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- Good Morning, Commander Hope. Thank you, and all the members of DAV and the Auxiliary for your service. We also thank you for your continued dedication to our nation's veterans.
- I want to take this opportunity to welcome those of you in the audience from Florida. The sons and daughters of Florida have a history of service to our Nation, and I am glad to see you continuing that tradition.
- DAV and other veterans' groups are active and valued partners to us in Congress as we work to keep our promise to America's veterans. The VA is undergoing a major reform effort. I am hopeful that this commitment by the Secretary will focus the VA once again on the individual veteran.
- As part of this reform effort, we will all need to work with the VA to make sure that the VA is looking ahead to the challenges of tomorrow. One of these challenges is reintegrating women veterans back into our society and making sure they receive the benefits they have earned.
- I want to thank you for the study you released late last year on women veterans. This study points to many shortfalls, and I know that, working together, we can begin to address these shortfalls.
- Making sure that the VA can meet the challenges of the 21st century is the job of all of us. I know that DAV, your members across the country, and your staff here in Washington are ready and eager for the challenge.
- I look forward to your testimony today, and again thank you for DAV's long history of distinguished service, in and out of uniform.
- Thank you Mr. Chairman and I yield back the balance of my time.