

for 29 years as a member of the 108th Air Refueling Wing of the Air Force National Guard. Stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, she achieved the rank of Master Sergeant by the time she was honorably discharged. Sandy served in the office of public relations for 21 years and spent the remaining years as the head non-commissioned officer in the Chaplain's Office. Throughout her career she travelled the country educating fellow members on services of the Chaplain's Office, contributed photographic work on behalf of the Air National Guard, protected the chaplain, and organized drives to help both soldiers and their families before and after deployment.

Today, Master Sergeant Sandra "Sandy" McHugh is a 50-year resident of the Borough of Collingswood. She has played a role in the education of many students for whom her garden was a stop for class field trips. Throughout the years, she has also donated her personal art supplies to Collingswood Schools. Sandy is also the owner of the Seacoast Art Gallery in Topsail, North Carolina, that she opens and operates each summer. The walls are covered with her artwork and spaces filled with ceramic and pottery artwork from local artists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Master Sergeant Sandra "Sandy" McHugh a citizen dedicated to both her country and community, and who has thoroughly served them both to the best of their ability.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES M. NITZ

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Charles M. Nitz for his distinguished service to our Nation and community and to honor him as our March 2026 Veteran of the Month. His decades of service reflect a steadfast dedication to duty, leadership, and service to others.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Senior Master Sergeant Nitz entered Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1984. He completed technical training and was assigned to the 81st Component Repair Squadron in the United Kingdom, where he earned the John L. Levitow Honor Graduate Award, demonstrating his commitment to excellence early in his career.

In 1988, Mr. Nitz was assigned to K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, serving as a Flightline Maintenance Technician and supported the Advanced Cruise Missile test flight program. He was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana, and earned the title of Strategic Air Command Master Technician.

Throughout his career, Senior Master Sergeant Nitz held key leadership and operational roles in Germany, Maryland, Korea, and California. He oversaw maintenance and support for mission-critical intelligence systems, implemented protective modifications for aircrews during operations in Bosnia, and ensured successful unmanned aerial vehicle missions in

support of Air Intelligence Agency and NATO operations, reflecting his commitment to mission success and the safety of others.

After his promotion to Senior Master Sergeant in 2002, Mr. Nitz served as Maintenance Operations Flight Chief at the 352d Maintenance Squadron in the United Kingdom. His leadership contributed to the unit earning an overall "Excellent" rating during the 2005 Operational Readiness Inspection. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 2006, Mr. Nitz returned to Michigan and continued serving his community as an instructor with the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Melvindale. He currently serves as Supervisor of Operations at the U.S. Secret Service Detroit Field Office.

Mr. Nitz lives in Macomb Township with his wife of 41 years, Lisa. They are proud parents of two daughters and grandparents to six grandchildren. Together, they enjoy traveling, biking, and spending time with their family.

Mr. Speaker, Senior Master Sergeant Charles M. Nitz's decades of dedicated service, both in uniform and in his community, exemplify honor, leadership, and commitment to our Nation. It is my great privilege to recognize him and to honor his service as our March 2026 Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING MOSS HAVEN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Moss Haven Elementary School in Dallas, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 20 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

This outpouring of kindness reflects the deep gratitude for our veterans that remains strong throughout North Texas.

The creativity and compassion demonstrated by these students are a testament to the caring spirit present throughout their school. I commend them for their generosity and community involvement and thank them for helping make this year's Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas' 24th District.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint commit-

tees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine platform power as section 230 turns 30.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities with implementing the Endangered Species Act.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the current situation in the Middle East.

SVC-217

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine sunshine week, focusing on bringing secret government spending to light.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine keeping promises, focusing on labor inflows, maintaining competitiveness, and supporting an aging population.

SH-216

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 342, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize an individual who is awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Armed Forces to transfer unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to a family member, S. 410, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, S. 649, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 1116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional

burial benefits for individuals for whom an urn or plaque is furnished, S. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to deny the claim of a veteran for benefits under the laws administered by such Secretary on the sole basis that such veteran failed to appear for a medical examination associated with such claim, S. 1665, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure veterans of secrecy oath programs receive the full benefits they have earned, S. 1726, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the Department of Veterans Affairs definition of "medical services" includes medically necessary automobile adaptations, S. 1868, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand access by veterans to critical access hospitals and affiliated clinics under the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 2061, to require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, S. 2220, to expand presumptions of exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, S. 2264, to improve the emergency management capabilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2309, to direct a physician or nurse practitioner employed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the death of a veteran not later than 48 hours after such physician or nurse practitioner learns of such death, S. 2328, to authorize the use of veterans educational assistance for examinations and assessments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institutions of higher learning, S. 2333, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit supplementation of health records of deceased veterans, S. 2397, to require implementation by the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain recommendations relating to the provi-

sion of health care through community care providers, S. 2683, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, S. 2807, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the applicability of the authority to reconsider decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of the Army to inter remains or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, S. 2981, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3033, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish partnerships between medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and medical facilities in rural areas, S. 3119, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs available for members of the Armed Forces, other individuals on active duty, and family members of such individuals on a space-available basis, S. 3138, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include adaptive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other recreational activities in the medical services furnished to eligible veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 3303, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish or enhance a community integration platform for services for veterans, to require the collection from veterans of information related to social determinants of health, S. 3758, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make opioid overdose rescue medications available to veterans and their caregivers, and a committee resolution.

SR-418

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command

and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine Department of Energy's implementation of President Trump's May 2025 nuclear energy executive orders.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold Member Day to examine legislative priorities.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 545, to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, H.R. 2159, to direct the Attorney General of the United States to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, S. 2934, to limit the availability of civil actions affected by United States sanctions, and the nominations of Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, James Bishop, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, Brian Barber, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana, Steven Lewis, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, Priscilla Lopez, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Brian Gootkin, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana, and James Stuart, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216