



TAKE CARE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS ACT

WHAT VETERANS TOLD US

Mission Roll Call Survey | 1,058 Respondents | All 50 States



71% SUPPORT TCAVA

748 Support | 189 Neutral | 121 Oppose

MOST VETERANS BELIEVE THE RATING SCHEDULE SHOULD BE UPDATED.

58%

said that the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities should be updated as medicine advances.

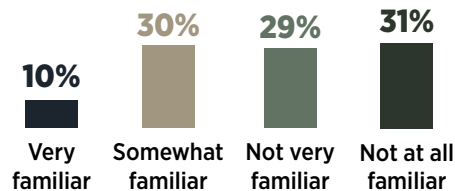


Veterans generally support periodic modernization of disability ratings to reflect advances in medical science.

MOST VETERANS WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH FEDERAL BUDGET RULES BEFORE THIS DISCUSSION.

40%

reported being very or somewhat familiar with Congressional budget rules before learning about them.

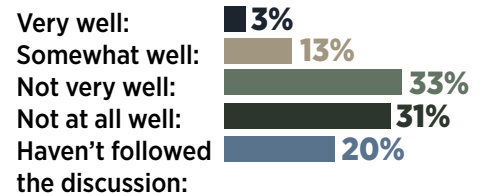


The debate surrounding TCAVA has exposed a significant knowledge gap regarding how mandatory spending legislation is financed.

MOST VETERANS SAY THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION HASN'T EXPLAINED THE FUNDING ISSUE WELL.

ONLY 3%

said the funding discussion has been explained "very well."



Nearly two-thirds reported the proposed funding mechanism has been explained "not very well" or "not at all."

WHEN CONGRESS CONSIDERS MAJOR VETERANS LEGISLATION, WHAT SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY?

EXPAND BENEFITS FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER

60%

preferred expanding benefits and services over preserving every existing policy.

BALANCE PRIORITIES

28%

said balancing multiple veteran priorities should come first.

PRESERVE EXISTING COMPENSATION

12%

selected preserving all existing disability compensation policies above every other priority.

The survey suggests that veterans are generally open to reform and modernization, but many lack familiarity with the federal budget process and believe the public discussion surrounding TCAVA has not adequately explained how the legislation works.



WHAT VETERANS TOLD US

HOW THE TAKE CARE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS ACT REFLECTS VETERAN PRIORITIES

Between 2024 and 2026, Mission Roll Call conducted independent national surveys involving more than 25,000 veterans, family members, and caregivers. Across issue after issue, veterans consistently identified priorities closely aligned with the provisions contained in the Take Care of America's Veterans Act.



25,000+
Survey
Responses



**ALL 50
STATES**
Represented



20+
National
Surveys



**VETERAN-
LED**
Independent
Research

THE TAKE CARE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS ACT ADDRESSES EIGHT MAJOR PRIORITIES



BETTER
ACCESS TO
CARE



COMMUNITY
CARE



SUICIDE
PREVENTION



BRAIN
HEALTH &
INNOVATION



CAREGIVER
SUPPORT



TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE



ACCOUNTABILITY
& TRANSPARENCY



VETERAN
WELL-BEING

WHAT VETERANS TOLD US

ACCESS TO CARE

92% support protecting timely access standards for VA care.

Community Care
Polling, 2025,
n=2,583

COMMUNITY CARE

66% believe VA should focus on its core strengths while expanding community care.

VA Cuts & Services
Survey, 2025,
n=1,841

SUICIDE PREVENTION

91% support redirecting proven funding toward veteran suicide prevention.

Veteran Suicide
Polling, 2025,
n=2,141

MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

92% believe community organizations should play a significant role in prevention efforts.

Source: Veteran
Suicide Polling,
July 2025

BRAIN INJURY CARE

82% of respondents say it is extremely important that veterans with TBI have access to specialized care, even if it means contracting with non-VA providers.

