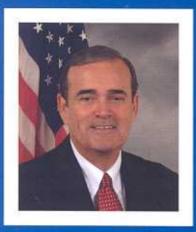


onor to the Soldier and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as he best can, the same cause – honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle."

-Abraham Lincoln

# A Memorial Day Message from U.S. Congressman Jerry F. Costello



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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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# U.S. CONGRESSMAN JERRY F. COSTELLO

We thank our troops and our veterans for their sacrifices.

On Memorial Day, we honor all the men and women who protect our country in times of conflict and in times of peace. Today, our men and women in uniform are fighting the war on terrorism all across the world. They remind us of all those throughout our history who have answered the call to defend our security and our freedoms. As we honor America's veterans, I honor you and your family for your commitment and dedication to this nation. We are forever indebted to your courage and your sacrifices.

I am working to make sure that our veterans and military retirees receive the benefits they were promised by:

- Supporting a budget for the Veterans' Administration that provides adequate levels of funding for health care and mental health benefits without increasing fees for prescription drugs and TRICARE.
- Enacting comprehensive "concurrent receipt" legislation to ensure that all of our veterans receive their full disability and retirement benefits.

If you have any questions or concerns about veterans' benefits or programs, please contact my office or refer to the list of phone numbers below.

## 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 Veterans – 800.749.8387
Status of Headstone claims – 800.697.6947
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