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Nebraska American Legion Family to Attend Washington Conference

(Lincoln) February 13, 2018 – Twenty-eight members of the Nebraska American Legion Family will make their way later this month to Washington D.C. to discuss the Legion's current legislative agenda with their U.S. Senators and Representatives.

The American Legion heads to Capitol Hill each February to speak to the elected officials and testify to Congress. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 and each year they have to report on what the organization did to support its Four Pillars; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

The American Legion's priority legislative agenda this year is to support the VA's suicide prevention efforts, to limit the outsourcing of the VA's programs, to fully fund a superior national defense as the global war on terror continues, to create lifetime electronic health records, to reclassify cannabis for medical research, to institute gender-specific health care for women veterans, to support those who care for wounded veterans, to defend veterans education benefits, to repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widow, to provide mandatory end-of-service exams for reservists, to ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights, and to continue funding programs to end veteran homelessness.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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