



AFSA CHAPTER 1257 “GILBERT L. ISLEY” MEETING OUTLINE



AFSA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Opening Ceremony

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Preamble**
- **Introductions (if necessary)**

GUEST SPEAKER

Treasurer's Report

- **Current Account Balance:**
 - **Latest Expenses:**
 - **Latest Income:**
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Membership Update

- **Total Active Members:**
 - **Recruitment Efforts & Growth Strategies**
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Events, Plans & Programs



Legislative Updates



Key Policy Changes Impacting Our Members

1. Senate to Return on 2 September. According to the Senate Armed Services Committee minority staff, “. . . the Senate will next convene at 3:00pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume the motion to proceed to [Cal. #115](#), [S.2296](#), National Defense Authorization Act.”

Source: [Schedule for pro forma sessions and Tues... | The Senate Democratic Caucus](#)

Note: The House of Representatives is also scheduled to reconvene on 2 September.

2. 2026 Social Security, Military and Federal Retirement, and VA Benefits COLAs Moving Toward 2.5 Percent. Recent reports mirror this prediction provided by *USA Today* that the 2026 COLA for Social Security, Military and Federal Retirement, and VA Benefits will be close to 2.5 percent. That figure is based on the latest measurement of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) compared to 12 months ago. The exact figure will not be finalized until the 4th Quarter 2025 CPI measurements come out on 15 October – the final figure may be impacted by the effects of tariff increases.

To take a look at the July article, go to:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/retirement/2025/07/05/2026-cola-estimate-social-security-raise/84413425007/>

3. VA Offers Yearlong Community Care Authorizations for 30 Services. A *Veterans Affairs News Article* reports, “The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it will improve Veterans’ access to health care by extending the length of new VA community care authorizations to one year for 30 standardized types of care. The change means Veterans referred by VA to community care for eligible standardized types of care will receive 12 full months of uninterrupted treatment at VA expense before having to obtain a VA reauthorization.”

“Prior to the change announced today, some VA community care specialty referrals were reevaluated every 90 to 180 days, increasing the likelihood of interrupted or delayed care.”



Recognition & Awards



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● **Celebrating Excellence!**

Recognizing outstanding
contributions from our members



🔥 **Other General Topics & Open Discussion**

- **Have something on your mind?** This is your time to bring it up!