



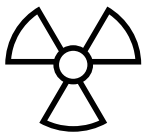
117TH CONGRESS

REPUBLICAN OVERSIGHT PRIORITIES



VETERANS HEALTH

It is imperative that this committee fulfill its commitment to make certain that every veteran has access to high-quality, timely and attentive care. Our work to reach the veterans that too often fall through the gaps must continue. Congress and the VA owe it to those who have served to be ready to meet them with the care they need, where and when they need it.



TOXIC EXPOSURES

The sacred commitment servicemembers make to defend our country against all enemies can lead to service in austere work environments and subsequent exposure to toxic hazards in the air, water or soil. Following this exposure, our obligation to them must match their level of commitment; veterans who are experiencing negative effects of toxic exposures need to be able to rely on VA for answers and a Congress that is attentive to their needs. Veterans who experience negative health consequences following exposure to dangerous chemicals where they were living and working while serving deserve a fair and uniform process to receive the health care and benefits to which they are entitled.



VETERANS BENEFITS

Congress must make certain veterans have the right resources at the right time to achieve success after service, avoiding bureaucratic delays or excuses veterans too often encounter. Education and training opportunities or meaningful employment are at the heart of a successful transition, and benefit programs geared towards the empowerment of veterans to maximize their potential can be a key component. Additionally, effective collaboration among Congress, VA and other agencies is needed to assist veterans who are down on their luck – whether without work, home or income – so they can be placed back on a path towards success. Finally, we must never forget the sacrifice of those who paid the ultimate price of freedom and make certain benefit programs designed to alleviate financial hardship for their families are working as intended.



BURIAL AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

There is no more sacred an obligation to those who have served than to honor their sacrifice, preserve their memory and perpetually maintain, in dignified solemnity, their final resting places. Our sense of duty and gratitude to our veterans and their families is most keenly felt walking the hallowed grounds of our national cemeteries or standing in the shadow of a war memorial. Every American who served honorably should have the option to choose interment near their home in a veterans' cemetery alongside their brothers and sisters in uniform.



VA BUSINESS MODERNIZATION

VA is simultaneously undertaking more billion-dollar IT modernization programs than at any time in its history, while also ready to embark on a historic review of its medical facility infrastructure. These efforts to make certain facilities are modernized for ease of access and delivery of 21st-century healthcare are means to an important outcome for veterans. Namely, high-quality delivery of earned benefits and healthcare to those who've sacrificed for our country.