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Join me in celebrating Patriot's Day on September 11th when we, as a nation, remember the determination, sacrifice and resolve with which our Veterans served in defense of the United States of America and the projection of the honorable principles that we as Americans project to the citizens of the world.

Let us not, however, rest on our laurels. We must be ever vigilant in our efforts to ensure that our Veterans and their families are treated with respect and honor.

Presently before our lawmakers in Washington DC, and being lobbied on our behalf by our VFW representatives, is the initiative to Eliminate Unjust Offset for Chapter 61 Retirees, specifically H.R. 1282 / S. 344, better known as the "Major Richard Star Act".

The Major Richard Star Act is determined to codify reform to retirement pay and disability compensation policy that is long rover due.

*Many of our nation's combat-disabled veterans are prohibited by Congress from receiving their full earned Department of Defense retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs service-connected disability compensation. Over 50,000 Chapter 61 retirees with combat-related disabilities are required to **forfeit every dollar** of their retirement pay for every dollar they receive in disability compensation. No veteran should have to choose between two fundamentally different benefits that they earned for two entirely different reasons. This offset must be eliminated. Our combat veterans have already sacrificed enough.*

Do this one thing this month. It won't take much of your time, but will reinforce your individual impact to our organization's voice to our representative leadership in Congress.

Tell Congress to end this extremely unjust offset by immediately passing the Major Richard Star Act.

Click on this link to fill in a formatted email to our elected officials. Action Center (votervoice.net)

Thank you for taking the time to "**Bee the Change**" as a member of the Washington State Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

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