



U.S. Congressman

Jerry F. Costello

Veterans Update

Dear Veteran,

Memorial Day is a time to honor the veterans that have given their lives in defense of our great nation, while also paying tribute to the men and women that serve in our armed forces today. For our freedom, these men and women have risked everything. I am determined to make sure that our veterans and their families receive the benefits they were promised, while our active duty, guardsmen and reservists have the resources they need in battle and when they return home.

Our commitment to our troops does not end when the fighting stops. I am pursuing a Veterans' Administration budget that truly meets the needs of our veterans, and I have cosponsored comprehensive legislation, the GI Bill of Rights, that will help us fulfill the promises our government has made to them. 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,

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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."

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WORKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

I am a proud cosponsor of the **GI Bill of Rights**, comprehensive legislation that honors our commitments to active duty service members, veterans and military retirees:

- ★ Improves veterans' health care.
- ★ Improves mental health services for returning soldiers.
- ★ Blocks increases in prescription drug co-payments and enrollment fees for veterans.
- ★ Ends the Disabled Veterans' Tax.
- ★ Reduces waiting times on disability claims and expands outreach to veterans.
- ★ Increases survivor benefits for families with minor children.
- ★ Provides a \$1,000 bonus for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ★ Modernizes and enhances the GI Bill Education and Job Training Programs.
- ★ Protects the income of activated National Guard/ Reservists.
- ★ Ensures recruitment incentives and bonuses for National Guard/ Reservists and improves educational and health benefits.

Have a question?

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
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