



Congressman McCaul meets with Bill Crumblet and Mike Lester, WWII Purple Heart Veterans, as they discuss veterans issues.

VA Resources

VA Services for Returning Vets

E-mail: freedom@vba.va.gov

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

VA Fact Sheets on Healthcare, Benefits, and Miscellaneous

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact>

Veterans Service Organizations

<http://www1.va.gov/vso>

Toll Free Numbers for Contacting VA

VA Benefits: **1-800-827-1000**

Life Insurance: **1-800-669-8477**

Education (GI Bill): **1-888-442-4551**

Healthcare Benefits: **1-877-222-8387**

Income Verification and Means Testing:
1-800-929-8387

Disability Claim Form

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov> or call **1-800-827-1000**

Veterans Small Business Information

Information for veterans who are small business owners those who would like to start their own businesses.

<http://www1.va.gov/vastorenac/page.cfm?pg=27>

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- Military academy nominations
- Obtaining military records and medals
- Veteran legislative updates
- Veteran healthcare issues
- Veterans small business information

Congressman McCaul's office can help answer questions you may have concerning services the federal government provides to veterans, including:

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Honoring and Remembering Those Who Serve Our Country

Dear Friend:

Honoring and caring for our veterans is a sacred duty, and we must always remember what each and every veteran has sacrificed for our country. We owe our freedom to America's veterans and must honor our commitment to those who have so bravely served our nation, those who are continuing to do so and those will serve in the future.

I am proud to have supported legislation in the 109th Congress that will improve the lives of veterans in our community and throughout the nation, including those soldiers returning from active duty.

I have also visited our troops abroad and was inspired by their bravery, love of country and duty to freedom, however we must continue to make every effort to help our troops finish the job and bring them home as soon as possible.

Meeting the needs of our nation's veterans will continue to be a major focus and priority of mine. It is our duty to ensure that our veterans receive every opportunity afforded to them, and are rewarded for their selfless service.

Sincerely,

Michael T. McCaul

Michael McCaul



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CONGRESSMAN

Michael McCaul



Congressman McCaul meets a veteran, and speaks about veterans issues at the Travis County Council of Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Day event.

Update on Veterans Services

Healthcare

Recent Legislation

Transitioning Back Home

Eligibility for veterans' healthcare benefits is based on active military service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard (or Merchant Marines during WWII), and being discharged by under other than dishonorable conditions.

Reservists and National Guard members who were called to active duty by an Executive Order may qualify for VA healthcare benefits. Returning service members have special eligibility for hospital care, medical services and nursing home care for two years following discharge from active duty. Healthcare eligibility is not just for those who served in combat, or just for service connected injuries or medical conditions.

Veterans healthcare facilities are available to all veterans both men and women.

Please contact any of my district offices if you have questions about whether you may qualify for veterans' benefits.



Congressman McCaul meets with the 136th Signal Battalion and Task Force Southern Lightning to discuss the war effort in Iraq.

HOUSE PASSED

H.R. 5385, The Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act of 2007 funds our National Defense System, and ensures the men and women of our Armed Forces are receiving the best in benefits, body armor and equipment so they can continue to do the invaluable job of keeping America safe.

Highlights of the bill include:

- ✔ **\$25.4 billion in funding for Veterans Medical Services, an increase of 6.3% from last year,**
- ✔ **\$4.2 billion increase from last year for Mandatory Veterans benefits,**
- ✔ **\$20 million increase in last years funding for State Veterans homes,**
- ✔ **\$25 million increase in resources for Community-Based Outpatient Clinics.**

SIGNED INTO LAW

S. 1234, The Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment increases the rate of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities. As well as raises the rates for surviving spouses and children of veterans whose deaths were service-connected.

HOUSE PASSED

H.R. 5122 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 authorizes \$512.9 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. It institutes a 2.7% pay raise for all members of the armed forces, and will block the DoD's proposed TRICARE fee increases.

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H.R. 4277, The Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources Act gives veterans options for accessing health care services through local facilities instead of traveling to a VA facility. Expands the existing VA-operated health financing program (fee-basis care). Covered services include hospital care, medical services, rehabilitative services and preventative health services that veterans are eligible to receive at a VA facility.

Transition Assistance Information for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans:

The VA provides a Transition Assistance Program and Disabled Transition Assistance Program (TAP/DTAP) throughout the United States. Briefings give returning service members helpful information on the transition back to civilian life.

Contact your Transition Center to determine when Transition Assistance Briefings are scheduled. For more information, visit www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/transition.asp.

PTSD Resources for Operation Enduring Freedom & Iraqi Freedom

<http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/topics/war.html>

VA Readjustment Counseling Service

Provides war veterans with information on helpful readjustment services.

<http://www.va.gov/rcs/>

State Benefits

For more information on your local VA resources, contact:

Texas Veterans Commission
PO Box 12277, Austin, TX 78711

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