**Additional Links/Information**

**Facebook groups:**

GSW/S Government Relations Committee: ONLY GRC COMMITTEE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/662582395660559>

DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy: Open for anyone who will work <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10225071579710936&set=gm.610830596661891>

Eliminate the Remarriage Penalty: Open for anyone who will work

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/155189459943337>

**Committees:**

The majority of GSW/S legislative priorities fall under the Department of Veterans Affairs which means our bills will need to go through the Committee for Veterans Affairs in the House and in the Senate.

House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs - <https://veterans.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs - <https://www.veterans.senate.gov/>

A few of our priorities are Department of Defense benefits so they will fall under Armed Services Committees, like TRICARE or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

United State Senate Committee on Armed Services - <https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/>

House Armed Services Committee - <https://armedservices.house.gov/>

**Testimony:**

[**H.R. 3402**](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3402/text)

October 20, 2022 - This bill received a hearing in the Disability Assistance and Memorial Affair subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. You can watch the testimony here: <https://veterans.house.gov/events/hearings/subcommittee-on-disability-assistance-and-memorial-affairs-legislative-hearing>

[**S. 976**](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/976)

April 28, 2021 – This bill received a hearing in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. You can watch/read testimony here: <https://www.veterans.senate.gov/2021/4/hearing-on-pending-legislation-04-28-21>

**Other Organizational Support:**

1. GSW is a member of The Military Coalition’s Survivor Committee – [Committee Goals](http://www.themilitarycoalition.org/survivors-committee-goals.html)
2. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) write a Congressional Budget with policy goals. DIC increase is one of their issues-

<http://www.independentbudget.org/117-congress/benefits/#BenefitsSurvivors>

1. Military Officers Association of America article on S. 976:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/advocacy/senate-bill-would-support-remarried-surviving-spouses-under-age-55/>

**Numbers:**

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Annual Benefit Report:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/REPORTS/abr/>