Concerns grow about Space Force diverting funds from other military priorities

Space News | 19 Aug 2018 | by Sandra Erwin

Political disagreements aside, the Trump administration's push to create a separate branch of the military for space is being challenged on grounds that an expensive bureaucracy could undermine the central goal of boosting military capabilities to defend satellites and the nation's access to space.

Congress has the final word on Space Force budget and authorities, and proponents of making it an independent branch of the military face an uphill battle. Meanwhile, an internal battle for resources is brewing inside the Defense Department. [Read more.](#)

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Gen David Goldfein, Chief of Staff, US Air Force

Air Force Doubles Down on Hypersonic Weapons Development with 2nd Contract

Military.com | 13 Aug 2018 | by Oriana Pawlyk

The U.S. Air Force has awarded a second contract to develop a new hypersonic weapon that would move five times the speed of sound. "We are going to go fast and leverage the best technology available to get hypersonic capability to the warfighter as soon as possible," said Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson. "The joint team requires the right mix of agile capabilities to compete, deter and win across the spectrum of competition and conflict," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein. "We must push the boundaries of technology and own the high ground in this era of great power competition and beyond." [Read more.](#)

Feds Don't Think a 1.9 Percent Pay Raise Would Be Enough to Attract Talent

GovExec.com | 13 Aug 2018 | by Erich Wagner

A plurality of civilian federal employees reported in a new poll that they would be satisfied with the Senate's proposed 1.9 percent pay increase in 2019. But nearly half said they believed the plan would not improve agencies' competitiveness in the job market. [Read more.](#)

DoD reveals why there's 'not going to be another big' budget increase in 2020

DefenseNews.com | 4 Aug 2018 | by Aaron Mehta, Tara Copp, and Leo Shane III

As the Pentagon finalizes its fiscal 2020 planning, the department is not expecting to see its budget top line grow, according to a top official.

"If you look at '18 and '19 — two nice step-ups, in terms of funding. And the intent is there's not going to be another big step up again," Robert Hood, assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs, told *Military Times* during a recent interview.

Instead, the Pentagon has to focus on [finding savings to help fund necessary requirements](#), including increasing funds for high-tech efforts [such as hypersonic weapons](#). [Read more.](#)

"Take everything you've learned about aviation in war and throw it out of the window, and let's go to work on tomorrow's aviation. It will be different from anything the world has ever seen."

Gen Henry "Hap" Arnold

USAF Wants Drone Swarms, AI To Buy Space

BreakingDefense.com | 2 Aug 2018 | by Paul McLeary

Some of the most iconic weapons of the past 17 years of war are quickly becoming a relic of the past, top Air Force officials say.

The service — like every other office at the Pentagon — is rushing toward a mix of almost-ready and yet-to-be-developed technologies, including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, hypersonics, swarms of small drones, and clouds of tiny cubesats capable of sucking up data and beaming it back down to operators the ground in real time. [Read more.](#)

"I'm opposed to [creating a sixth branch]. I know the president has strong feelings. I think we can do that without a new branch."

Sen James Inhofe (R-OK), Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee

Opposition to a Space Force Simmers in the Senate

DefenseOne.com | 1 Aug 2018 | by Katie Bo Williams

Senate Republicans are holding their fire for now on the creation of a sixth branch of the military to guard America's interests in space, punting a fight with President Trump despite deep-seated skepticism about the wisdom of such a move.

But the final step—officially creating a new service branch—will require legislative authorization. And it is Senate Republicans who could stand in the way of Trump's so-called [Space Force](#); the House has already signaled its support for the move. [Read more.](#)

Quotes to Note

- "Readiness has plummeted—plummeted--of the five services. We're finally rebuilding that. Where I've been focused is, hey, let's get the five services we currently have back to the readiness levels that the American people think we should have and that we're not at. Nobody thinks we're at the readiness level that we should be. And then once we get there, then we can talk about a space force."
- Sen David Sullivan (R-AK), Senate Armed Services Committee
- "Standing up an organization is generally not resource neutral. Anyone who makes those assertions doesn't understand what is involved."
- Gen Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- "I was not going against setting up a Space Force. What I was against was rushing to do that before we define those problems."
- Gen, USMC, Retired James Mattis, Secretary of Defense
- "Because [the Space Force] will be a smaller service with fewer resources, it may be more dependent on industry for technical advice and policy input. [It] would likely be more of a

creature of industry than if the Air Force were kept intact.”

- Loren Thompson, Lexington Institute

- “Deterrence does not exist just because we have capability. It has to be capability that is practiced, that is ready, that our adversaries know [is] ready, and we’re able to respond to any threat that comes after the United States of America.”
- Gen John E. Hyten, Commander of U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM)
- “This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day. Yet, we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.”
- President George W. Bush on September 11, 2001

Your Air Force - Did You Know?

AFA membership solicitation began in January 1946, and two of the first nine members included James H. Doolittle, and James Stewart.

The first national convention of the Air Force Association was held September 15-16, 1947 in Columbus, OH. At the convention, the first elected national leaders of the AFA were announced.

Who was the first elected AFA Chairman of the Board? First Vice President?

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By the end of AFA’s first year, more than 50,000 present and former members of the Army Air Force had joined the association.

The official song of the US Air Force is "Wild Blue Yonder." Robert MacArthur Crawford wrote the lyrics and music in 1938, and it was originally titled, "Army Air Corps." The song was subsequently renamed "Army Air Force" during World War II to match the service's new name. When the Air Force was established as a separate service in 1947, the song became the "Wild Blue Yonder (Air Force Song)".

Key Dates to Watch

2018

- Feb 12 - FY 2019 President's Budget Released
- Oct 1 - FY 2019 Begins
- Unveiling of The Legacy Wall (Doolittle Brick Campaign), AFA HQ [To Order Your Personalized Brick, Click Here.](#)
- AFA Breakfast with Gen David Goldfein, Air Force Chief of Staff, Key Bridge Marriott

2019

- Feb 27-Mar 1 - AFA's Air Warfare Symposium, Orlando, FL

AFSA's Legislative Update - as of 5 Oct 2018. Information is from the AFSA Website, under Key Legislation

2018 Legislative Awareness Week (October 7-13)

For 34 years, AFSA's Legislative Awareness Week has paid big dividends to Chapters and the Association as a whole. The two biggest returns are increased individual awareness of the legislative process and promoting AFSA as the leading enlisted advocacy organization on Capitol Hill. Next week, AFSA Chapters will be hosting events highlighting some of the Association's more recent legislative successes and outlining current efforts. We hope you will make every attempt to join and support them in this important endeavor.

Renewed Call to Combat Suicide

Recent data released by VA data showed that the national Veteran suicide rate remained steady at 20 per day, but the rate among younger veterans appears to be climbing. Several of our Coalition partners were on Capitol Hill this week renewing the call for a concerted, national effort to combat this tragedy.

Congress Update

House lawmakers are not scheduled to return to Washington until the November General Election is over and their Senate counterparts will soon join them. This is a good time for AFSA members to schedule a visit with their elected officials since they will be working out of their state and local offices. Most important, be sure to remind them that their position on key issues influences your voting preferences at the polling place!

Flat Rate Per Diem Change

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) repealed DoD's authority to prescribe a reduced flat rate per diem for long-term temporary duty travel. DFAS has information about the change <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/kDSJlg1Qrbk0pGVMSelTw>.

Online Form to Report the Death of a Retiree

Occasionally we get a phone call from a family member wanting to know how to report the death of a military retiree. DFAS has made the process a bit easier with an [online form](#) that surviving family members can fill out.