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Statehouse Happenings

Spring break finally ended and the Ohio legislators went back to work in Columbus beginning with the second week.

They were busy with lots of committee hearings and introducing new legislation. But for us the question is, "How much of it was for Ohio's Veterans and military?" Let's look at the numbers for the month of May.

NEW LEGISLATIONS:

In the House there were 116 bills, 33 resolutions, 7 concurrent resolutions and 2 joint resolutions. Total of 158 pieces of new legislation.

In the Senate there were 15 bills, 15 resolutions and 1 joint resolution. A total of 31 new pieces.

Together our legislators introduced 189 new pieces of legislation in May.

How many of the 189 were Veteran/Military related?

There were eight.

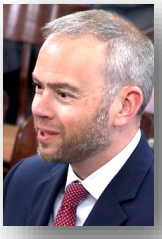
That is a little less than five one hundredth of 1 percent and is very close to the average for the entire 136th General Assembly to date, which is a little more than five one hundredth of one percent.

We will look at the numbers at the end of the year and see how they did compared to the previous General Assembly.

Hearings Held for Veteran/Military Legislation

May 11-15

The Senate Workforce Development Committee met Tuesday morning and held the second hearing for HB 292, the bill to establish the Ohio Defense Commission. There were two individuals who provided testimony to the committee and ten others who provided written testimonies. All were proponents. HB 292 was introduced by Representatives **Ty D. Mathews** (HD-83) and **Nick Santucci** (HD-64) a year ago and passed in the house with a vote of 82 to10 in March. The bill would establish the Defense Industry Expansion Program and the Ohio Defense Fund.



Sen. Manning

In the afternoon the Senate General Government Committee heard sponsor testimony from Senator **Nathan H. Manning** (SD-13) on a bill he introduced in February. He let the committee members know that SB 351 recognize active-duty service members as an exception to the restrictions currently outlined in the Open Meetings law. See '*In A Nutshell*' on page three.

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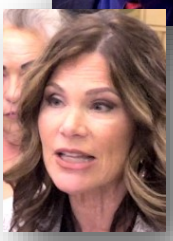
The same afternoon five bills were on the agenda of the House Transportation Committee. It was the first hearing for all five and they all were to designate memorial highways in the name of a fallen service member.

The first was HB 580 introduced by Representatives **Tim Barhorst** (HD-85) and **Angela N. King** (HD-84) last November. The bill would designate a portion of State Route 47 in Shelby County as "PFC Francis Guillozet Memorial Highway". Private First Class Guilllozet served in the Army during World War II and was killed on March 14, 1945, in Germany.



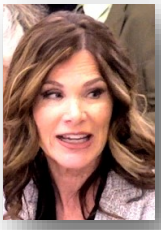
Reps. Barhorst & King

House Bill 681 was next. It was sponsored by Representative **Marilyn John** (HD-76) to designate a portion of State Route 13 in Richland County as "Marine PFC Glenn S. Wingenbach, Jr. Memorial Highway". Wingenbach was killed in action by hostile forces in Vietnam on March 6, 1969. John introduced her bill in February.

Rep. John

Sponsor testimony was then provided by Representative **Meredith R. Lawson-Rowe** (HD-5) and **Jeff LaRe** (HD-75) for HB 451. Their bill would honor US Army Corporal Lindsey William Mitchell who was killed in action on October 29, 1951, fighting communist forces during the Korean War. It would name part of State Route 256 in Franklin County and Fairfield County "CPL Lindsey William Mitchell Memorial Highway".

Reps. Lawson-Rowe & LaRe



Rep. King

They introduced their bill in September.

Representative King stepped up a second time to offer testimony to designate a section of State Route 49 in Drake County as "PFC James Vincent Pottkotter Memorial Highway". She introduced House Bill 497 in October to honor Pottkotter who was killed on November 1, 1965, in South Vietnam while serving in the Army.

