



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE REPORT FORM

Department: Rhode Island

Month: August 2023

Committee Member Name: Matthew Baldwin McCoy

Report:

1. Nominated to replace John P. Gallo as the Department's representative to the National Legislative Committee. Received the Commander-in-Chief's appointment on August 1, 2023.
2. Mailed letters of introduction to U.S Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and U.S. Representative Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2).
3. Attended U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's town hall meeting at the North Kingstown Senior Center. Topics primarily related to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
4. State Commander Rachael S. Garcia and I meet with U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) and John Kiernan at the Senator's offices in Cranston, Rhode Island. The primary purpose of the meeting was to introduce Senator Reed to the State Commander.
5. Scheduled the following meetings with members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation and/or their legislative/district staff:
 - VFW Fall Legislative Conference (September 11-14, 2023)
 - 09/12/2023 @ 13:00 – Meeting with Emily Mercado (Legislative Director) for Rep. Seth Magaziner at LHOB
 - 09/13/2023 @ 15:00 – Meeting with U.S. Senator Reed and legislative staff at SH-728
 - 09/13/2023 @ 15:30 – Meeting with U.S. Senator Whitehouse and legislative staff at SH-530
 - State Commander Introductions
 - 09/25/2023 @ 9:00 – Meeting with U.S. Representative Seth Magaziner and district staff. Primary purpose is to introduce State Commander Racheal S. Garcia.

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6. I am in receipt of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2023 *Priority Goals* and *Legislative Priorities*. As directed, advanced copies have been sent to the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation and their legislative/district staff.

7. For your information, I routinely interact with members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation in my other capacities as:

- Town Councilor, Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island (www.northkingstownri.gov)
- Director, Quonset Development Corporation Board of Directors (www.quonset.com)
- Vice Chairman, Rhode Island Committee of the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program (www.esgr.mil)

8. As a result of U.S. Representative David Cicilline's retirement this year, Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District is currently vacant. I will schedule meetings with the newly elected Representative and their staff, when practical.

Very respectfully,

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