

**Sinema for Arizona
"Paul"**

CLAIM	BACKUP
<p>Paul: I'm a police officer, She's my little sis</p> <p>Kyrsten: And he's my big bad marine brother</p>	<p>SINEMA COMES FROM A MILITARY FAMILY</p> <p>Sinema Comes From A Military Family. In 2014, Sinema wrote, "My older brother is a retired Marine and my younger brother is on active duty in the Navy." [The Arizona Republic, 11/24/14]</p>
<p>Paul: We used to fight like cats and dogs as kids</p> <p>Kyrsten: Not so much anymore</p> <p>Paul: Clearly, she's real headstrong</p> <p>Kyrsten: I call it being independent</p>	<p>SINEMA RANKED THIRD MOST INDEPENDENT IN CONGRESS</p> <p>2018: Sinema Was Named The 3rd Most Independent Member Of Congress. [CQ Magazine, 2018]</p>
<p>Paul: She fights for us veterans and is a friend to law enforcement</p> <p>Kyrsten: We're a family of doers</p>	<p>SINEMA FOUGHT FOR VETERANS</p> <p>Sinema Introduced HR 421, The Classified Veterans Access To Care Act, To Ensure Veterans Who Worked On Classified Missions Would Receive Mental Health Care In A Manner That Accommodates The Veteran's Obligation To Not Improperly Disclose Classified Information. "Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: establish standards and procedures to ensure that a veteran who participated in a classified mission or served in a sensitive unit while in the Armed Forces may access VA mental health care in a manner that fully accommodates the veteran's obligation to not improperly disclose classified information; disseminate guidance to employees of the Veterans Health Administration, including mental health professionals, on such standards and procedures and on how to best engage such veterans during the course of mental health treatment with respect to classified information; and ensure that an individual may elect to identify as such a veteran on an appropriate form." [HR 421, Introduced 1/20/15]</p>

Sinema's Legislation Was Enacted Into Law As Part Of HR 6416. HR 6416 incorporated language from Sinema's HR 421: "Establishment of Standards.--(1) The Secretary shall establish standards and procedures to ensure that each eligible veteran may access mental health care furnished by the Secretary [[Page 130 STAT. 1572]] in a manner that fully accommodates the obligation of the veteran to not improperly disclose classified information." [HR 6416, Enacted [12/16/16](#)]

2017: Sinema Voted For \$578B Military Appropriations, Including A 2.1% Pay Raise For Troops. In March 2017, Sinema voted for a \$577.9 billion military appropriations bill for fiscal 2017 that included \$61.8 billion in funding for combat overseas. A yes vote was to send the Senate a bill (HR 1301) that would fund a 2.1 percent pay raise for uniformed personnel. The total would include \$516.1 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. The bill passed by a vote of 371-48. [HR 1301, [Vote #136](#), 3/8/17; CQ, [3/8/17](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 3949, The VALOR Act, To Help Veterans Complete Apprenticeships And Job Training Programs, Signed Into Law. "This bill provides that the state approving agency for a multi-state non-federal apprenticeship program is: (1) for program approval purposes, the state approving agency for the state in which the headquarters of the apprenticeship program is located; and (2) for all other purposes, the state approving agency for the state in which the apprenticeship program takes place. (Sec. 3) The bill eliminates the requirement that the veteran or other eligible person enrolled in an apprenticeship or other on-job training program must certify such person's program attendance to receive a training assistance allowance." [HR 3949, Co-sponsored [11/6/17](#), Became Law [11/21/17](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 4352, The Faster Care For Veterans Act, Signed Into Law. "This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to begin an 18-month pilot program in at least three Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) under which veterans use an Internet website or mobile application to schedule and confirm appointments at VA medical facilities. The program's duration may be extended and the number of VISNs may be increased if the VA determines that the program is reducing the wait times of veterans seeking medical care and ensuring that more available appointment times are filled. The VA shall seek to enter into a contract using competitive procedures with one or more contractors to provide the scheduling capability." [HR 4352, Co-sponsored [5/26/16](#), Became Law [12/16/16](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 3471, The Veterans Mobility Safety Act, Signed Into Law. "This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that an eligible disabled veteran provided an automobile or other conveyance is given the opportunity to make personal selections relating to such conveyance. (Sec. 3) The VA shall develop a comprehensive policy regarding quality standards for providers of modification services to veterans under the automobile adaptive equipment program. Such policy shall cover: (1) management of the automobile adaptive equipment program, (2) development and application of safety and quality standards for equipment and installation, (3) provider certification by a third party organization or manufacturer, (4) manufacturer certification of a provider, (5) education and training of VA personnel, (6) provider compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and (7) allowance for veterans to receive modifications at their residence or location of choice." [HR 3471, Co-sponsored [10/20/15](#), Became Law [12/14/16](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 5392, No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act, Signed Into Law. "This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop a quality assurance document for carrying out the toll-free Veterans Crisis Line (VCL), which shall: (1) outline performance indicators and objectives to improve the VCL, including at backup call centers; (2) include time frames to meet such indicators and objectives; and (3) be consistent with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget. The VA shall develop a plan to ensure that each telephone call, text message, and other communications received by the VCL, including at backup call centers, is answered in a timely manner