TBI Care Polling,
2025, n=2,408

TRANSITION

55% of respondents believe automatic enrollment at time of transition with an option to opt out is the best VA enrollment method.

Transition Poll,
2025, n=1,512

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

61% of caregiver respondents cite physical, emotional, and financial strain as the most significant challenge to providing care.

Veterans &
Families, 2024,
n=277 Caregivers

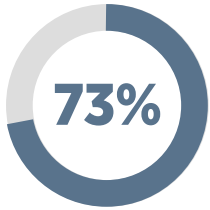
INNOVATION

70% of veterans strongly support the VA piloting HBOT to evaluate effectiveness for veterans with PTSD or TBI.

Innovating Care
Polling, 2025,
n=2,222

HOW TCAVA RESPONDS TO VETERAN PRIORITIES

BETTER ACCESS TO CARE



Veterans rely on the VA as their primary source of healthcare.

VA Performance Polling,
n=2,268

TCAVA RESPONDS BY

- ✓ Strengthening community care access
- ✓ Improving scheduling and referrals
- ✓ Increasing transparency
- ✓ Reducing unnecessary barriers

SUICIDE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

80%

believe prevention should combine clinical treatment and community-based support equally.

Source: Veteran Suicide Polling (July 2025)

91%

support redirecting proven funding toward suicide prevention.

Source: Veteran Suicide Polling (July 2025)

73%

support public-private partnerships to improve mental health resources.

Source: Veteran Suicide Polling (July 2025)

TCAVA RESPONDS BY

- ✓ Expanding community partnerships
- ✓ Supporting peer support programs
- ✓ Promoting early intervention
- ✓ Investing in evidence-based prevention initiatives

SUPPORTING SURVEY

- ✓ **92% support statutory access standards.**
Source: Community Care Polling (2024)
- ✓ **66% support greater use of community care where appropriate.**
Source: VA Cuts & Services Survey (2025)

BRAIN HEALTH & INNOVATION

89%

support expanding access to specialized TBI care.

Source: TBI Care Polling (Aug. 2025)

86%

support access to outside specialists when needed.

Source: TBI Care Polling (Aug. 2025)

83%

support innovative therapies and research.

Source: Innovating Care Polling (July 2025)

78%

support increased access to HBOT for eligible veterans.

Source: Innovating Care Polling (July 2025)

TCAVA RESPONDS BY

- ✓ Brain injury care
- ✓ Research and innovation
- ✓ Access to innovative therapies
- ✓ Access to qualified specialists and non-VA providers

Mission Roll Call polling also found overwhelming support for piloting Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) and improving access to specialized TBI care.

TRANSITION & FAMILIES

Transition: 88%

support automatic VA enrollment.

Source: Transition Poll (Nov. 2025)

Transition: 91%

support earlier engagement and preventive education.

Source: Transition Poll (Nov. 2025)

Families: 39%

say better access to health care would most benefit their family.

Veterans & Families, 2024, n=2,583 Respondents

Families: 31%

say financial assistance would most benefit their family.

Veterans & Families, 2024, n=2,583

TCAVA RESPONDS BY

- ✓ Earlier transition assistance
- ✓ Improved VA enrollment
- ✓ Enhanced caregiver support
- ✓ Family education and resources
- ✓ Expanded navigation resources

THE DETAILS OF LEGISLATION MAY EVOLVE. VETERANS' PRIORITIES HAVE NOT.

Across more than 25,000 survey responses, Mission Roll Call has found remarkable consistency in what veterans are asking Congress to address.

The Take Care of America's Veterans Act reflects those priorities by improving access to care, strengthening mental health services, expanding community partnerships, supporting caregivers, investing in brain health, modernizing transition assistance, and increasing accountability throughout the VA.



SURVEY: THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT WHAT VETERANS TOLD US

Mission Roll Call Survey | National Sample

95%

95% Support | 5% Oppose

SUPPORT THE RICHARD STAR ACT

Veterans overwhelmingly support allowing combat-disabled, medically retired veterans to receive both military retired pay and VA disability compensation.

