My name is Jason E. Johns and I am your PL for the Veterans Fly-In regarding the “Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act” (JASTA). This is the OPORD for logistics of travel and schedule of operations.

TASK ORGANIZATION

I. SITUATION
   A. Enemy Forces: House & Senate Leadership, Chairs and Ranking Members of Armed Services, Foreign Affairs/Relations, Intelligence and Judiciary Committees. As well as the U.S. Senators from your home state.

   Weather: Tuesday: Mostly Cloudy w/high of 40 degrees. Wednesday: PM Showers High of 52 degrees. Thursday: Partly Cloudy w/high of 61 degrees. Friday: Morning showers high of 59 degrees.

   Terrain: Urban environment with frequent rises in elevation. Transportation accessibility is good and will minimize need to march, however, while on the Hill and moving from meeting to meeting there will be some possible significant movement on foot. Be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes appropriate for uniform of the day (black or brown in color).

   B. Friendly Forces: Jason E. Johns and others he designates in real time.

      Higher’s mission: Assure ease of veterans to meet with Members of U.S. Congress regarding JASTA.

      Higher’s intent: Make Members of U.S. Congress fully aware that veterans and military have serious concerns regarding JASTA and convince them, through our presence, that JASTA needs to be amended to restore protections for our currently serving military personnel and veterans. Our “ASK” this week is for the Members of the House and Senate to sign on to the Representative Mac Thornberry Letter of Concern with JASTA.
Main body is veterans attending from around nation, units to left are lobbyists on ground in Washington, D.C., units to right are administrative and other support provided by The Advocacy Group and Qorvis staff.

C. Attachments- For (1) "Real Impact of JASTA-One Pager-12.16.16; 2) "JASTA Fix-12.19.16"; 3) "JASTA and Reciprocal Actions-Oct 16."

**Assure that you individually review and learn the points included prior to Hill meetings. You will also have an opportunity for discussion among your fellow veterans on Tuesday evening at the welcome dinner.

MISSION

Who: Approx. 40 Combat and deployed veterans from the U.S.A.

What: Congressional meetings with Members and/or staff on JASTA.

When: 11 January and 12 January 2017

Where: The “Trump International Hotel”- 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, D.C. 20004 (dinners, breakfast and lodging), Capitol Hill Club (staging area during meetings and lunch) and the United States Capitol.

Why: Protect ourselves and fellow veterans from possible lawsuit in foreign courts for serving our country and “protecting the mission.”

II. EXECUTION

It is our intent that all veterans be prepared and on time for all events, training and Congressional meetings. Perfect accountability and safety will be maintained always. Everyone will complete the day’s Congressional meetings with a high degree of motivation. I also want all veterans to enjoy themselves in our nation’s Capital and pursue camaraderie and esprit de corps with their fellow veterans in attendance.

A. Concept of the Operation:

Maneuver: This operation will be conducted in six (6) phases.

Phase I: Departure from Home Stations on 10 JAN to Reagan National Airport and then from Reagan to Trump Int’l Hotel (Hotel). All veterans are directed to take a taxi OR Uber from the airport to the Hotel. Please Get a Receipt. You will be reimbursed with cash on Tuesday evening x2 (r-trip) for your receipt. If you take an Uber I will ask you to
simply email me the receipt when I am conducting reimbursement. **NOTE: If you do not get a receipt you will not be reimbursed.

**Phase II:** Upon arrival at the Hotel check in to your room and you are free until the commencement of the Welcome Reception at 1830. At that time, report to the restaurant/private room venue within the hotel. **You will be notified at check-in as to where the reception will be. If you are not directly told, please ask. Uniform for welcome dinner is CASUAL.

**Phase III:** On the morning of 11 JAN, report to designated area in hotel for breakfast from 0730-0830. From 0830-0900 we will be utilizing Ubers/taxis in groups of 4 from the Hotel to the day’s staging area/rally point at the Capitol Hill Club (300 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003). We are in the Texas & Leaders Rooms on the 3rd Floor. Upon completion of day’s meetings (approx. 1630 or as determined) we will rally the Capitol Hill Club to arrange for taxis/Ubers in groups of 4 back to the Hotel. **Prior to your departure back to Hotel I will be collecting your “Meeting Report Forms”. (Each group will be assigned a Captain who has participated in Fly-Ins before and will be responsible for guiding you around the Hill and completing a report of each meeting your group has).**

**Phase IV:** A dinner and drinks will be provided at the Trump International Hotel on the evening of 11 Jan. Room details will be told to you that day but likely same room as evening before. After this dinner, you are free to do whatever you wish.

