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OUR TRICARE GRASSROOTS EFFORTS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

KEEP POURING IT ON!

Forty-one additional representatives agreed to cosponsor H.R. 4949 this week bringing the bill's total number of supporters up to 118. Two key events took place on Wednesday in relation to the TRICARE fees increase issue. First, the House Budget Committee rejected an amendment offered by Representative Chet Edwards, D-TX, to the fiscal year 2007 Budget Resolution. The Edwards amendment would have blocked the Administration's proposal to significantly raise TRICARE premiums for many military retirees. Edwards sought to add \$735 million to the DoD healthcare budget, thereby negating the department's need to increase fees for the coming year. Surprisingly, the committee voting occurred along strict party lines (15-22) with every Republican opposing the Edwards amendment, despite increased "vocalization" of opposition to the fees increase from majority (Republican) party members and every Democrat supporting it.

The second event took place at the Rayburn House Office Building where the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee convened a special hearing specifically focusing on DoD's proposal to control healthcare costs for military retirees. In his opening statement, Subcommittee Chairman John McHugh, R-NY, noted that the issue was perhaps the most controversial military personnel issue tackled by the subcommittee in recent years. Chairman McHugh pointed out a portion of the nearly 40,000 letters which had been strategically placed near the center of the hearing room that the committee alone had received on the issue. McHugh stated, "Member offices have received a comparative volume of mail. Collectively these are the voices of beneficiaries that we cannot ignore." McHugh went on to express concerns about the Defense Department's initiatives and pointed out that a key factor that influenced

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— Rep. John McHugh,
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Congress to pass TRICARE for Life was that at the time senior military leadership advocated it, believing it was necessary to retain qualified personnel. However he also noted that, "Given the rising costs

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of healthcare, doing nothing in the future may not be an option.”

Testifying on behalf of the Administration were David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and Dr. William Winkenwerder, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Both cited many of the familiar arguments the Administration has been using such as how rising healthcare costs now threaten the security of the benefit. They were accompanied by the vice chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps who, as expected, had to support the Administration’s position. Among those testifying on behalf of retirees and the Military Coalition (of which AFSA is a member) was Vice Admiral (Ret) Norbert R. Ryan, Jr, President of the Military Officers Association of America. Admiral Ryan reflected AFSA’s position and categorically stressed to the committee the reasons why the proposed increases were disproportional, inequitable, inappropriate, and unwise. Admiral Ryan urged Congress not to enact any increases for the immediate future. Additional hearings are anticipated on this issue.

Whereas it’s apparent that the large volume of calls and letters have captured the interest of congressional members, the disappointing outcome of Wednesday’s vote in the House Budget Subcommittee suggests we have yet to secure Congress’ decisive support. All AFSA members are encouraged to contact their representative and two senators and then clearly state their position on this issue. It was very clear at yesterday’s hearing that DoD officials and senior military officials are either unaware or have grossly underestimated the potential impact these increases will have on the morale and retention of active military members. Therefore we especially urge all active military members to contact their elected officials and let them know how changes like these will affect their future decisions relating to the military service.

The complete list of cosponsors on H.R. 4949 appears below and is current as of March 30, 2006. The date listed beside each name is the date each representative became a cosponsor. If your representative is listed, be sure to send him/her a quick “thank you” and urge them to follow-through and ensure this important piece of legislation is passed. Conversely if your representative’s name does not appear below, please contact his/her office immediately and urge his/her to sign on as a cosponsor to the bill. Also, be sure to contact your two senators and ask them to sponsor similar legislation in the Senate.

Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 3/14/2006	Rep Davis, Lincoln [TN-4] - 3/29/2006
Rep Allen, Thomas H. [ME-1] - 3/14/2006	Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bachus, Spencer [AL-6] - 3/15/2006	Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] - 3/14/2006
Rep Baldwin, Tammy [WI-2] - 3/16/2006	Rep Delahunt, William D. [MA-10] - 3/16/2006
Rep Barrow, John [GA-12] - 3/14/2006	Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-25] - 3/30/2006
Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G. [MD-6] - 3/14/2006	Rep Drake, Thelma D. [VA-2] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bass, Charles F. [NH-2] - 3/28/2006	Rep Emerson, Jo Ann [MO-8] - 3/28/2006
Rep Berry, Marion [AR-1] - 3/14/2006	Rep English, Phil [PA-3] - 3/15/2006
Rep Billirakis, Michael [FL-9] - 3/14/2006	Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bishop, Rob [UT-1] - 3/28/2006	Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] - 3/14/2006	Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] - 3/28/2006
Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] - 3/14/2006	Rep Forbes, J. Randy [VA-4] - 3/16/2006
Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] - 3/14/2006	Rep Ford, Harold E., Jr. [TN-9] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bonilla, Henry [TX-23] - 3/16/2006	Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bonner, Jo [AL-1] - 3/14/2006	Rep Gingrey, Phil [GA-11] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] - 3/14/2006	Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20] - 3/15/2006
Rep Boren, Dan [OK-2] - 3/15/2006	Rep Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [VA-5] - 3/14/2006
Rep Boucher, Rick [VA-9] - 3/14/2006	Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] - 3/14/2006
Rep Bradley, Jeb [NH-1] - 3/28/2006	Rep Green, Gene [TX-29] - 3/14/2006
Rep Brown, Sherrod [OH-13] - 3/15/2006	Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. [IL-4] - 3/15/2006
Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] - 3/29/2006	Rep Hefley, Joel [CO-5] - 3/28/2006
Rep Cannon, Chris [UT-3] - 3/29/2006	Rep Herseth, Stephanie [SD] - 3/14/2006
Rep Capps, Lois [CA-23] - 3/14/2006	Rep Higgins, Brian [NY-27] - 3/14/2006
Rep Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD-3] - 3/16/2006	Rep Hinchey, Maurice D. [NY-22] - 3/14/2006
Rep Cardoza, Dennis A. [CA-18] - 3/15/2006	Rep Hinojosa, Ruben [TX-15] - 3/29/2006
Rep Carson, Julia [IN-7] - 3/29/2006	Rep Holden, Tim [PA-17] - 3/15/2006
Rep Case, Ed [HI-2] - 3/29/2006	Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 3/14/2006
Rep Chandler, Ben [KY-6] - 3/14/2006	Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18] - 3/28/2006
Rep Christensen, Donna M. [VI] - 3/14/2006	Rep Jefferson, William J. [LA-2] - 3/14/2006
Rep Cleaver, Emanuel [MO-5] - 3/14/2006	Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] - 3/14/2006
Rep Costello, Jerry F. [IL-12] - 3/28/2006	Rep Kildee, Dale E. [MI-5] - 3/28/2006
Rep Davis, Artur [AL-7] - 3/29/2006	Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [MI-13] - 3/16/2006
Rep Davis, Jo Ann [VA-1] - 3/15/2006	Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] - 3/14/2006

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[Rep Levin, Sander M.](#) [MI-12] - 3/29/2006
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[Rep Lowey, Nita M.](#) [NY-18] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Lynch, Stephen F.](#) [MA-9] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Maloney, Carolyn B.](#) [NY-14] - 3/14/2006
[Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] - 3/14/2006
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[Rep McGovern, James P.](#) [MA-3] - 3/14/2006
[Rep McIntyre, Mike](#) [NC-7] - 3/30/2006
[Rep Melancon, Charlie](#) [LA-3] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Michaud, Michael H.](#) [ME-2] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Miller, Brad](#) [NC-13] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Miller, Jeff](#) [FL-1] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Moore, Dennis](#) [KS-3] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Murphy, Tim](#) [PA-18] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Neal, Richard E.](#) [MA-2] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Oberstar, James L.](#) [MN-8] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Ortiz, Solomon P.](#) [TX-27] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Otter, C. L. \(Butch\)](#) [ID-1] - 3/30/2006
[Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr.](#) [NJ-6] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Pastor, Ed](#) [AZ-4] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Payne, Donald M.](#) [NJ-10] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Pelosi, Nancy](#) [CA-8] - 3/30/2006
[Rep Peterson, Collin C.](#) [MN-7] - 3/28/2006

[Rep Pickering, Charles W. \(Chip\)](#) [MS-3] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Price, David E.](#) [NC-4] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Rangel, Charles B.](#) [NY-15] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Reichert, David G.](#) [WA-8] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Renzi, Rick](#) [AZ-1] - 3/29/2006
[Rep Reyes, Silvestre](#) [TX-16] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Rogers, Mike D.](#) [AL-3] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Ross, Mike](#) [AR-4] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Rothman, Steven R.](#) [NJ-9] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch](#) [MD-2] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Ryan, Tim](#) [OH-17] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Sanders, Bernard](#) [VT] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Schwartz, Allyson Y.](#) [PA-13] - 3/30/2006
[Rep Scott, Robert C.](#) [VA-3] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Sherwood, Don](#) [PA-10] - 3/30/2006
[Rep Simmons, Rob](#) [CT-2] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Strickland, Ted](#) [OH-6] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Tanner, John S.](#) [TN-8] - 3/28/2006
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[Rep Van Hollen, Chris](#) [MD-8] - 3/14/2006
[Rep Visclosky, Peter J.](#) [IN-1] - 3/16/2006
[Rep Wexler, Robert](#) [FL-19] - 3/28/2006
[Rep Wilson, Heather](#) [NM-1] - 3/15/2006
[Rep Wynn, Albert Russell](#) [MD-4] - 3/29/2006

