# Veteran Outreach Journal

# Commitment to Our Veteran Citizens



## **FVOP MISSION:**

The AMAC Foundation Veteran Outreach Program (FVOP) serves to connect Veterans to resources through the promotion of continued patriotic service, mental and emotional health resources, transition assistance, and Veteran small business support through collaborative partnerships.

By building alliances with similarly dedicated support organizations and individuals nationwide, FVOP aims to educate and inform American Veterans on programs and policies that will improve their lives in honor of their service to our Nation.

# FVOP COLLABORATORS

Collaborative efforts will be a positive benefit for our Veterans - the portion of the American population who took an oath, who can share experiences, and who will translate their experiences into commitment to the Constitution, citizenship, and community. As a team, we will:

- Grow the resources, events, and exposure - Increase our reach and voices to reaffirm values and traditions.

# **FVOP OBJECTIVES**

The <u>AMAC Foundation Veteran Outreach</u> <u>Program (FVOP)</u>, in collaboration with related support organizations nationwide, will serve to educate and inform American Veterans on programs and policies that will improve their lives in honor of their service to our Nation.

The Foundation's initial focus for this collaboration will center on:

- Encouraging patriotic service
- Veteran suicide prevention
- Veteran transition to civilian life
- Veterans in small business (training and opportunities)

We welcome the expertise, focus, and mission of all collaborators and collaborators.

#### - PATRIOTIC SERVICE

There are Veterans in our workforce, network, and advocacy programs that are concerned with the current state of our military. From recruitment efforts, discharge rates, and other



Douglas J Ross, Continued Patriotic Service

ways to maintain patriotic volunteerism, interest, or constitutional integrity, there are several avenues we can come together to reach the community - young and old! To highlight patriotic service, an interview was coordinated by AMAC Action's Michael Teninty between AMAC Foundation and AMAC Chapter Leader, Douglas J Ross. Doug shared his military journey through the Navy and post-transition philosophy and efforts to maintain and continue his patriotic service to our country.

Read his full story on AMAC Foundation's website: FVOP - Continued Patriotic Service

#### - MENTAL & EMOTIONAL CARE

Pooling FVOP collaborator expertise in mental health awareness and suicide prevention creates a larger network to fight for those who fought for us.

Annually, May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. AMAC Foundation focused on both, Seniors and Veterans, and posted several articles and held a <u>Mental Health</u> Awareness event.

The FVOP collaborators were recognized at the Veteran information table.

#### - TRANSITION ASSISTANCE Military transition - the majority of

Military transition - the majority of FVOP partners are or were directly

affected by military culture and transition. Transitions are already a prominent part of military life and families, but the transition to civilian life can become the most challenging. <u>Reaching Our Warriors-Culture & Transitions</u>

#### - VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS

Starting a business is exciting and stressful! We want to see Veterans have the chance to share their hobbies, knowledge, and passion with others. Encouraging and teaching about entrepreneurship and small business management will be a great resource. If you have events, skills resources, or classes coming up on entrepreneurship, enhancing skills, or other traning and opportunities, please share with the collaborators so we can highlight these on the websites and social media.

I believe as a citizen and a patriot serving our country is an oath and a lifelong promise. At age 17, I swore an oath to the constitution on my first day at the Naval Academy, and I have always considered that a lifelong commitment till death do us part.

Douglas J Ross



# **INSPIRATION**

In March, FVOP and AMAC team members participated in Wear Red Friday to support Remembering Everyone Deployed. Pictured - FVOP team member, Michael Teninty, 20 years, Navy (retired). More photos can be found on the Foundation's social media and newsletters.

If your organization or personally would like to continue to share, this can be a year-round focus - Remembering Everyone Deployed.

# CONTRIBUTOR ARTICLES

Thank you to LTC Allen West, with <u>ACRU</u> and <u>Committee to Support and Defend</u>, for his Memorial Day Article, featured on AMAC Foundation website and social media. Feel free to check it out and share. <u>Increased Devotion</u>

AMAC Action's Michael Teninty, wrote several articles focused on FVOP objectives. - Oath of Office

- Mental Health & Military Service.

June will feature articles geared to Flag Day and the history / flags of each branch of the services. Several FVOP collaborators were contacted to write a brief article for posting - reach out for more info or submit a brief article for your branch of service.

# CONNECT

We are glad to partner with all of your organizations, and we all benefit when we help to spread our mission(s), share information and events, re-post, and support our Veterans.

The FVOP team at AMAC Foundation established easy ways for our partners to collaborate, contribute, and also share with their constituents, team members, and BODs.







Below are some recommendations on how you may interact with the FVOP Team. Submit content to: <u>FVOP Submission Form</u>, or email veteranoutreach@amacfoundation.org

#### DAILY/WEEKLY INTERACTION -

You may continue to share articles, events, and other information for AMAC Foundation or collaborators to share at regular intervals.

#### QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER -

This pilot issue provides a visual of a quarterly newsletter that we will produce for all collaborators to share with others.

#### Themes of the Month -

FVOP introduced "Theme of the Month" in March to give everyone different activites, articles, or posts to engage, share with constituents and on social media.

#### Other -

Feel free to include any information from your organization, links to follow, newsletters to subscribe to, etc.

Promote Resources, Information, or Events. Submit content, articles, events, etc. to the

Content Submission Form

You may also submit to veteranoutreach@amacfoundation.org

# LEGISLATIVE WATCH

#### LEGISLATION ADVANCED BY VETERANS THAT AMAC ACTION REVIEWED: Representative Banks, Jim

- 117-H.R.1092 To Place temporary restrictions on acquisitions by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes
- 117-H.R.9240 Concerned Citizens Bill of Rights

#### Representative Bost, Mike

- 117-H.R.2911 VA Transparency & Trust Act of 2021
- 117-H.R.6659 Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act

#### Representative Buchanan, Vern

• 117-9127 - Mandating Exclusive Review of Individual Treatments (MERIT) Act

#### Representative Crenshaw, Dan

 117-H.R.8609 - To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish and maintain a ratio of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement prosecutors to immigration judges, and for other purposes.

#### Representative Davidson, Warren

• 117-H.J.Res.61 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the sixteenth article of amendment.

#### Representative Fallon, Pat

• 118-H.R. 627 - Verification of the Electorate (VOTE) Act

#### Representative Fitzgerald, Scott

117-H.R.7510 - National Education
 Association Charter Repeal Act

### Representative Franklin, Scott

117-H.R.7798 - Prohibiting Abortion
Industry's Lucrative Loopholes Act

## Representative Garcia, Mike

## • 117-H.R.8008 - Safe Schools Act

- Representative Higgins, Clay
- 117-H.RES.1127 Honoring our Nation's fallen law enforcement officers for National Police Week.

#### Representative Miller-Meeks, Mariannette

• 117-H.R.8246 - Disclosing Foreign Influence in Lobbying Act





#### Representative Nehls, Troy E.

- 117-H.R.9013 Justice for Angel Families Act
- 118-H.R.1761 Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act of 2023

#### Representative Pfluger, August

• 117-H.R.7659 - To prohibit the use of Federal funds to establish a Disinformation Governance Board

#### Representative Steube, W. Gregory

117-H.R.285 - CASE-IT Act
 117-H.R.8652 - To prohibit the purchase of public or private real estate located in the United States by foreign adversaries and state sponsors of terrorism.

#### Representative Thompson, Mike

• 117-H.R.8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021

#### Representative Wenstrup, Brad R.

- 117-H.R.4072 Social Security Child Protection Act of 2021
- 117-H.R.7760 Strengthen Our Health Security Act of 2022

#### Representative Womack, Steve

• 117-H.R.7637 - Veterans First Act of 2022 - Support

#### Senator Cotton, Tom

- 117-S.2346 Stop CRT Act
- 117-S.4703 Securing America's Land from Foreign Interference Act Senator Ernst, Joni
- 117-S.1144 Protect Funding for Women's Health Care Act
- 117-S.4294 BUILD IT Act
- 118-S.778 COST Act of 2023

#### Senator Graham, Lindsey

- 117-S.61 Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- 118-S.893 Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act

#### Senator Marshall, Roger

- 117-S.3018 & H.R.3173 Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2021
- 117-S.4369 Safe Schools Act
- 117-S.4986 Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act

- 117-S.4964 Justice for Angel Families Act
- 117-S.3012 Viral Gain of Function Research Moratorium Act
- 117-S.J.Res.63 A joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020.
- 117-S.5152 Concerned Citizens Bill of Rights
- 117-S.4697 A bill to require limitations on research on potential pandemic pathogens of concern.
- 118-S.81 Viral Gain-of-Function Research Moratorium Act

#### Senator Scott, Rick

- 117-S.Res.246 A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Critical Race Theory serves as a prejudicial ideological tool, rather than an educational tool, and should not be taught in K-12 classrooms as a way to teach students to judge individuals based on sex, race, ethnicity, or national origin.
- 117-S.4305 A bill to limit the authority of the World Health Organization on the United States and to oppose amendments to the WHO Constitution that have not been approved by Congress.
- 117-S.4251 A bill to create a point of order against legislation making nondefense discretionary appropriations that would increase the deficit during a period of high inflation.
- 117-S.4798 A bill to rescind certain funding provided to the Internal Revenue Service under section 10301 of Public Law 117-169.
- 118-S.424 Protect our Seniors Act

