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Good afternoon AMVETS Family,

The House and Senate are in full swing this week. In addition, primaries are taking place in West Virginia and Nebraska today, with most of the action taking place on the Republican side of the ticket.

Ukraine aid is front and center for Congress.

The week is jam-packed with hearings that affect the veteran and military community, and our hill team is right in the mix representing AMVETS.

The military service branches are all making budget pitches this week for their specific branches, while VA discussions on suicide, healthcare, and research will occur.

The AMVETS Team is running full speed this month as we are officially 16 days away from kicking off Rolling To Remember!

See you there!

-Paul Shipley, AMVETS National Third Vice Commander

News Driving the Week

- An electronic health record system being piloted at Spokane's VA hospital and other sites in the Inland Northwest [has been partly or completely unusable at least 50 times since its launch in 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs confirmed.](#)

The computer system, which health care workers rely on to track patient information and coordinate care, saw a total of 42 "unplanned degradations" and eight "unplanned outages" between its launch in 2020 and April 20, 2022, VA spokesman Randal Noller said in an emailed response to questions from The Spokesman-Review. Two more outages occurred April 25 and 26, VA officials told a congressional panel at the time, for a total of 52 incidents.

- With the United States experiencing historically low unemployment rates, along with an equally historic labor shortage, it would be natural to draw the conclusion that veteran unemployment is a thing of the past.

[The Call of Duty Endowment, the world's largest private funder of veteran employment, says nothing could be further from the truth.](#) Not only are certain subsections of the veteran population still struggling, but the way the government classifies "employment" is misleading, the endowment said.

- Information about patients' health care isn't always accurate or complete in the Defense Department's new electronic records system, [according to a survey of defense health care providers conducted by the Inspector General's Office.](#)

These digital records allow providers to share a patient's information with other providers — both within and outside the military health care system. But mistakes and lapses have had an impact on doctors' ability to provide quality patient care, according to the IG.

Nearly 58% percent of the survey respondents expressed concern with the accuracy and completeness of the electronic health records, auditors found, according to a May 5 management advisory report.

Articles of note:

- Task and Purpose: [Military sexual assault survivors feel abandoned in a 'world of predators' "You're just in a world of predators who are trying to attack you in the same uniform."](#)

- "It's All Bullshit": [Broken Military Justice System Jeopardizes Trust and Puts Service Members at Risk](#)

Upcoming Events

House Veterans Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity
"Reviewing President Biden's Strategy to Reduce Veteran Suicide by Addressing
Economic Risk Factors"
Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 PM
[Watch here](#)

House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Military Construction/VA
"Impacts of VA's Research Efforts on Veterans"
Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 PM
[Watch here](#)

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
"Examining Quality of Care in VA and the Private Sector"
Wednesday, May 11, 3:00 PM
[Watch here](#)

House Veterans Affairs Committee
"Innovative Care Delivery at VA: Partnering to improve Infrastructure and Operational
Efficiency"
Wednesday, May 12, 10:00 AM
[Watch here](#)

Rolling To Remember
Friday, May 27th - Sunday, May 29th
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