

# IAVA Cavalry Update

July 12, 2024

Happy Friday IAVA Cavalry! We hope that everyone had a great week!

## Policy Updates



This week Congress continues to work on the NDAA with amendments currently being offered in the Senate. Work on the NDAA is expected to conclude on or about July 18th, 2024 and the full NDAA process is expected to wrap in the last two weeks of July. At this time several amendments have raised concerns and IAVA

continues to keep a close eye on any potential poison pill amendments in the Senate. Expect more details on poison pill NDAA amendments in next week's advocacy update as the debate continues.

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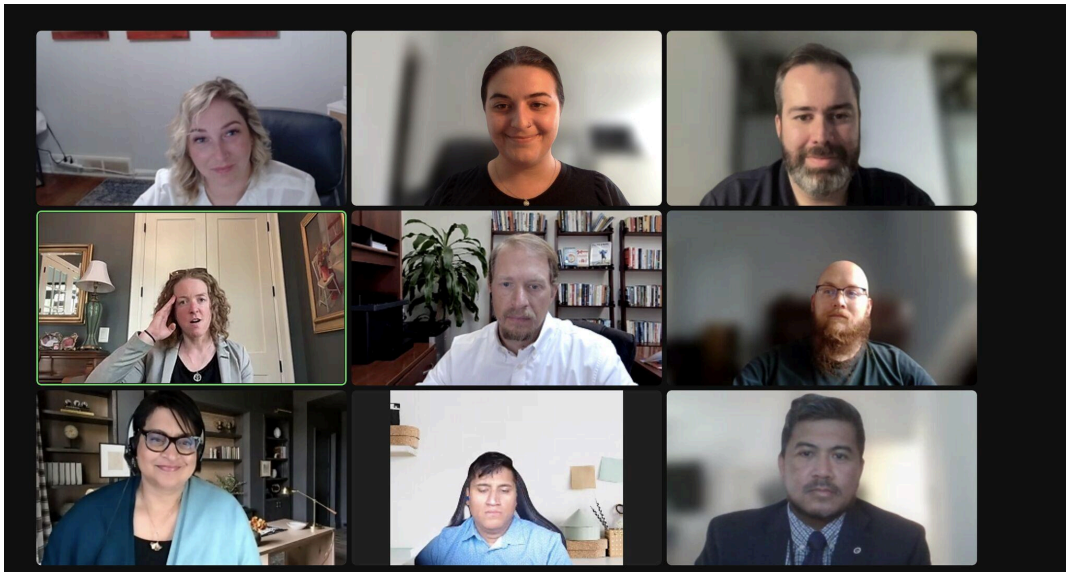
## Upcoming Advocacy

IAVA's will be participating in a Women Veterans Roundtable hosted by the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Full committee participation is expected and IAVA will be represented at the roundtable by Managing Director, Kristen Rouse.

Topics to be discussed include:

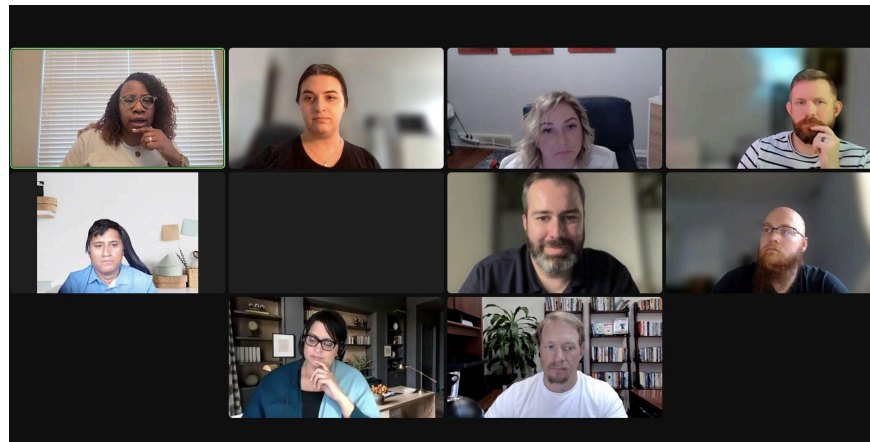
- 1.) *What data points are necessary to accurately ensure that women veterans receive their earned care and benefits?*
- 2.) *In what areas is the VA not meeting the needs of women veterans?*
- 3.) *What issue currently has the greatest impact on women veterans and what is the congressional solution?*
- 4.) *What are the top three issues that women veterans face regarding access to benefits that can be addressed without the passage of legislation?*

## Current Cohort Update



IAVA's latest cohort of Cavalry members have completed their training. They were addressed by our CEO Allison Jaslow who invigorated them as they went into the final training. Olivia Whitaker brought them up to speed on the latest and greatest when it comes to all things social media.

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To conclude, Dr. Natalie Coleman spent the better half of an hour being vulnerable with her story. She engaged and gave some last pieces of encouragement before this Cavalry cohort goes on their first mission. The cohort will meet virtually with Members of Congress and their staff the last week of July and the First week of August.

## NEXT VIRTUAL CAVALRY UPDATE

Do you think you know someone perfect for the Cavalry? Contact Member Services Manager, Bea Davis at [bea@iava.org](mailto:bea@iava.org) with their information!

*Our next Cavalry application window will open on September 3, 2024!*

### Reminders



Cavalry T-Shirts are in! You should have received an email with shipping codes to have yours mailed to you from our great partners over at Oscar Mike.

When you receive them, show em off! Post a photo to your social media and use hashtags #IAVA and #IAVACavalry. If you did not receive an email, please contact Bea Davis.

*Director of Membership Programs, Kaitlynn Yancy, is currently on maternity leave. For all policy-related questions, please contact Rodger Pinto:*

*[rodger@iava.org](mailto:rodger@iava.org). For membership & Cavalry related questions, reach out to our Member Services Manager, Bea Davis: [bea@iava.org](mailto:bea@iava.org).*

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