

HR 236

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a week as "Battle Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2023
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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate one week per year as Battle Buddy Check Week for the purposes of organizing outreach events and educating veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks. The VA shall ensure that the Veterans Crisis Line has a plan for handling the potential increase in calls that may occur during such week.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H146-147)
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.