OTHER NEWS AND UPDATES

VETERANS' STAUNCH ADVOCATE TO RETIRE: AFSA was disheartened to learn that long-time veterans' advocate and current ranking member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Lane Evans, D-IL, will retire at the end of the 109th Congress. Evans made the announcement on Tuesday, citing his ongoing battle with Parkinson's disease as the principal reason for his decision. Congressman Evans was elected to the House in 1982 and has served with distinction on the Veterans' Affairs Committee throughout the entire period. He assumed his current position as the committee's ranking Democratic member in 1997. His retirement will culminate a period of 24 years of distinguished service to this nation and its veterans. Throughout his tenure he demonstrated sincere concern for those who served in the Armed Forces and a true and honest commitment toward making their lives better. Enhanced MGIB benefits and expanded care for those suffering from Agent Orange exposure, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Spina Bifida are just a few of the advancements attributed to his personal efforts. His departure will create a void that will be difficult to fill, and AFSA wishes Congressman Evans and his family the very best in their future endeavors.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Earlier this week AFSA representatives attended a roundtable discussion hosted by key House Democrats with the leaders of several veterans' and military organizations. Although a variety of subjects were discussed, concerns over the DoD proposal to raise TRI-CARE premiums seemed to be on the minds of everyone in attendance. The ongoing effort to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset, accelerate SBP's age 70, 30 years "paid up" provision; provide full funding of VA healthcare; acquire additional funding for homeless veterans' programs; and the problematic VA claims process drew considerable attention as well. Commenting on the DoD healthcare proposal, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said, "It is unconscionable to impose a fee increase on the men and women in uniform who bravely sacrificed for our country, especially during a time of war. We must demonstrate our commitment to our troops and future veterans by assuring them that just as they protected us, we will take care of them when their service ends."

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST TO ENLISTED PERSONNEL

GUARD AND RESERVE RETIREMENT AGE: There hasn't been a lot of movement in this area for some time now--perhaps because those affected have given up or haven't been making it a priority. During a recent series of congressional office visits on the subject, staffers indicated they have been receiving little, if any, communication from the field on the issue. We can't overemphasize the importance of regular communication on an issue—even if it appears to be stalled or going nowhere. At the Senate Reserve Components Caucus yesterday morning, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-GA, informed those in attendance that he will reintroduce legislation which would lower the Guard and Reserve retirement age. "It may not look like last year's, but we are going to keep working the issue, and with your help we are going to make it happen." The bottom line: the issue is not dead, and the senator is going to need your help. Now's the time to start making those calls, mailing those letters and providing your support to help us get this legislation implemented.

TRICARE ONLINE: TRICARE *Online.com* is the Department of Defense Internet medical portal that provides TRICARE beneficiaries with secure, interactive, one-stop-shopping access to a host of unique and exciting services, tools and resources. TRICARE *Online.com* allows beneficiaries to take control of their family's health care needs. Why a dotcom? Only a dotcom can provide unconstrained, universal access from any computer or laptop in the world – dot.mil may not always be accessible because of geographic and security restrictions. But, TRICARE *Online.com* is *always* accessible.

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Portugal	800-8-12305
Spain	900-951895
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United Kingdom	08-005871786

MISSING AIRMAN LAID TO REST: A World War II Airman whose body was found frozen in a glacier last fall was buried in his hometown last Friday, six decades after his plane crashed in the Sierra Nevada. More on this story at: <http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,92139,00.html>

MILITARY ONE SOURCE: Military OneSource provides information and resources on a variety of issues ranging from everyday concerns to deployment and reintegration. The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve Airmen and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Review more about this valuable resource by going to <http://www.amc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123018100>.

FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DIES: Caspar W. Weinberger, the nation's 15th Secretary of Defense, passed away Tuesday. He was 88. <http://www.vnis.com/story.cfm?textnewsid=1891>

COPE THUNDER RENAMED: The Air Force Chief of Staff has announced the Cope Thunder exercise held in Alaska will be renamed and enhanced so it provides complementary training on the same level as the current Red Flag exercise held at Nellis Air Force Base. See the complete article at; <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123018098>

'MAIL CALL' HOST VISITS HURLBURT FIELD: The host of the History Channel's "Mail Call," retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey recently spent two days at Hurlburt Field filming for an upcoming show. Read more about his visit by going to; <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123017928>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Yes it's that time again! Daylight-saving time begins for most of the United States this weekend so don't forget to turn those clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Enlisted Quote For the Week

"Being a member of AFSA is very rewarding. The membership gives me an avenue to meet and do good things on the base and local community. In addition, I feel I am doing my part to ensure Air Force members have the very best benefits and pay." — STEVE A. NICHOLS, TSgt, USAF, Vice President, AFSA Chapter 1075

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AFSA was founded on May 3, 1961, as a private, not-for-profit organization in Washington D.C. It was founded by four enlisted personnel, for enlisted personnel. It was federally chartered in 1998. Since its founding, AFSA has had one mission—to protect the enlisted Airmen's quality of life. It has never wavered from that mission. It is the only association with the word "SERGEANTS" in its title because the word sergeant means "to serve," and that is what AFSA does for its members.

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