

**Ohio House of Representatives
Senate Concurring
Proponent Testimony for House Concurrent Resolution No. 23
October 1, 2025**

Honorable Members of the Ohio House of Representatives: Thank you for allowing this, my proponent testimony on House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

My name is Mike Stith. I serve as Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans, the "DAV," Department of Ohio. Our members served during and were injured in time of war. We are one of the smaller Veterans Service Organizations but one of the most active.

DAV's mission is to help our members, and all disabled veterans and their families build better lives. DAV is best known for guiding veterans through the complexities of preparing and prosecuting claims for disabling injuries incurred during armed forces service. Since our founding in Cincinnati over one hundred years ago, we have assisted veterans who, through their service to our country, are deserving of our assistance.

My comrades who served in the United States Army sincerely appreciate your recognition of the events of 250 years ago that gave birth to their branch of service. Your Concurrent Resolution eloquently states our feelings.

Further, we appreciate your recognition of the Army Chaplain Corps. No matter where we served, our chaplains were with us, encouraging us by their presence and their example. During my service with the 82nd Airborne Division and elsewhere, chaplains marched with us, prayed for us, parachuted with us and, by doing so, led us spiritually by their example.

Should you know a veteran who would benefit from the services provided by the Disabled American Veterans or from our comradeship, please refer him or her to a local DAV chapter, or to me.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to contact you on this matter. It was an honor to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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