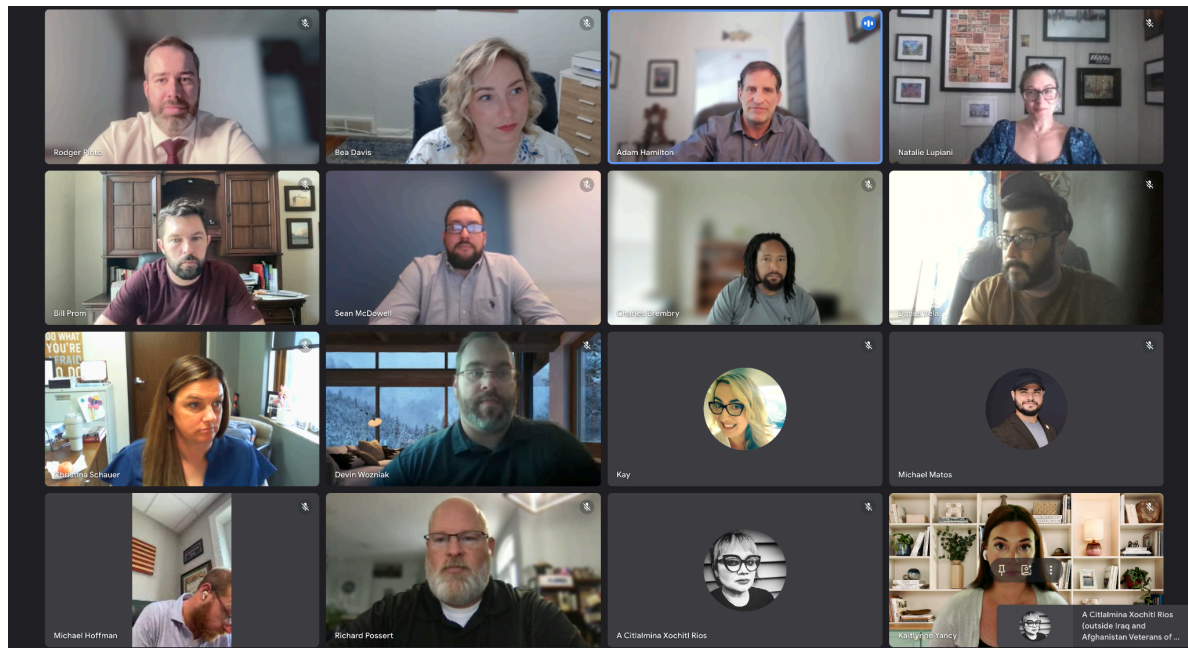


IAVA Cavalry Update

June 28, 2024

Happy Friday IAVA Cavalry!

This week the IAVA membership team finalized the list for the latest virtual Cavalry cohort. They will begin their training next Tuesday, July 2nd at 5 PM. Please be on the lookout for their social media posts and ensure we are amplifying their posts.



On Tuesday, IAVA held its first Policy Update and Open Discussion hour. This new effort intends to continue connecting with our active Cavalry members, give updates on important policy topics, and hear from our membership on what matters to them. This will be a regular event, every other month. The next Policy Update and Open Discussion hour will be August 14, 2024. Be on the lookout for a meeting link in the coming months.



Thursday, IAVA Associate of Policy and Advocacy, Rodger Pinto participated in hill meetings advocating for the defense of the Post-9/11 GI Bill alongside Veteran Education Success (VES) advocates who predatory educational institutions have defrauded. Meetings were productive and veteran advocates successfully shared their experiences with congressional staffers. Meetings included Senate Veteran Affairs Committee (SVAC) majority staff, Senator Cardin, Senator Duckworth, and Senator Durbin.



IAVA's own Cavalry member, Lance Lesher, has recently been appointed to the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations and was able to attend the quarterly meeting in his official capacity on June 27th. The mission of the JLCs is to provide advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) on matters of concern to the veterans community and provides a conduit of information to and from the veterans service organizations on policy and legislation, pending and enacted, as well as information on existing services. Lance is a prime example of #IAVALeads!

Our Director of Membership Programs, Kaitlynn Yancy, will be on maternity leave starting June 28, 2024. For all policy-related questions, please contact Rodger Pinto: rodger@iava.org. For membership & Cavalry related questions, reach out to our Member Services Manager, Bea Davis: bea@iava.org

Onward & Upward Cavalry!