

September 2026 Take Care of America's Veterans Act Poll - Full Toplines

Toplines · Field 09/07/2026 - 09/13/2026 · Veteran Action

REGISTERED VOTERS

n = 1,633 · MoE ±2.6%

LIKELY VOTERS

n = 1,392 · MoE ±2.8%

Q1. Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Right direction	35%	38%
Wrong track	58%	57%
Not sure	7%	6%

Q2. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly approve	25%	27%
Somewhat approve	18%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	11%
Strongly disapprove	44%	44%
Not sure	2%	1%

Q3. Have you ever served, or are you currently serving in, the US armed forces?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Yes	15%	15%
No	84%	84%
Not sure	1%	1%

Q4. While serving in the military, did you ever attain the rank of officer?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Yes	6%	6%
No	9%	9%
Not sure	0%	0%

Q5. How long did you serve in the US military, including time, if any, in the reserves?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
0 to 4 years	5%	5%
4 to 8 years	4%	4%
8 to 12 years	2%	2%
12 to 20 years	2%	2%
20 to 30 years	1%	1%
30 years or more	1%	1%
Not sure	1%	1%

Q6. When thinking about the issues that affect veterans, which of these is more important to you?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Mental health and suicide prevention	6%	6%
Healthcare access	3%	3%
Homelessness	3%	3%
Toxic exposure	1%	1%
Benefits processing	1%	1%
Some other issue	0%	0%
Not sure	1%	1%

Q7. Who did you vote for in the 2024 Presidential Election? Vice President Kamala Harris or Former President Donald Trump?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Donald Trump	43%	45%
Kamala Harris	43%	46%
Some other candidate	3%	3%
You didn't vote	9%	5%
Not sure	1%	1%

Q8. If the election for Congress were held today, who would you vote for?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Republican	40%	42%
Democratic	50%	51%
Some other candidate	3%	3%
Not sure	7%	4%

Q9. Please tell me, when thinking about elections, which of these is the most important to you?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Crime and public safety	11%	11%
Jobs and the economy	25%	26%
National debt and government spending	6%	6%
Inflation and the cost of living	33%	33%
Veteran issues	3%	3%
Immigration and the border	6%	6%
Global conflicts and war	5%	5%
Education	3%	3%
Some other issue	5%	5%
Not sure	3%	2%

Q10. Do you think the United States should continue its current military conflict with Iran, or work to bring it to an end?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Continue the conflict	21%	22%
End the conflict	69%	69%
Not sure	10%	9%

Q11. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Pete Hegseth is doing as Secretary of War?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly approve	19%	21%
Somewhat approve	19%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%
Strongly disapprove	33%	35%
Not sure	16%	12%

Q12. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Doug Collins is doing as Secretary of Veterans Affairs?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly approve	16%	18%
Somewhat approve	21%	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	15%
Strongly disapprove	19%	19%
Not sure	29%	26%

Q13. If you knew that the Trump White House and House Republicans are frustrated with VA Secretary Doug Collins' handling of veteran legislation, would that make you more likely to approve of him, less likely to approve of him, or would it make no difference?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
More likely to approve	25%	26%
Less likely to approve	26%	27%
No difference	36%	35%
Not sure	14%	12%

Q14. In the 2028 presidential primary, are you more likely to vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or neither?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
The Republican primary	38%	40%
The Democratic primary	47%	48%
Neither	9%	7%
Not sure	6%	4%

Q15. If the 2028 Republican presidential primary were held today, who would you vote for? Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Donald Trump Jr., Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, former Ambassador Nikki Haley, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, Ted Cruz, someone else, or not sure?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
JD Vance	15%	17%
Marco Rubio	6%	7%
Donald Trump Jr.	8%	9%
Ron DeSantis	3%	3%
Nikki Haley	1%	1%
Tulsi Gabbard	1%	1%
Ted Cruz	1%	1%
Someone else	1%	1%
Not sure	2%	2%