For the fifth bill Representative **Adam Holmes** (HD-97) joined Lawson-Rowe and together they offered testimony on HB 738. Introduced in March, the bill would designate a four-mile stretch of I-270 in Franklin County as "PFC Chris Dixon Memorial Highway". Dixon was killed in Karabilah, Iraq on May 11, 2005, when his amphibious assault vehicle struck an explosive device . The Marine was serving with Lima Company during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Reps. Lawson-Rowe & Holmes

On Wednesday morning the House Veteran and Military Development Committee held the third hearing for Senate Bill 179 but there was not any testimony to be given. Senate Bill 179 had been introduced by Senator **Terry Johnson** (SD-14) in April of last year to require certain correctional, judicial, and veterans' service entities to ascertain the veteran status of individuals imprisoned or charged with a criminal offense punishable by incarceration and to include a prisoner's veteran status on a sheriff's jail register. The bill also specifies that a county veterans service commission can provide financial assistance to a veteran's treatment court to establish and fulfill an outreach program, and the hiring and compensation of a person who will work at a veterans' treatment court to assist the court with an outreach program. The bill passed in the Senate with a 33 to 0 vote and was introduced in the House in June of 2025.

The second bill before the committee that morning was House Bill 788. It was the first hearing for it, and testimony was given by the bills sponsor, Representative Ty Mathews. Representative **Michael**

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DON'T FORGET

REGISTER TO VOTE

A look at what the bills say... In a Nutshell

Summaries from the Office of Research and Drafting

A bill was introduced in February after a senator was notified that a member of a city council was unable to participate in his elected position while he is serving in his military capacity. The bill would make changes to allow public bodies to create a policy that would recognize active-duty service members as an exception to the restrictions currently outlined in the Open Meetings law.

The bill is Senate Bill 351 and it was introduced February 4. It was then referred to the Senate General Government Committee where it had sponsor testimony on May 12.

See Statehouse Happenings for more information on the hearing.

Senate Bill 351-

The Detailed Analysis

As Introduced

Virtual meeting attendance

Active duty service members

The bill permits a public body that is subject to the Open Meetings Law to adopt a policy to allow a member of the public body who is an active duty service member and is deployed outside the public body's jurisdiction to attend a meeting or hearing by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology.

For purposes of the bill, "active duty service member" means a member of the U.S. armed forces who is performing active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. Under Title 10, "active duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. The term does not include full-time National Guard duty in service of the state.

Exception to general requirements for virtual meetings

The bill creates an exception to a continuing law, enacted in 2025, that allows a public body to conduct its meetings virtually only if certain requirements are met. In other words, a public body that allows an active duty service member to participate virtually is not required to comply with the following requirements that normally would apply to a body that conducts virtual meetings:

- In general, only an appointed public body whose members serve without compensation may hold virtual meetings.
- Elected or compensated public bodies may hold a virtual meeting only if the meeting includes members of more than one public body.
- Virtual meetings or hearings must not involve any of the following:
  - O A vote to approve a major nonroutine expenditure;
  - O A significant hiring decision;
  - O A purpose to propose, approve, or vote on a tax issue or tax increase.
- All votes must be taken by roll call unless all members agree to make a decision by unanimous consent. If the vote is unanimous, the body must provide the public with information about how the members voted, including any members who abstained.
- A member who intends to attend virtually must notify the chairperson at least 48 hours before the meeting, except in the case of an emergency.
- The public body must meet certain public notice and access requirements.
- If at least 10% of the members of the public body or two members, whichever is greater, notify the chairperson at least 48 hours before a virtual meeting that an item on the agenda must be handled in person, the body may take action on that item only in person.
- In the case of a hearing, all parties to the hearing must consent to a virtual hearing or to individual members attending virtually.

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D. Dovilla (HD-17) was also on hand but did not offer any testimony. Their bill would entitle an officer who is a member of the Ohio organized militia or of another U.S. armed forces reserve component to up to 408 hours of paid leave for each federal fiscal year in which the officer performs military service. The current number of hours is 176.

Reps. Dovilla & Mathews

May 18-22

The only bill set for a hearing was SB 292 in the Senate Workforce Development Committee. A motion was made to adopt a substitute bill, and it was agreed to. The changes made to the original bill were regarding the funding and the organization of the Commission. There was no testimony given.

In the afternoon the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee met and held the second hearing for HB 748. The bill would establish the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Program and create the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Reserve Fund and the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Donation Fund. Representatives **Bernard Willis** (HD-74) and Dovilla introduced the bill in March last year.

The House Government Oversight Committee also met that afternoon and heard sponsor testimony on House Bill 539. It was introduced in October by Representative **Brian Lorenz** (HD-60) to honor the Polish general, military engineer, and hero of the American revolutionary war, who was born on February 4, 1746. The bill would designate February 4 every year as "Thaddeus Kościuszko Day".

