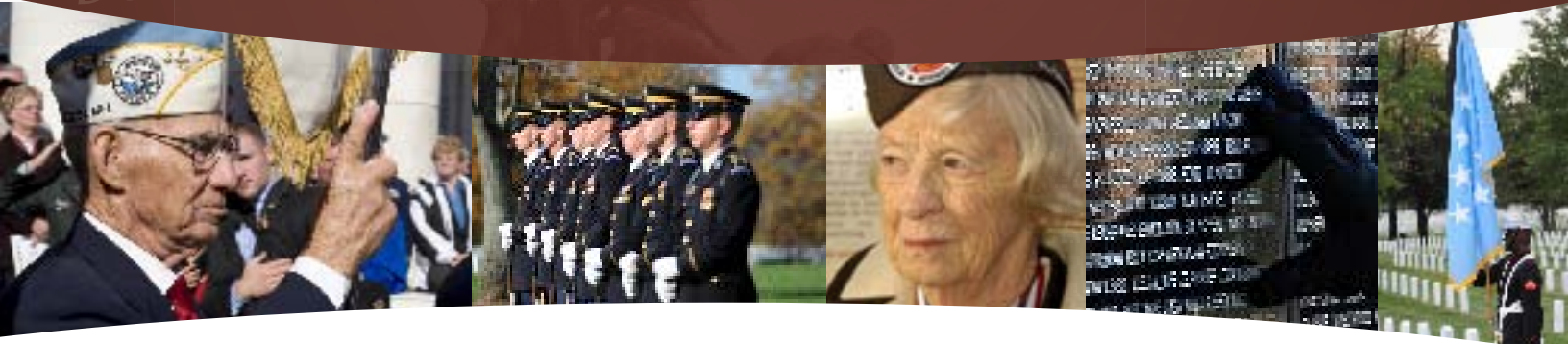


To care for him who shall have borne the battle

Congressman Randy Forbes

# Honoring the Commitment to Our NATION'S VETERANS



**Protecting retirement pay for our military men and women.** Congressman Forbes continues to ensure that active duty, reserve and retired members of our Armed Forces have his full support and continue to receive the compensation and benefits they deserve as they fight the wars of today and deter the threats of the future.

**Providing for veterans in the Fourth District.** Congressman Forbes worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs to bring a Veterans Outpatient Clinic to Emporia, Virginia to help serve the 85,000 veterans in the district. In addition, he worked to secure the Albert G. Hortan Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.

**Instituted an optional ID card for veterans.** Congressman Forbes cosponsored the Veterans ID Card Act, H.R. 2985, which would allow any veteran who was honorably discharged to obtain an ID card for a small fee. Currently, only veterans who served at least 20 years or have a service connected disability are able to get an ID card signifying their service from the Veterans Administration.

**Supported health care coverage for retired reservists.** Congressman Forbes cosponsored a bill, H.R.179 that would allow retired members of the Reserves and National Guard, who have reached eligibility for retirement pay, to be eligible for medical and dental care at military health care facilities.

**Expanded concurrent receipt for veterans.** Congressman Forbes cosponsored a bill, H.R.186 that would allow service members who were forced to retire early due to disability to receive their military retirement and Veterans Administration disability compensation simultaneously. The payments are currently mutually exclusive, reducing the benefit afforded to veterans injured while serving our nation on active duty.

**Working to improve veterans claims processing** and expand educational opportunities for veterans.

**Awarded both the Distinguished Public Service Award**, the US Navy's highest civilian honor, and the **Distinguished Civilian Service Award**, the US Army's highest civilian honor for work on behalf of the US Army and US Navy.

**Fighting for a strong defense.** Congressman Forbes believes a strong defense means a strong America. He refuses to balance the budget on the backs of our military men and women, our nation's veterans, or at the expense of our national security.

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