1,663 total respondents • Margin of error $\pm 2.5\%$

WHY THIS MATTERS

55%

KNOW SOMEONE DIRECTLY AFFECTED

by the current offset.

Respondents answering "Yes" to having been directly affected.

79%

SAY COMPENSATION POLICIES AFFECT TRUST

in whether the government fulfills its commitments to veterans.

Combined "Yes, significantly" (50%) and "Yes, somewhat" (29%).

73%

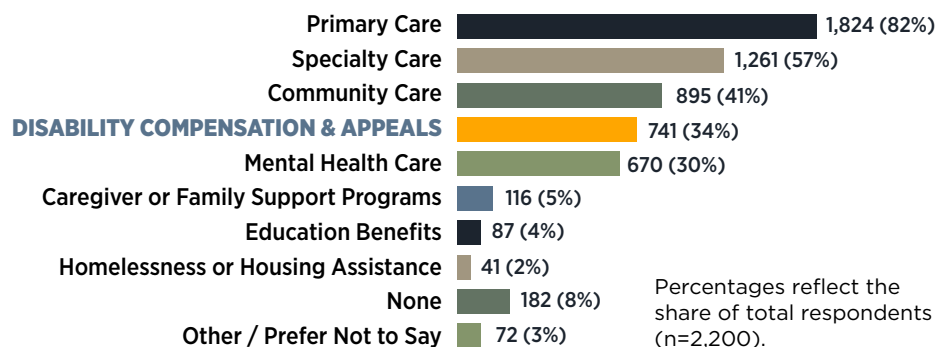
RELY ON THE VA as their primary source of health care.

Reflects active users of the VA system, not disconnected observers.

VETERANS CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY DISABILITY COMPENSATION AS A TOP VA ISSUE

Which of the following VA services have you used in the past year?

Disability compensation and appeals remain among the most commonly used VA benefit categories reported by veterans, underscoring the importance of ensuring compensation policies are viewed as fair and trustworthy.



A CASE FOR ACTION

Support the Richard Star Act	95%
Know someone affected	55%
Believe compensation policy affects trust in government	79%
Oppose the legislation	5%

NEW SINCE OUR PREVIOUS SURVEY (FEB 2025)

96%

continue to support allowing combat-disabled, medically retired veterans to receive both military retired pay and VA disability compensation.

New survey fielded April 2026 with 1,092 respondents. Consistent, overwhelming support.

SUPPORT FOR THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT TRANSCENDS POLITICS.

Veterans overwhelmingly agree that combat-disabled service members medically retired before twenty years should not lose earned retired pay because of their service-connected disabilities.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Mission Roll Call's mission is not to tell veterans what to think—it is to ensure policymakers know what veterans think.

About This Survey: Mission Roll Call conducts independent surveys to better understand the views, experiences, and priorities of America's military and veteran community. The results help inform policymakers, veterans' organizations, the media, and the public on issues affecting those who have served and their families.

This survey is open to individuals who identify as connected to the veteran community, including Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Military Spouses, Family Members, Caregivers, and Survivors. Unless otherwise noted, published findings may report results for veterans specifically or for the broader military and veteran community, depending on the question being analyzed.

Participation is voluntary. Each participant is encouraged to complete the survey only once. Mission Roll Call employs technical safeguards and data quality reviews to identify duplicate or incomplete submissions before results are analyzed.

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Mission Roll Call is committed to transparency. Survey reports include field dates, sample size, methodology, and questionnaire details whenever practical. Results are reported regardless of whether they support or challenge Mission Roll Call's policy positions.

FAQ

Who can participate?

Individuals who identify as Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Military Spouses, Family Members or Caregivers, and Survivors.

How is my information used?

Survey responses are analyzed in aggregate and used to better understand the views of the military and veteran community. Individual responses are not publicly attributed.

Can I take the survey more than once?

No. Please complete each survey only once. Mission Roll Call uses quality-control procedures to identify duplicate submissions.

Are all survey results published?

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