

"The 'Greatest Generation' gave everything in defense of the United States. We must ensure that all veterans and their survivors are never forgotten and receive the benefits they were promised."

– U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello



Dear Veteran,

Memorial Day has always been a time to honor the sacrifices of those brave men and women that have served, and are currently serving, in the armed services of this great nation. This year is particularly special, as we dedicate a memorial on the mall in Washington, D.C. to our World War II veterans. The historic contributions of the "Greatest Generation" will now be preserved forever in our nation's capital so future generations never forget how they came to the defense of the United States during some of its darkest days.

We owe these veterans a debt of gratitude and I will continue to work to ensure that all veterans receive the benefits they were promised. If you have any questions or concerns about veterans' benefits or programs, please contact my office or refer to the list of phone numbers on the reverse side.

Sincerely,

Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress



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"I will continue to fight to see that veterans get the respect they deserve and the quality health care they were promised."

- Congressman
Jerry F. Costello

COSTELLO WORKING TO MAINTAIN SURVIVORS' BENEFITS

Spouses of deceased career military retirees currently receive 55% of the soldier's annual retirement pay until they turn 62, when they begin receiving only 35%. I believe that offset should be eliminated; these benefits have been earned and should continue to be fully received. I have cosponsored legislation, H.R. 548, that would retain the full 55% level and I have signed a discharge petition to bring this bill immediately to the House floor for a vote.

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

- Health benefits 877-222-8387
- Education benefits 888-442-4551
- VA Life Insurance 800-669-8477
- Office of Service Member
Group Life Insurance 800-419-1473
- CHAMPVA 800-733-8387
- Gulf War Veterans 800-749-8387
- Status of Headstone claims
Telecommunication
Device for Deaf (TDD) 800-697-6947
- Direct Deposit for checks 877-838-2778

OTHER SERVICES


My office is eager to assist veterans in a variety of ways, including:

- Getting the medals you deserve
- Checking the status of a claim
- Answering eligibility
- Obtaining military documents

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