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Dear Majority Leader Senator Andy Billig

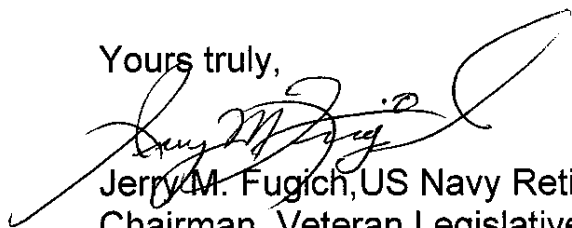
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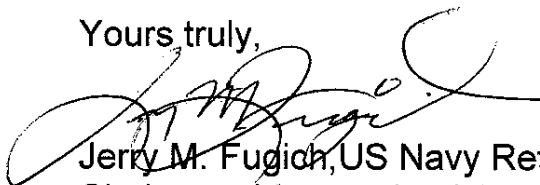
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**Purpose:** Forum to address veteran concerns. Bring together representatives from the Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) to work together to present various causes, positions and issues of veterans and their family members to the Washington State Legislature.

**Mission:** Maintain knowledge of bills, Sponsor bills attend legislative hearings, support Veteran Legislative Coalition goals, inform Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) and request support.

## **Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) members of the Veterans**

### **Legislative Coalition**

**African American PTSD Assn**

**Air Force Association**

**American Legion**

**Armed Forces E-9 Association, WA Chapter 1**

**Association United States Army**

**Disabled American Veterans**

**Fleet Reserve Association**

**Marine Corps League**

**Military Officers Association of America**

**Military Order Purple Heart**

**Military Order of the World Wars**

**National Association Black Veterans**

**National Guard Association**

**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

**Special Forces**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**Vietnam Veterans of America**