by a person, consistent with the guidance established by the American Association of Suicidology. The plan shall include guidelines for periodic VCL testing. The VA shall submit the document and plan within 180 days.” [HR 5392, Co-sponsored [7/14/16](#), Became Law [11/28/16](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 4336, To Ensure Veterans Remains Can Be Buried In The Arlington Cemetery. “This bill directs the Department of the Army to ensure that the cremated remains of persons whose service has been determined to be active duty service pursuant to the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 are eligible for above ground inurnment in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Such provision shall apply with respect to: (1) the remains of a person that are not formally interred or inurned as of the date of the enactment of this Act, and (2) a person who dies on or after such date. (Sec. 2) The Department of the Army shall report to Congress on Arlington National Cemetery's interment and inurnment capacity, including: the estimated date that the cemetery will reach maximum interment and inurnment capacity; and recommendations for legislative actions and non legislative options to ensure that the cemetery's maximum interment and inurnment capacity is not reached until well into the future, including options with respect to redefining interment and inurnment eligibility and expansion opportunities beyond the cemetery's current boundaries.” [HR 4336, Co-sponsored [1/7/16](#), Became Law [5/20/16](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 91, The Veterans Identification Card Act, Signed Into Law. “Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to issue a veteran's identification card to a requesting veteran who is neither entitled to military retired pay nor enrolled in the VA system of patient enrollment. Requires such card, among other things, to: (1) display the veteran's name and photograph, and (2) serve as proof that the veteran has a DD-214 form or other official document in his or her military personnel file that describes the veteran's military service. Directs VA to charge a card fee. States that such card shall not serve as proof of entitlement to any benefits.” [HR 91, Co-sponsored [4/16/15](#), Became Law [7/20/15](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 203, The Clay Hunt Sav Act, To Combat Veterans Suicides, Signed Into Law. “Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) arrange for an independent third party evaluation, to be conducted by September 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, of the VA's mental health care and suicide prevention programs; and (2) submit a report to Congress, by December 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, containing the most recent evaluations not yet submitted to Congress and any recommendations the Secretary considers appropriate. Directs the Secretary to submit interim reports to Congress by September 30, 2016, and September 30, 2017, on the VA's mental health care and suicide prevention programs. (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to survey the VA's websites and information resources to publish a website that serves as a centralized source to provide veterans with information, updated at least once every 90 days, regarding the VA's mental health care services.” [HR 203, Co-sponsored [1/12/15](#), Became Law [2/12/15](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 4276, The Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act, Signed Into Law. “Amends the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 to alter the reporting requirements under the pilot program to assess the effectiveness of providing assistance to eligible veterans with traumatic brain injury to enhance their rehabilitation, quality of life, and community integration. Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit reports to the congressional veterans committees on the pilot program for each quarter occurring between January 1, 2015, and September 30, 2017. Requires each quarterly report to include for the preceding quarter: the number of individuals who participated in the pilot program, the number of individuals who successfully completed the program, the degree to which pilot program participants and their family members were satisfied with the program, and the interim findings and conclusions of the Secretary regarding the success of the program and recommendations for improving it. Requires the Secretary to include in the report the Secretary submits to the congressional veterans committees after the completion of the pilot program: an evaluation of the pilot program in light of the VA's independent living programs, including an assessment

of whether the pilot program should be incorporated into such independent living programs; and recommendations for improving the pilot program. Replaces references to 'assisted living' with the term 'community-based brain injury residential rehabilitative care,' including rehabilitation services within the meaning of such care. Requires this Act and its amendments to be carried out using funds already available for such purposes." [HR 4276, Co-sponsored [9/15/14](#), Became Law [12/18/14](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 1344, The Helping Heroes Fly Act, Signed Into Law. "Directs the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration [TSA]) to develop and implement a process to ease travel and to the extent possible provide expedited passenger screening services for severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans, and their accompanying family members or nonmedical attendants. Requires the Assistant Secretary also to maintain an operations center to provide for the movement of such members and veterans through screening before boarding a domestic or foreign passenger aircraft. Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish and publish certain protocols for severely injured or disabled Armed Forces members and veterans or their family members and others to contact the operations center to request expedited screening services for that member or veteran. Declares that nothing in this Act shall affect the Assistant Secretary's authority to require additional screening of such individuals if intelligence, law enforcement, or other information indicates that it is necessary. Directs the Assistant Secretary to report annually to Congress on implementation of the program." [HR 1344, Co-sponsored [4/9/13](#), Became Law [8/9/13](#)]

