

# **NCOA Civic Engagement Call to Action**

## ***Leadership, Responsibility, and Civic Duty Beyond the Uniform***

A recent Department of Veterans Affairs interim rule has raised significant concern across the veteran community regarding how service-connected disabilities are evaluated. The rule is currently **on the public record and open for civic engagement**, and this is the moment when informed voices matter most.

The Non-Commissioned Officer Association encourages its members to engage responsibly in the civic process by:

**Participating in the public comment process** while it remains open

NCOs have always been the backbone of accountability, standards, and follow-through. Those same qualities matter in civic life. When experienced leaders engage, the public record is stronger, and decision-makers are better informed.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/02/17/2026-03068/evaluative-rating-impact-of-medication>

Silence leaves decisions to others.

Participation ensures perspectives are heard

**Stay informed.**

**Stay disciplined.**

**Stay involved.**