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CEREMONY

The Pennsylvania National Guard gained 18 new members this week during a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. The new recruits took their oaths on the Capitol steps as part of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs annual Guard-Veterans event, where it celebrates and supports veterans alongside its newest service members. The recruits will now go to basic training before joining the nation's third-biggest National Guard.

IMAGE ABUSE

House Bill 2252 passed the Pennsylvania House and now advances to the Senate. The bill, introduced by State Representative *Emily Kinkead*, strengthens accountability for image-based sexual abuse by including those created using generative AI. It also expands Pennsylvania law to include perpetrators who were not intimate partners of the victim and individuals who engaged in reckless distribution.

ROBOTICS COMMISSION

U.S. Senator *Dave McCormick* (R-PA), alongside fellow U.S. Senators, recently introduced a bill to create a national robotics commission. This commission would assess the country's competitiveness in robotics and develop policy recommendations to strengthen it. McCormick hopes that the bill can reduce reliance on foreign technology and improve national security while supporting the skilled robotics workforce prevalent in Pennsylvania.

A GROWING SUCCESS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is removing Northeastern Bulrush from the endangered species list after finding an abundance in various states, specifically Pennsylvania. According to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, before now, the Northeastern Bulrush was one of three plants considered endangered in Pennsylvania. Despite its comeback, the plant continues to face threats from habitat destruction caused by development and vehicular activity, which can disrupt its fragile environments.

BUCKLE UP, IT'S SOCCER TIME

The World Cup has begun! Tonight Canada will play Bosnia and Herzegovina in their home turf of Toronto at 3pm. Later the U.S. will take on Paraguay at 9pm in LA. Philadelphia will host their first match on June 14th when TEAM A plays TEAM B. Businesses are hosting watch parties across the country, so everyone can join in on the fun.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Senator **Chris Gebhard**
- State Representative **Andrew Kuzma**
- State Representative **Natalie Mihalek**
- **Maddie Lapetina***, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- **Dennis Giorno**, Partner, Malady & Wooten, LLP
- **Preston Moretz**, Manager of Policy and Communications, Temple University
- **Jordan Grant**, Executive Director, PA Senate Banking and Insurance Committee
- **Jim Murtha***, President, Macallan Communications
- **John M. Quain**, Former Chairman of the PUC
- **Paul Klein**, Councilperson, Allegheny County
- **Festus Odubo**, Executive Policy Manager, PA Public Utility Commission

Saturday:

- PA Attorney General **Dave Sunday**
- **John E. Jones III**, President, Dickinson College
- **Rick Allan**, Government Affairs, Long Nyquist & Associates

Committee Meetings

- (S) Democratic Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on addressing rising costs for seniors

- **Dallas Y. Stoy**

Sunday:

- State Representative **Mike Armanini**
- **Chad E. Davis**, Executive Director, Senate State Government Committee
- **Christopher Wilson**, Esq., Attorney
- **Kylee Mattson**, Policy Analyst, Pittsburgh City Council



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