

# DEPORTED VETERANS LOBBY DAYS

OCTOBER 23-25, 2023



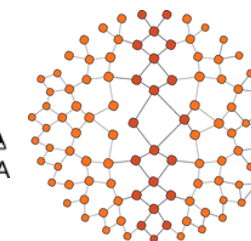




# Largest gathering of deported veterans and advocates

**75 participants** – Sponsored by LULAC, ACLU, Immigrant Defenders and, Common Defense

## Leading Partner Organizations



The Rhizome Center for Migrants



# 63 hill meetings

- **14 Member Level Meetings**
  - 3 Rs. & 11 Ds.
- **41 Staff Meetings**
  - 17 Rs. & 24 Ds.
- **6 Committee meetings**
- **2 Caucus meetings**
  - Hispanic & Black
- **White House , DHS & VA**







# Veteran Service Recognition Act- Immediate Goals

- Find a Republican to co-lead the bill and introduce with Senator Padilla
- 5 Additional Republican co-sponsors in the House.
- Educate members of Congress on key committees.





# LULAC SUPPORT BEHIND THE SCENES

## Logistical Support

11 Flights  
6 Rooms  
50 meals/day  
Training Day Food  
& Refreshments

## Staff Support

Legislative Team  
Comms Team  
Fellows  
COO,CFO &  
Chief of Staff

## Subcommittee Support

Danitza James  
Crystal Romero  
Nick Paz  
James Smith  
Livier Lazaro

## LULAC HQ Staff

Set-up and  
teardown  
Welcoming  
Veterans &  
Partners





# Subcommittee PREP-WORK



- 1 5 Virtual Training Sessions, 3 virtual, two in person
- 2 Over 15 Subcommittee Members Planning Sessions since Aug 2023
- 3 Forged partnerships with other organizations to amplify message
- 5 Congressional Engagement for meeting scheduling







# Initial Lobby Outcomes

- 29 new sponsors since 9/29
- 24+ new co-sponsors on 11/25
- 44 co-sponsors as of 12/1

**No new (R)  
co-sponsors**







# How can you help?



## Direct Outreach to Representatives

If you have a Republican representative in your region, help the subcommittee obtain meetings to discuss the bill and secure co-sponsorship.

## Re-energize Councils for local participation

The subcommittee will gladly attend meetings to educate and provide call to action for specific areas. 2024 is going to be a challenging year and we must leverage the “power of people” LULAC has.

## TOP PRIORITY REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Juan Ciscomani, **AZ**

Moylan, **Guam**

D’Esposito, **NY**

Self, Keith, **TX**

Issa, Darrell, **CA**

Bost, Mike, **IL**

Joyce David, **OH**

Moran, Nathaniel, **TX**

Valadao, David, **CA**

Spartz, Victoria, **IN**

Chavez-DeRemer, **OR**

Lutrell, Morgan, **TX**

Kim Young, **CA**

Miller-Meeks, **IO**

Bentz, Cliff, **OR**

Tony, Gonzales, **TX**

Duarte, John, **CA**

Van Drew, **NJ**

Fitzpatrick, **PA**

Hunt, Wesley **TX**

Diaz, Balart, **FL**

Lawler, Mike, **NY**

Gonzales-Colon, **PR**

Crenshaw, Dan, **TX**

Cline, Ben, **VA** - Ernst, **IO** - Moran, **KS** - Vance, **OH** - Graham, **SC** - Tillis, **NC**





# What's Next



**Obtain (R) Senate Co-sponsor**

**Work w/other lawmakers  
for a NDAA option**

**Meet w/ Sec Def for DoD  
Policy Change**

**LULAC Legislative  
Conference Feb 2024**





**HAVE  
QUESTIONS?**

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EFFORTS TO CONTINUE TO  
SUPPORT DEPORTED VETERANS**











