

# Memorial Day

The day when we remember and honor those who have given their lives in service to our country.





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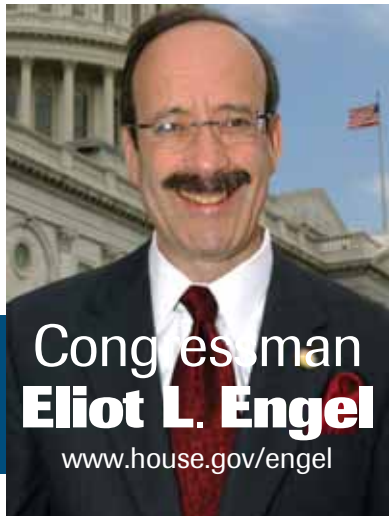
# Congressman Eliot Engel: A Record of Fighting for America's Veterans

In Congress, Eliot Engel has opposed cuts in veterans' benefits and voted against Federal budgets that failed to give veterans' health care and services the funding needed.

"I have supported the proposals of the **Independent Budget**, a detailed independent Veterans Administration budget that is co-authored each year by the AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Paralyzed Veterans of America," Engel stated.

Congressman Engel is a co-sponsor of the "**GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century**." Supported by veterans groups including the American Legion, it would improve benefits for men and women in the military and for veterans and military retirees.

It would modernize the GI Bill by paying the full cost of college or job training for those serving four years of active duty.



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The legislation would also improve health care for returning veterans and block increases in prescription drug co-payments and enrollment fees for veterans.

There are provisions for members of the National Guard and Reserve who have been called up for service in Iraq and Afghanistan, including opening up the

military health program for them and their families for a low fee.

To provide health services and testing for those exposed during military service, he is a co-sponsor of the "**Depleted Uranium Screening and Testing Act**."

Engel is a sponsor of the "**Veterans Employment and Respect Act**" that would give employers a tax credit for hiring Afghanistan and Iraq veterans and dependents of deceased members of the military who served there.

## Keeping Open and Improving VA Hospitals

Congressman Eliot Engel worked to **prevent the closing of the Montrose VA hospital**. Keeping it operating with no reduction in services makes a tremendous difference in people's lives and prevents increased overcrowding at the Castle Point and Bronx VA hospitals.

Engel also has obtained **millions to improve VA facilities**, including funds to prevent the closing of the Spinal Cord Injury facility at the Bronx VA hospital.

"At a time when we are asking our service men and women to risk their lives and health, we should be expanding – not eliminating – the health care and other services they need and deserve," concluded Congressman Engel.

## Information for Veterans

[www.co.rockland.ny.us/vets/veterans.html](http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/vets/veterans.html)

[www.westchestergov.com/veterans/](http://www.westchestergov.com/veterans/)

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