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WASHINGTON (March 15, 2016) – Tomorrow, Wednesday March 16, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) Founder and CEO [Paul Rieckhoff](#) will testify before the joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees in Washington, D.C. Rieckhoff will present IAVA's top policy priorities for Congress in 2016.

With a growing base of more than 425,000 members and supporters, IAVA's 2016 [policy priorities](#) reflect key issues affecting the post-9/11 veterans community. With limited days in session during this election year, IAVA calls for Congress to increase focus for the most pressing issues for the post-9/11 veteran community.

In his testimony Wednesday, Rieckhoff will present the top policy priorities for IAVA in 2016: reducing veteran suicide; investing in the success of women veterans; reforming the VA and DOD for today's veterans; and, defending veteran and military education benefits.

WHO: IAVA CEO and Founder Paul Rieckhoff

Representatives from the American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization, Air Force Sergeants Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Military Officers Association of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non-Commissioned Officers Association and The Retired Enlisted Association.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16, 2015, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 50, Ground Floor. The hearing can be streamed live at [veterans.house.gov](#).

Note to media: Please email press@iava.org if you would like a copy of the testimony or would like to arrange an interview with IAVA Founder and CEO Paul Rieckhoff.