Rep. Lorenz

Also meeting that afternoon was the House Transportation Committee. On the agenda was HB 339 for its second hearing. Introduced by Representative **James M. Hoops** (HB-81) in June last year the bill would allow certain surviving spouses of a Purple Heart recipient to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" license plate. There was no testimony received

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Have an opinion? Send us your Letter.

SOUND OFF

In the 136th General Assembly our legislators will introduce more than 100 pieces of legislation that affect Ohio's veterans, military personnel, or their families.

These bills address a number of issues... naming streets after fallen veterans, reducing veteran's property tax, allowing surviving spruces to purchase Purple Heart license plates, giving business owners tax credits for hiring veterans, improving the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program, creating a Veterans Organization Grant Program, and giving veterans a larger discount at Ohio State Parks, to name a few.

This General Assembly will end at the end of the year and when it does so will any legislation that has not been signed by the governor.

What do you think are the issues that our elected officials should get passed before December 31? Let us know, now.

~Sound Off~

OL Report wants to hear from our readers. Tell us what you think is the most important legislation our Ohio Legislators should pass before the end of the 136th General Assembly.

Email your thoughts and suggestions to *oh.leg.report@gmail.com* We will publish all suggestions in the July issue. We reserve the right to edit all entrees for clarity, length, and taste.

DEADLINE: All emails must be received by June 14. This is your chance to *SOUND OFF!*

Reflections

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

-Barack Obama

by the committee chair and a motion was made to favorably pass HB 339 out of committee. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next morning Amended Senate Bill 223 was before the House Natural Resources Committee for its 3rd -and final -hearing. There was no one to testify and no written testimony had been received. A motion was made to pass SB 223 out of committee and recommend its passage. A vote of 12 to 0 carried the motion. That same afternoon in the House general session, the bill passed with a vote of 99 to 0. Senator **Thomas F. Patton**'s (SD-24) bill will give all veteran and military a 25% discount on State Park services and rentals.

HB 290 was also on the agenda for a 2nd hearing. The bill was introduced by Representative **Tom Young** (HD-37) in May last year and would prohibit any person from engaging in solar radiation modification (SRM), cloud seeding, or sunlight reflection methods in Ohio. It also establishes a strict liability offense for engaging in the practices and imposes a third-degree felony with a 36-month mandatory prison term and a fine of not less than $500,000.

"House Bill 290 requires the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director and Ohio Air National Guard representatives, to adopt rules to implement and enforce the bill's prohibition against a person or entity engaging in solar radiation modification, cloud seeding, or sunlight reflection methods" Young said during his testimony in February.

Later Wednesday morning in the House Veteran and Military Development Committee there were four bills on their agenda. SB 179 was first for a

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-EXHIBITS-

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South Light Court
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Feb. 27 - Dec. 31, 2026
Thomas Worthington Center
In honor of America-250, replicas of 1776 clothing and flags are on display in the Gov. Thomas Worthington Center. Updates are happening throughout the year, so be sure to stop in and see if there's anything new when you visit!

America 250-Ohio Signature Homecoming & Picnic

Saturday, July 4
West Plaza
Join us at the Ohio Statehouse from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July to celebrate America's 250th birthday! The event, held in partnership with Columbus Commons and the Ohio Theatre, will feature a day full of live musical entertainment, movie screenings, and a performance by the Columbus Symphony.

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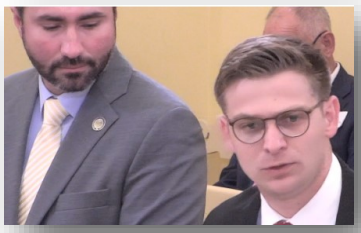
4th hearing. Senator Johnson's bill to ascertain the veteran status of individuals imprisoned or charged with a criminal offense punishable by incarceration had no witnesses. A motion was made. A vote of 11 to 0 was taken and the bill was favorably passed out of committee.

