

2026 Policy Priorities

In 2026, CVA and its grassroots army will fight to make America stronger and more secure through a prudent foreign policy, a robust economic foundation, and a veterans' health care system that empowers those who have served.

ISSUE 01. PROVIDE FOR A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE WITH A PRUDENT FOREIGN POLICY

ADVANCE BURDEN SHIFTING IN EUROPE

America's wealthy European allies can and must take on the primary burden for their own security after decades of neglecting their militaries. The United States can continue to be a partner to NATO, but it should adopt a logistical support role as Europe takes the lead in its own front-line defense.

RETHINK THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST FOOTPRINT

America can secure its limited vital interests in the Middle East with a reduced permanent military footprint. Growing U.S. energy production makes the region less strategically important for our economy than in past decades, and U.S. over-the-horizon counterterrorism capabilities allow us to safely protect against threats to the homeland without a large ground presence.

ISSUE 02. PROTECT THE CONDITIONS OF OUR PROSPERITY

SECURE AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Our \$38 trillion national debt is the greatest long-term threat to America's safety and prosperity. Excessive debt stagnates our economy and limits our ability to react to protect vital interests. We can protect America's financial future by revamping how we budget to encourage responsible spending.

BUILD AMERICAN STRENGTH THROUGH ROBUST GROWTH

Economic growth is the foundation of American prosperity at home and our strength abroad. If our economy is stifled by out-of-control red tape, the United States will not stay internationally competitive or be able to build what it needs to grow or defend its vital interests.

UNLEASH ENERGY ABUNDANCE

Access to cheap and abundant energy propels the U.S. economy. As a result, our nation needs to be able to quickly build the energy infrastructure it needs. American energy abundance is also vital abroad, offering allies and partners reliable supply sources while reducing their dependence on riskier markets.

ISSUE 03. EMPOWER VETERANS WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY AND TIMELY HEALTH CARE

PROTECT AND EXPAND VETERANS' HEALTH CARE CHOICES

Caring for those who "have borne the battle" is a solemn and crucial national obligation for the future of our all-volunteer military. This promise is best honored when we empower veterans to choose the care that best meets their needs, whether at the VA or at a community care provider.

RESTORE A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE VA

Those entrusted to care for our veterans must be held to the highest standards. Unfortunately, the VA struggles to discipline or remove employees who perform poorly or are found guilty of misconduct, harming veterans and undermining VA culture. Through legislation and oversight, Congress should ensure that VA leadership restores a culture of accountability.

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