Sinema Passed A Law to Allow Military Veterans To Pay In-State Tuition. "In 2011, Sinema sponsored legislation, which would automatically qualify honorably discharged military veterans for a program that allows them to pay in-state tuition in colleges and universities. Sinema said the key is finding an issue everybody can agree on. 'Military issues don't have a partisan nature,' Sinema said, referring to SB1223. A House bill was substituted for the bill on third reading. Sinema voted in favor of the bill, which grants in-state student status for the purposes of tuition at any Arizona public university or community college to any person honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The bill passed 29-0 and was signed into law." [Arizona Capitol Times, 2/1/11; SB 1223, Third Reading, 4/6/11; Governor signed, 4/12/11]

SINEMA IS A FRIEND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sinema Got H.R. 2646, The Helping Families In Mental Health Crisis Act, Signed Into Law As Part Of The 21st Century Cures Act. The bill modernizes federal funding for behavioral health support and research programs. It expands public safety and community policing grant programs to support training and programs for law enforcement and corrections officers regarding individuals with mental illness. It improves mental health care for children with serious emotional disturbance, or adults with serious mental illness, through targeted authorizations and reauthorizations, including expansion of Assisted Outpatient Treatment. The bill also strengthens the nation's mental health workforce. [HR 2646, Originally Co-sponsored [6/4/15](#); Became Law as part of HR 34, [12/13/16](#)]

Sinema Helped Get HR 2228, The Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act, Signed Into Law. "This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report on Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs mental health practices and services that could be adopted by law enforcement agencies. Additionally, DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services must report on programs to address the psychological health and well-being of law enforcement officers. The bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the allowable use of grant funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services program to include establishing peer mentoring mental health and wellness pilot programs within state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. (Sec. 3) DOJ must coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services to develop educational resources for mental health providers regarding the

	<p>culture of law enforcement agencies and therapies for mental health issues common to law enforcement officers. (Sec. 4) DOJ must also: (1) review existing crisis hotlines, recommend improvements, and research annual mental health checks; (2) examine the mental health and wellness needs of federal officers; (3) ensure that recommendations, resources, or programs under this bill protect the privacy of participating officers; and (4) report to Congress on findings and final recommendations.” [HR 2228, Co-sponsored 5/18/17, Became Law 1/10/18]</p> <p>Sinema Helped Get HR 4661, The United States Fire Administration, AFG, And SAFER Program Reauthorization Act, Signed Into Law. “This bill amends the the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to: (1) reauthorize through FY2024 the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FPSG) Program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) Program, and reauthorizes provisions regarding firefighting technology evaluation and standards development; and (2) authorize the use of AFG Program grants, instead of SAFER Program grants, to provide specialized training to first responders on how to recognize and properly intervene with individuals with mental illness. The SAFER Program is revised to permit the use of grants to change the status of part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time firefighters. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) may develop and make widely available an electronic, online training course for members of the fire and emergency response community on matters related to the administration of AFG, FPSG, and SAFER grants. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall ensure that any such training is: (1) tailored to the financial and time constraints of members of the fire and emergency response community; and (2) accessible to all individuals in the career, combination, paid-on-call, and volunteer fire and emergency response community. The USFA shall develop and implement a grant monitoring and oversight framework to mitigate and minimize risks of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement relating to such grants programs.” [HR 4661, Co-sponsored 12/18/17, Became Law 1/3/18]</p>
<p>Paul: That’s why she’s running for the Senate</p> <p>Kyrsten: I bring people together because that’s how you get stuff done. I’m Kyrsten Sinema I approve this message.</p> <p>Paul: And so does her big bro.</p>	<p>SINEMA WILL WORK ACROSS PARTY LINES TO FIX PROBLEMS</p> <p>Lugar Center Ranked Sinema As The Most Bipartisan Democrat In The House Of Representatives. According to rankings by the Lugar Center, Kyrsten Sinema is the fourth most bipartisan member of the House and the most bipartisan Democratic member of the House. [Lugar Center, 2015-2016]</p> <p>Sinema Was The 3rd Most Bipartisan Member Of The House Of Representitives In The 114th Congress. According to Govtrack.us, Sinema was the third most bipartisan member of the House of Representatives in the 114th Congress. Of the 358 bills that Sinema co-sponsored, 59% were introduced by a legislator who was not a Democrat. [Govtrack.us, 2016 Report Card]</p> <p>Sinema Was Awarded The Problem Solver Seal Of Approval. “Today, No Labels awarded its Problem Solver Seal of Approval to Congresswoman Kyrsten Sine-ma for her support of the groups campaign for a National Strategic Agenda, a roadmap for the country based on bipartisan goals. It is an honor to receive this recognition from No Labels for our commitment to working across the aisle to find reasonable solutions to our nations problems, said Sinema. Arizona families are sick of partisan games; they want elected officials to work together to provide stability, reduce the deficit, grow the economy, and create jobs.” [Rep. Sinema, Press Release, 10/27/14]</p>

