



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE REPORT FORM

Department: Rhode Island

Month: September 2023

Committee Member Name: Matthew Baldwin McCoy

Report:

1. Attended the VFW Fall Legislative Conference (11-14 September 2023).

- 09/12/2023 @ 13:00 – Meeting with Emily Mercado (Legislative Director) for Rep. Seth Magaziner at LHOB.
- 09/13/2023 @ 15:30 – Meeting with U.S. Senator Whitehouse and Colleen M. Costello (Legislative Assistant) and Ari Kauffman-Frankel (Legislative Intern) at SH-530.
- 09/13/2023 @ 16:00 – Meeting with U.S. Senator Reed and Ryan Gallogly at SH-728. Also attending were: Pat Murray (Director, National Legislative Service) and Ryan Gallucci (Executive Director, VFW Washington Office)

2. Copies of the 2023 VFW Priority Goals Brochure and September 2023 Edition of VFW Talking Points were provided to each elected official and their legislative staff prior to each meeting. Thank you and follow-up emails were sent to each elected official and their legislative staff members on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Ryan Gallucci sent a separate thank you and follow up email to Ryan Gallogly in response to a question that was raised concerning VFW's position on the hold on military promotions.

3. In general, there is strong support from the Rhode Island Congressional delegation for the three priority bills discussed.

4. Due to scheduling conflicts, I am currently working to reschedule State Commander Rachael Garcia's introductory meetings with Senator Whitehouse and Representative Magaziner. Meetings will be at their District offices.

Very respectfully,

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