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FALCONS LANDING LEGISLATIVE REPORT **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021**

FY 2022 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (NDAA)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THE CURRENT (10/07/21) MOAA REPORT

ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

PAY RAISE

A 2.7% military pay raise is included in both the house and senate bills. Some point out that this does not equal the current inflation rates and therefore inadequate. Negotiations continue!

HEALTH CARE

The Senate Armed Services (SASC) version of the NDAA contains direct report language addressing two of MOAA's key issues.

*** Pharmacy tier 4/ non covered-drugs: the committee report directs the Defense Health Agency to establish an appeals process for coverage of TRICARE tier 4/ non covered drugs, a MOAA goal since tier 4 was implemented.**

***Pharmaceutical manufacturing: MOAA played a key role in raising awareness on U.S. reliance on overseas suppliers of prescription drugs. The intent is to establish a pilot project to increase the manufacturing of these drugs within the United States.**

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

DOD may soon publish eligibility changes for ANC that would dramatically reduce the benefit of those currently eligible and for future service members. Congress is currently directing a study to designate a new location for a national cemetery. There is also a plan which is now under congressional review that would add 60,000 burial

spaces to the current ANC location. Without these proposals, ANC is expected to be full by 2043.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

NDAA language in the house and senate indicates Selective Service will grow to include women this year. The final report from the national commission on military, national and public service recommended women should register for Selective Service.

Although MOAA remains committed to protecting the all-volunteer force and not returning to the draft, the report highlighted many important recruiting challenges. For example, the commission estimated 70% of the 18-to-26-year-olds in the U.S. cannot meet the physical and psychological standards for service and provided important perspectives to sustain and improve benefits for the all-volunteer force.

THE NEXT NDAA-FUTURE CHALLENGES

'180 DAY RULE': Title 10 restricts a retiring military member from becoming a DOD civilian with a 180-day "cool off" period. It is a frustration for hiring officials and for retiring service members. Although there are exceptions to the rule for some exceptions to the rule for some industrial activity positions, the proposal to lift the restrictions for all GS-13 level positions and below will need support next year.

CHILD CARE: Finding accessible, affordable childcare continues to be an issue for military families. Lawmakers in the House recognize this and included an expansion of a pilot program offering financial assistance to in-home childcare. The House version of the NDAA also requires DOD to report on the efficiency of the in-home childcare licensing process and study the feasibility of offering drop in childcare options for spouses with servicemembers who are deployed or away for extensive training.

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