Representative **Kevin Ritter** (HD-94) sponsored the next bill in December. HB 632 would allow a person to indicate their status as a Gold Star Family Member on the individual's driver's license or state identification card ("ID card") with a Gold Star Family symbol (which is a folded military burial flag, with golden stars, and the words "Gold Star Family"). It also sets the requirements for the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the individuals applying for the cards. A motion was made to amend the bill by requiring the symbol on the card to be gold colored. It also changes the effective date to July 1, 2027. The motion was agreed to. He then provided sponsor testimony on his bill for the committee.

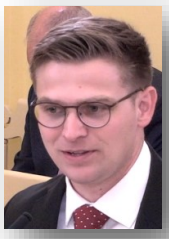
Rep. Ritter

On the agenda for its first hearing was HB 823. The bill was introduced in April by Representatives **David Thomas** (HD-65) and Ty Mathews. The bills intent is to allow an elected official who is deployed on active military duty to retain the official's position and to attend meetings virtually. Before testimony began a motion was made and agreed to. The amendment changes the language to clarify the meaning of deployed.



Reps. Thomas & Mathews

The final bill for the committee was HB 785. The bill was sponsored by Representatives Ty Mathews and Hoops, who was unable to attend the hearing. Mathews explained in his testimony that the bill would create a practical framework for Ohio to make better use of underutilized public property by authorizing the state to enter into enhanced lease agreements for unused or unproductive state property, while also giving state universities and the Adjutant General clearer authority to lease land that is not needed for core operations.



Rep. Mathews

The representatives introduced the bill in March.

In the House Ways and Means Committee that morning, the second hearing for HB 279 was held. Introduced in May 2025, it would authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for 30%, up to $2,000, of certain expenses incurred by family caregivers with income below a certain threshold to care for a family member above the age of 49. Representatives **Adam Mathews** (HD-56) and **Josh Williams** (HD-44) sponsored the bill. Prior to the testimony, an amendment was made and after a 8 to 4 vote it was agreed to. The amendment did two things. 1) Caps the maximum amount of credits that may be awarded each fiscal year at $3 million and requires taxpayers to apply for the credit and 2) Reduces the annual family caregiving expense requirement from $1,000 to $500. Testimony was then heard from three individuals, and the members had five written testimonies. All witnesses were in favor of the bill.

In the afternoon members of the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee had three bills before them. The first bill was HB 297 for a fourth hearing. It did not have witnesses and a voted to favorably pass the bill out of committee was taken and passed, 4 votes to 0. The bill, introduced by Representatives Ritter and **Johnathan Newman** (HD-80) would increase the amount a county may provide to military and veterans organizations and civic organizations for Memorial Day expenses. It was passed 89 to 0 by the House in November.

Next was Senator Patton's bill, SB 416 which he introduced in April to create an exception for a member of a school district board of education whose active-duty service in the U.S. armed forces or the Ohio National Guard prevents the member from attending a meeting of a school board in person. Before he offered his testimony, he made a motion to amend it with a substitute bill, and it was agreed to. Its amendment expanded the portion to include all elected officials, not just school board members. In his testimony he explained that issue was brought to him by constituents who were concerned about a school board member who was deployed overseas, and unable to physically attend school board meetings. The board and their legal council determined that they can no longer permit the member to attend virtually and will be counted as

Sen. Patton

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absent for any meetings missed. His amended bill will protect all Ohio elected officials who want to serve their country.

House Bill 464 was the third bill for the members to consider. Sponsor testimony was given by Representative **Tracy M. Richardson** (HD-86) who introduced her bill in September. The bill would exempt family child care providers certified by the U.S. armed forces from the law governing the regulation of child care providers, including the requirement that certain family child care homes be licensed by the Department of Children and Youth. In her testimony she pointed out that the federal requirements not only meet, but exceed, the standards imposed by Ohio's licensure system through the Department of Children and Youth and that twenty-one states have already enacted similar exemptions, and at least seven others, including are currently considering the same policy. The bill was passed by the House with a vote of 97 to 0 in March.

Rep. Richardson

Two Joint Resolutions for Your Careful Consideration

On May 19 a joint resolution was introduced in the House (HJR 9) and another was introduced in the Senate (SJR 10). The two resolutions are identical in language and serve the same purpose… It proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to appear on the ballot in November 2026, to require electors to provide a photo identification (ID) in order to vote, in accordance with laws passed by the General Assembly.

The resolutions are not the usual veteran/ military related legislation that we usually address. But because they propose changing the Ohio Constitution, we think it is an important issue for every citizen of our state.

