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SPECIAL

Pennsylvania Speaker of the House **Joanna McClinton** signed writs of election to replace State Representatives **Josh Siegel** and **Dan Miller**, who resigned yesterday to take on new roles. Siegel was elected in November to serve as the next Lehigh County Executive, while Miller will serve as an Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas judge. The special elections in the 22nd and 42nd districts will be held on Tuesday, February 24th. No date has been formally set for Representatives **Torren Ecker** and **Lou Schmitt** to resign, who were also elected to their respective Court of Common Pleas.

PA PREFERRED

Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Colonel **Christopher L. Paris** announced his retirement to join the FBI effective January 2, 2026. Current Deputy Commissioner of Operations Lieutenant Colonel **George L. Bivens** will serve as Acting Commissioner. During his tenure, Paris handled the arson attack on the Governor's Manor and the assassination attempt on President **Donald Trump** at a rally in Butler County last year. The Governor's Office has not disclosed what role Paris will be serving in the FBI.

WORKFORCE BOOST

UPMC Schools of Nursing are celebrating the graduation of more than 380 new nurses this month across seven Pennsylvania campuses, including Harrisburg. About 300 graduates have already accepted jobs at UPMC, part of nearly 600 nurses completing programs during the 2025 academic year. UPMC leaders say the graduates will help strengthen the state's health care workforce and expand access to care, with continued investments in nursing education, loan forgiveness programs, and expanded training pathways planned statewide.

CHRISTMAS SPENDING MONEY

In a live speech from the White House last night, President **Donald Trump** gave an end of the year update and a look at his initiatives for 2026. One item he announced is the 'warrior dividends' that U.S. service members will be receiving. The checks will be for \$1,776 and should arrive before

Christmas. The President alluded to the funding for the checks coming from tariff revenues in his speech.

PEN TO PAPER

Four Republican Congressmen signed onto a discharge petition to force a vote on extending healthcare subsidies for three years, circumventing Republican leadership in the House. Pennsylvania Congressmen **Brian Fitzpatrick**, **Robert Bresnahan**, and **Ryan Mackenzie** joined New York Congressman **Mike Lawler** to make sure a vote was held on the matter in January of next year. This comes as provisions introduced by Fitzpatrick and Lawler to provide a temporary extension of subsidies were denied.



Happy Birthday

- **Chanin Zwing**, Legislative Assistant, Representatives Hamm & Stambaugh
- **Kirsten Kenyon**, Executive Director, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- **G. Warren Elliot**, President, Cardinal Crossings
- **Lauren Ann Zaccarelli**



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