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# **Legislative Update**

**AUSN Meets with Speaker Pelosi - VSO-MSO meeting**  
 AUSN speaks about major health care issues before a roundtable of top Congressional Leaders

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Washington, DC - May14, 2010. AUSN was singled out by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to present Veterans Issues at her quarterly roundtable discussion with military service organizations. RADM Casey Coane, Executive Director of AUSN, addressed to Speaker Pelosi health care and veterans care issues. House Leaders and Chairpersons of powerful House committees were present including Majority Leader Hoyer, Budget Committee, House Armed Services Committee (HASC), House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC), Military Construction Committee, and Ways & Means Committee to name a few.

RADM Coane thanked Speaker Pelosi for holding these meetings and her leadership. He then addressed these specific issues with Congressional Leaders:

- > Protecting TRICARE and Veterans Health Care in the current National Health Care Reform debate
- > Speeding implementation of the TRICARE Standard provision for Gray Area Reserve members (recently passed in the FY 2010 NDAA)
- > Defining a viable and substantial solution to the 21% cut in doctor's fees for Medicare - TRICARE patients,
- > Encouraging strong support for HR 3787 - Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act - "Veterans Status for Gray Area Reservist Act" - introduced by Congressman Walz (D-MN).

Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Chairman Filner (HVAC) and Chairman Skelton (HASC) thanked the Admiral for bringing these issues to the table. They stressed the importance of protecting earned benefits of those fighting in wars and serving our country. Each Chairperson addressed the Admiral's strong concerns of AUSN members and friends as Health Care Reform is taking place, and pledged to continue to make sure that service members, their families, and veterans received the best of health care possible.

Speaker Pelosi and the key leaders recommended creation of a smaller working group to work on details of the issues that the Admiral addressed. More meetings to work the legislative agenda for AUSN members and friends are anticipated.

The roundtable was attended by over 45 associations and 20 significantly influential Congressional Members. Disability claims, health care issues, and jobless issues for veterans and service members were also covered in the discussions.

Headquartered, in Alexandria, VA, AUSN actively seeks members from all ranks and rates of Navy personnel: active, reserve, retired, family and civilians. The organization not only serves as a voice for Navy people on Capitol Hill but also provides career and professional development, information on benefits and pay, scholarships for dependents, Navy magazine, and a website that directs members to a variety of benefits.

AUSN offers free "Friends of the Navy" memberships as an introduction to our legislative programs. For

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