First let's explore why there is a need for two resolutions when they are identical. In this case it is a matter of time. The General Assembly will begin the summer break no later than July 1, but likely around June 15. With two bills both houses can hold hearings at the same time. They can vote to pass them with a three-fifth vote in both houses and send one to the governor before going on break. With only one bill it would take twice as long. When the legislators go on summer break, they are not scheduled to return until after the November 3 election.

The resolutions will not change what is required right now. They are basically taking what already is in the Ohio Revised Code and putting it into the Ohio Constitution. What it does is approve putting it on the November ballot for the Ohio voters to vote for or against. The difference is bigger than what many believe. The ORC is easy to change –that is what you elect the legislators to do. But the constitution is much more difficult to change and would make it more permanent.

Ohio Legislative Report encourages every Ohio voter to study HJR 9 and SJR 10 hard to be familiar with all the pros and cons of the resolutions. Let your representative and senator know how you feel about them. If they are passed and are signed by the governor you find them on the ballot. It will then become your duty to decide whether it amends our constitution or remains in the Ohio Revised Code.

In The Month of June

Members of the General Assembly will be holding sessions and committee hearings for half of the month –that is their hope anyway. We will of course cover their actions in the July issue. We will also be giving you the results of the current 'Sound Off' question that we hope you will answer during the next week or two. See page four for details.

June will give us Flag Day and
the Army's birthday. Celebrat**e** safely.

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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN MAY

HB 844 was introduced on May 6 by Representatives **Gary Click** (SD-88)and **Ty D. Mathews** (HD-83).

The bill would amend sections 107.036 and 5747.98 and to enact sections 122.863 and 5747.88 of the Revised Code to authorize an income tax credit for businesses that make qualifying technology investments.

It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 879 was introduced on May 12 by Representative **Chris Glassburn** (HD-15).

The bill would amend section 2909.05 of the Revised Code to prohibit the unlawful removal of any item or adornment from any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead.

It was referred to the House Public Safety Committee.

HB 886 was introduced on May 12 by Representative **Daniel P. Troy** (HD-23) and **Sean P. Brennan** (HD-14).

The bill would enact section 5901.10 of the Revised Code to govern the practice of providing veterans claim assistance for compensation and to name this act the Veterans Empowerment Through Ethical Representation and Navigation Act (V.E.T.E.R.A.N. Benefits Protection Act).

It has not been referred to a committee yet.

HCR 42 was introduced on May 13 by Representative **Steve Demetriou** (HD-35) and **Bernard Willis** (HD-74).

The resolution would urge Congress to honor the sacrifices of our nation's veterans by supporting their access to quality and timely health care by passing the Veterans' Assuring Critical Care Expansions to Support Servicemembers (ACCESS) Act, referred to as the Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025 (S. 275, H.R. 740).

It was referred to the House Veterans and Military Development Committee.

HB 933 was introduced on May 19 by Representative **Josh Williams** (HD-44).

The bill would amend section 2945.21 of the Revised Code to enact the Fair Trial Protection Act to create a process for objecting to a peremptory challenge on the basis that the challenge is based on the prospective juror's race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability, age, or ancestry.

It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

HJR 9 was introduced on May 19 by Representatives **Heidi Workman** (HD-72) and **Adam C. Bird** (HD-63).

The resolution proposes to enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require identification to vote.

It was referred to the House General Government Committee.

SJR 10 was introduced on May 19 by Senators **Jane M. Timken** (SD-29) and **Theresa Gavarone** (SD-2).

The resolution proposes to enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require identification to vote.

It was referred to the Senate General Government Committee.

HB 955 was introduced on May 27 by Representatives **Joseph A. Miller, III** (HD-53) and **Chris GlassBurn** (HD-15).

The bill would amend sections 323.151, 323.152, 4503.064, and 4503.065 of the Revised Code to expand the enhanced homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.

It has not been referred to a committee yet.

