

VFW Selected to Task Force Committee Supporting Trucking Action Plan Benefiting Veterans, Military

National Commander says 'military members have so much more to offer our nation'

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WASHINGTON — Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is pleased to announce its selection as a steering committee member for Task Force Movement: Life Cycle Pathways for Veterans and Military to Trucking, a new partnership to support the White House's initiative to strengthen America's trucking industry

"The VFW has always stood ready to support our nation in times of crisis, and that time is now," VFW National Commander Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic. "We are honored that the administration called upon us to support their plan to empower veterans and service members to reverse the economic downturn our country has suffered over the past few years."

According to a White House <u>announcement</u> today, Task Force Movement is comprised of experts and leaders from Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), veteran influencers, in addition to industry and government officials. Task Force Movement's Steering Committee includes industry and VSO leaders who will work to prioritize issues and create recommendations on strategies and action plans. Both will work toward supporting the White House Trucking Action Plan to Strengthen America's Trucking Workforce. The plan, announced earlier this year, mutually benefits veterans, transitioning service members, military families and the trucking industry by providing direct pathways into trucking careers, helping to alleviate unemployment and underemployment in the veteran and transitioning military communities, as well as meet workforce shortages which have

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severely impacted the supply chain across the country.

"We don't leave our patriotic duty behind when we leave service," said Mihelcic of the nation's veterans. "Our military members have so much more to offer our nation beyond their service in uniform. This is an opportunity not only for veterans to show they are still serving, but also for the country to give an opportunity for a career and a more secure financial future to those who sacrificed so much."