*** Please note that the person who pays for the Ubers/taxis for getting up to the Capitol Hill Club, around the Hill, etc. should deliver receipts to me at end of day and I will reimburse you with cash.

**Phase V:** 2nd Day of Hill Meetings with Congressional Members. **Of note:** The Capitol Hill Club is unavailable for our use this day. Details are TBD for location of staging area and lunch. I will update you on this at the Tuesday evening welcome dinner.

Also, there is no formal dinner planned for Thursday evening as you are “released” after your last meeting of the day.

**Phase VI:** 13 JAN Departure to Home Station. Checkout is at 12 noon. You will have already been reimbursed for r-trip travel to airport so you are on your own to arrange for transportation on Friday.
III. SERVICE SUPPORT

A. General: POC is Jason E. Johns (608) 209-0805 or Jason@nmlbvet.com

B. Materials and Services:

1. Supply:

   Class VI: Subsistence – On evening of 10 JAN- Complimentary drinks will be provided from 1830-2000, with dinner being served approximately from 1915-2015. Reception ends at 2030.

   This concludes the day and you may feel free to continue to socialize with your fellow veterans but remember that Wednesday will be a long day so please be responsible. You are all adults and can make your own choices but if you are unable to adequately participate in Congressional meetings you will not be asked to return for future fly-ins.

   Morning of 11 JAN: Complimentary breakfast provided at Hotel 0730-0830.

   Lunch Mid-Day 11 JAN- Complimentary lunch buffet is provided at the Capitol Hill Club from 1130-1330. Please eat as your schedule of meetings allows.

Class II: 1. Uniform of the Day for 11 and 12 JAN is required, and can be your choice of: a) full suit; b) button down dress shirt (no writing or embroidering on it) and dress slacks with or without sport coat; it is requested, if you are able, to decorate your choice of uniform with full size Purple Heart medal on chest (if awarded), if not a P-Heart recipient please wear a full campaign medal(s) from an operation you were involved in. For females, a business dress, pantsuit, or other professional looking attire of your choice is authorized.

Class VII: Major End items. M-4s and M9s will NOT be drawn :)

2. Transportation: All transportation from airport to Hotel, Hotel to Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill to Hotel, and Hotel to airport will all be provided/reimbursed as per instructions above.

3. MEDEVAC. If any medical issues arise please immediately call front desk or 9/11 as deemed appropriate. There is an in-house EMS available via security and if a doctor is on call if necessary.
4. **MEETING REPORT FORMS.** I will be distributing forms to Group captains that ask you to answer questions from your meetings as well as for you to add your comments. Completion of these by every Group, for every meeting is MANDATORY.

5. **CHECKED BAGGAGE FEES.** We do not feel that checked bags are necessary as short trips and we have covered nearly all other expenses involved with your travel, lodging and majority of meals. We hope you can understand that IF you check a bag you will not be reimbursed for the fees involved.

**IV. COMMAND & SIGNAL**

A. **Command: Jason E. Johns**

1. Location of higher unit Cmdr./POC Jason E. Johns: TOC will be active and located at Trump Int’l Hotel after 1500 on 10 JAN. Then will relocate to Capitol Hill Club from 0930-1630, and back to Trump Hotel after 1700 on 11 JAN. TOC on 12 JAN from 0900-1700 is TBD, but after 1700 is Trump International Hotel.

**OPSEC**

**Two Items of Importance:**

1) The Trump International Hotel monitors all social media that has any mention of its property. If you check-in there or post anything regarding your time there, be aware they will see it so please refrain from posting anything that may be irresponsible or of poor taste. A good rule of thumb may be to refrain from social media postings that mention the Trump Hotel whatsoever.

2) The Trump international Hotel lobby, bar and restaurant area has become a very known place for politicos and others to gather. During previous Fly-ins e have run in to Senators, Congressman, Agency Officials, Ambassadors, and lobbyists, members of the press, etc. Please be aware of your surroundings and who is in them. Of course, utilize the opportunity to speak with these individuals regarding JASTA and why we are there, but be aware of WHAT you are saying. Do not be offensive and do not reveal any internal discussions or strategies over drinks, dinner, etc. that may hurt our mission to get JASTA revised.

The time to fix JASTA is now! What are your questions?