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From the Commander March 2018

The DAV Mid-Winter Conference is upon us. Attached is a letter that was sent to Congressman Keating and Lynch. We also have sent the same to Senators Warren and Markey. I encourage Chapter Members to do the same. You can write to both Senators. Congressman Keating covers Hanson, Pembroke, and Hanover. Congressman Lynch covers Abington, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, and Weymouth. We will send copies to Department Adjutant Dan Stack to deliver for us as well. All the help we can do is appreciated to get rid of this unfair payment schedule. Reference Senate Bill S66 and House Bill HR 303.

Senator or Congressman (Name);

I am seeking your support for **HR303** refiled from the 114thCongress.

Many retired military with Service Connected Disability (SCD) below 50%, current law stipulates that their retirement pay be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of their current VA awarded disability compensation. The program, as it stands, only impacts retired military veterans who have earned a retirement pension for 20 years or more of military service and have a (SCD).

Currently within the Veterans Affairs there is a Compensation Program called Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP). This requires that a veteran's retirement pay be reduced by the amount awarded for SCD. Congress and the VA decided years ago that it was unfair to continue to treat retirees with SCD in this manner and instituted an amended CRDP removing the offset requirement for any retiree with a SCD of 50% and over. Congress promised to address those with 40% and less at a later date, but wanted to correct the injustice for those with more serious disabilities first. The phase in of CRDP to address the disability offset was completed in January 2014. Sufficient time has gone by to make the corrections and honor the promise to include all retirees, but the bill, HR 303, has not moved forward.

I thank you for your time and hope you will press support in any way you can for **HR303**.

(Your Name, Address and Phone)

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Membership Meeting 6:30pm on March 12, 2018

GAR Hall, Hingham

From the Commander: We are excited to have the opportunity to have our next evening meeting in one of the Towns we serve. Hingham has kindly offered the use of the GAR Hall. In order to do this, we have to move the meeting back one week to March 12th.

Please mark you calendar accordingly.

“Plan to take a few minutes to see the great historical military displays within the building”.

Handicapped accessible and parking is on the street.

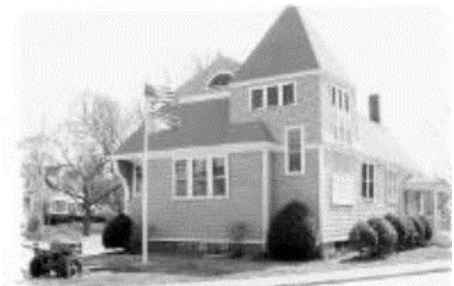
The street address for the
GPS is:

**358 Main Street
Hingham, MA**

Route 228, by Fire
Headquarters with the
cannon out front.



Postcard History Series, Hingham, n.d., p.28.



***Grand Army of the
Republic Memorial Hall
358 Main Street
Hingham, MA***