

2025 Policy Priorities

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In 2025, CVA and its grassroots army will work to make America stronger and more secure by supporting a prudent foreign policy, protecting the economic foundations of our strength, and empowering those who have served our country by transforming veterans' health care.

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

ENSURE ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS: America's alliance relationships should be a means for advancing U.S. interests, not an end in themselves. The United States should maintain friendly relationships with its allies and partners, while recognizing where U.S. interests do and do not overlap.

RETHINK THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST FOOTPRINT: Growing American energy production is making the Middle East less strategically important for the United States than in decades past. U.S. missions in countries like Iraq and Syria are disconnected from our core security interests and allow our enemies to more easily target our troops. Given extensive US over-the-horizon counterterrorism targeting capabilities, policymakers should focus limited U.S. defense resources on greater priorities outside of the Middle East.

ISSUE 02. PROTECT THE CONDITIONS OF OUR PROSPERITY

SECURE AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE: Our \$36 trillion national debt is the greatest long-term threat to America's safety and prosperity. Excessive debt hurts America's long-term strength by stagnating our economy and limiting our ability to react to serious threats to our vital national interests. We need to safeguard America's financial future through comprehensive budgeting reforms.

BUILD AMERICAN STRENGTH THROUGH ROBUST GROWTH: Economic growth is the foundation of American prosperity at home and strength abroad. Through a tax code and regulatory system that promotes growth, the United States can remain internationally competitive and economically capable of defending its vital interests.

UNLEASH ENERGY ABUNDANCE: Access to cheap and abundant energy is the bedrock of American prosperity at home. U.S. energy abundance also builds American strength abroad by offering a reliable supply source for our allies and partners while reducing dependence on volatile regions like the Middle East.

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

PROTECT AND EXPAND VETERANS' HEALTH CARE CHOICES: Caring for those "who shall have borne the battle" is a solemn national obligation that is crucial for the future of our all-volunteer military. Though previous legislation promised timely, quality care, too many veterans remain trapped in a failing system due to the VA's deliberate efforts to limit treatment choices. Our nation committed to caring for our veterans, not to protecting bureaucracies—we should put veterans first by empowering them to seek the treatment choices that best meet their health needs.

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 that perform their roles poorly or who are found guilty of misconduct. This environment harms veterans and undermines VA culture at the expense of dedicated staff. Through legislation and oversight, Congress should ensure that VA leadership restores an internal culture of accountability.