

JEFFERSON VAN DREW
SECOND DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

WASHINGTON OFFICE
2447 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE
BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-6572

MAY'S LANDING OFFICE
5914 MAIN STREET SUITE 103
MAY'S LANDING, NJ 08330
(609) 625-5008

May 5, 2021

Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Secretary Austin,

After a 32-year tradition, AMVETS annual "Rolling to Remember" Memorial Day event has been denied its meeting place at the Pentagon. This event is of extreme importance to our nation, our veterans and our Gold Star families. I ask that you reinstate their ability to congregate in the Pentagon parking lot, as the event will be held in less than one month because of COVID concerns.

AMVETS is an organization that is dedicated to serving our veterans and represents over 250,000 members. It has also been included as a charter member of the Biden Administration's newly formed campaign to increase vaccine confidence and prevention methods, COVID-19 Community Corps. With safety being the primary focus, the denial of their meeting space because of COVID concerns is absurd.

Please consider reinstating the ability for these patriots to safely organize in the Pentagon parking lot. If I can be of assistance or if you may need any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (202) 225-6572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Van Drew", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Van Drew
Member of Congress