

MEDIA ADVISORY: Monday 1PM

Congressional Briefing to Launch IAVA

"Big 6" Advocacy Priorities for 2018

WASHINGTON, DC (March 5, 2018) – Today at 1 PM ET, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the leading post-9/11 veterans empowerment organization, will host a panel of veteran thought leaders and research experts and rally members from across America to present IAVA's 2018 policy priorities – the "Big 6". At a time of unprecedented politicization of veterans and military by political leaders across the aisle, and unprecedented controversy inside the VA, the landmark "Big 6" initiative is IAVA's biggest and boldest campaign ever, centering veterans voices and empowering them to lead the nation forward.

The roundtable marks the official public start of [Storm the Hill](#), IAVA's premiere advocacy and leadership program in which veterans from across the country bring their priorities straight to Capitol Hill. It also comes as controversy at the Department of Veterans Affairs continues to make [news headlines](#).

Who: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)

Where: Cannon House Office Building (Room 121). 27 Independence Ave SE; Washington, DC 20003

When: 1:00 PM ET

What: Launch of IAVA's "Big 6" annual priorities and panel discussion featuring IAVA Chief Policy Officer, [Melissa Bryant](#), Legislative Director, [Tom Porter](#), CEO and Founder, [Paul Rieckhoff](#) and others.

[IAVA's Annual Policy Agenda](#): IAVA uses the data from their Annual Member Survey to shape a comprehensive policy agenda that is shared online and is distributed to members of Congress. The policy agenda can be found and downloaded from www.iava.org/research

[Storm the Hill](#): [#StormTheHill](#) is IAVA's signature leadership development program. Over the years, it has grown from a handful of veterans walking the halls of Congress into an annual event placing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in more than 100 meetings with our nation's leaders. Learn more at StormTheHill.org