Legislation In The 136th Ohio General Assembly

Pertaining to Ohio Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve & National Guard and Their Families

HB 1 Enact Ohio Property Protection Act
HB 22 Authorize homestead exemption for surviving military spouses
HB 27 Designate Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge
HB 40 Increase disabled veteran enhanced homestead exemption
HB 50 To designate a portion of SR 47 the "PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway."
HB 56 To designate a portion of SR 421 the "CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway."
HB 61 Modify homestead exemption, owner-occupancy tax credit amount
HB 95 Support members of Ohio Veterans Education Council
HB 96 Make state operating appropriations for FY 2026-27
HB 135 Prohibit source of income discrimination in rental housing
HB 171 Designate a portion of State Route 28 the “CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway.”
HB 192 Enact the Community Pharmacy Protection Act
HB 198 Regulate manufacture, sale of inhalable, ingestible hemp products
HB 204 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day
HB 228 To designate a portion of I 280 the "SSG Jack W. Coy Veterans Memorial Highway."
HB 234 Designate Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway
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HB 267 Regards creation, display of veterans benefit and services poster
HB 290 Enact the Atmosphere Protection Act
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HB 297 Regards funds provided by county for Memorial Day expenses
HB 316 Designate MSGT Norman Michael Kilbarger Memorial Highway
HB 335 Regards county budget commissions, property and sales tax, funds
HB 339 Allow surviving spouse to retain Purple Heart license plate
HB 344 Regards electronic instant bingo, lottery terminals; levy a tax
HB 360 Designate SPC Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange
HB 383 Designate Litten Brothers Memorial Highway
HB 384 Designate Staff Sergeant Melvin Trushel, Sr. Memorial Highway
HB 385 Designate PFC Thomas "Tommy" Pizzino Memorial Highway
HB 414 Designate Navy Seaman Jadwisiak Memorial Highway
HB 419 Create the Save22 license plate
HB 434 Exempt military driver's license applicants from driver's ed
HB 451 Designate CPL Lindsey William Mitchell Memorial Highway
HB 452 Designate 761st Tank Battalion Day
HB 464 Exempt military-certified child care providers from licensure
HB 476 Authorize online raffles under the Charitable Gaming Law
HB 497 Designate PFC James Vincent PottKotter Memorial Highway
HB 500 Designate a school JROTC program as a career-technical ed program
HB 516 Designate 83rd Ohio Division Memorial Highway
HB 529 Authorize tax credit if hiring veterans, service members, spouse
HB 576 Designate November as Veterans' month
HB 580 Designate PFC Francis Guillozet Memorial Highway
HB 600 Designate PFC Wetzel Eldridge USMC Memorial Highway

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HB 607 Name Spc. 4th Class Frank A. Herda, Medal of Honor Rec. Mem Hwy
HB 632 Allow driver's license or ID card to show Gold Star Family status
HB 660 Regards the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
HB 681 Designate Marine PFC Glenn S. Wingenbach, Jr. Memorial Highway
HB 708 Govern practice of providing veterans claim consulting assistance
HB 721 Establish the Veterans Organization Grant Program
HB 730 Make capital reappropriations for biennium ending June 30, 2028
HB 731 Create the Land of U.S. Grant license plate
HB 738 Designate PFC Chris Dixon Memorial Highway
HB 740 Regards creation, display of veterans medical benefits poster
HB 748 Establish the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Program
HB 759 Enact the Ohio Vets-Military Families Childcare Act
HB 771 Modify Governor's authority re: Ohio National Guard; deployments
HB 785 Enact the ASSET Act
HB 788 Regards paid military leave for law enforcement officers
HB 790 Miller, JDesignate the Honor and Remember flag; encourage flag display
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HCR 7 To support the work of the Am. Leg. Buckeye Boys State and the Am. Leg. Aux. Buckeye Girls State
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HR 133 Honoring Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary
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SB 17 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day
SB 21 Designate Rutherford B. Hayes Day
SB 39 Provide for informational poster on veteran benefits and services
SB 56 Revise medical and adult-use marijuana laws; levy marijuana taxes
SB 88 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
SB 92 Authorize total property tax exemption-totally disabled veterans
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SB 197 Legalize, tax internet gambling; make other Gambling Law changes
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SB 346 Create the 1905 Wright Flyer III license plate
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SB 356 Temporarily increase the amount of the homestead exemptions
SB 362 Establish the Ohio Defense and Space Commission
SB 372 Make capital reappropriations for biennium ending June 30, 2028
SB 401 Designate General William Tecumseh Sherman Day
SB 402 Designate General Philip Sheridan Day
SB 416 Regards board of education members deployed on active duty
SB 417 Enact the ASSET Act

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