Q16. If the 2028 Democratic presidential primary were held today, who would you vote for? Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, former Vice President Kamala Harris, Senator John Ossoff, Governor Josh Shapiro, someone else, or not sure?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%
Gavin Newsom	10%	10%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	4%	5%
Kamala Harris	15%	15%
Jon Ossoff	2%	3%
Josh Shapiro	2%	3%
Someone else	2%	2%
Not sure	6%	5%

Q17. From what you know, how would you rate the overall quality of the benefits and services military veterans receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Excellent	15%	16%
Good	26%	27%
Fair	24%	24%
Poor	22%	21%
Not sure	14%	12%

Q18. How would you rate the way that the Trump administration is handling issues related to veterans?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Excellent	15%	16%
Good	21%	21%
Fair	15%	14%
Poor	39%	40%
Not sure	10%	9%

Q19. Would you support or oppose veterans receiving healthcare in the community if the Veterans Affairs can't see them in a timeline manner.

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly support	58%	61%
Somewhat support	23%	23%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	4%	4%
Not sure	9%	6%

Q20. Would you support or oppose a bill called the Veterans' Bill of Rights Act that would legally direct the VA to be more explicit, consistent, and transparent in informing veterans of their existing rights they already have under current law for healthcare, benefits and services? The bill would also require VA to integrate this information into veterans facing material, employee training, and to prominently display it at VA facilities and online.

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly support	59%	62%
Somewhat support	24%	24%
Somewhat oppose	4%	4%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%
Not sure	11%	8%

Q21. Would you support or oppose the Veterans' ACCESS Act, which would let veterans receive healthcare in the community when the VA cannot see them in a timely manner, require the VA to screen veterans seeking mental healthcare within 48 hours, and give veterans an online portal to request appointments, track referrals, and file appeals?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly support	61%	64%
Somewhat support	24%	24%
Somewhat oppose	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%
Not sure	8%	5%

Q22. Would you support or oppose the Major Richard Star Act, which would end the "wounded warrior tax" on combat-injured veterans medically retired with less than 20 years of service — so instead of losing part of their retirement pay when they receive VA disability compensation, they could receive both in full?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly support	53%	56%
Somewhat support	23%	23%
Somewhat oppose	7%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%
Not sure	14%	12%

Q23. Would you support or oppose the Love Lives On Act, which stops the remarriage penalty for surviving military spouses under age 55 and enables them to keep their benefits if they remarry? The bill allows surviving military spouses to retain Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from VA, as well as certain healthcare eligibility from DoW if they remarry before age 55.

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Strongly support	39%	42%
Somewhat support	29%	30%
Somewhat oppose	10%	9%
Strongly oppose	5%	5%
Not sure	17%	15%

Q24. Would you support or oppose the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act, which would deliver more support to over 500,000 veterans who are catastrophically disabled and their families. It would provide the first real increase in benefits compensation since 1993, \$10,000 a year for catastrophically disabled veterans and increase benefits payments for spouses and children of deceased service members and veterans.

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Strongly support	58%	61%
Somewhat support	24%	24%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%
Not sure	10%	7%

Q25. If these four measures were combined into a single bill called the Take Care of America's Veterans Act, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate who supported it?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
More likely	62%	66%
Less likely	11%	10%
No difference	18%	17%
Not sure	9%	7%

Q26. The VA has said it intends to move forward with changing the tinnitus and sleep apnea disability ratings through its own rulemaking, whether or not Congress passes this bill. If that change happens either way, would you rather the savings fund the new veterans benefits in this legislation, such as the Major Richard Star Act, or be returned to the general treasury?

	Registered Voters n = 1,633	Likely Voters n = 1,392
Fund the new veterans benefits	64%	67%
Returned to the general treasury	14%	13%
Not sure	22%	20%

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Combination SMS text to online poll, online panel and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) survey of adults, weighted to match known demographic and political benchmarks.

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Audience	Unweighted n	Weighted n	Weighting efficiency	Margin of error
Registered Voters	1,633	1,633	87.2%	±2.6% (95% confidence)
Likely Voters	1,392	1,429	88.1%	±2.8% (95% confidence)