

# An Independence Day Message for Our Veterans from U.S. Representative **Bill Posey**

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Dear Friend,

As we commemorate Independence Day this year I wanted to take a moment to thank our veterans for their service to our nation. Without the dedication of brave men and women who have made the conscious decision to make great personal sacrifices, up to and including giving their lives in defense of our nation, we would not have the freedoms we enjoy today.

In 1776 representatives gathered in Philadelphia to set forth a vision, and 235 years later, the vision that they committed themselves to has been sustained by the self-sacrifice of those who chose to put their fellow citizens and their love of country before their own personal desires. Our men and women in uniform have been called upon to defend America, and each time young men and women have answered their nation's call to duty.

On Independence Day, we are reminded again that freedom is not free. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed for our freedom. I believe that we should continue to honor the commitments we have made to our war fighters, and I am working with my colleagues to ensure we do.

Today, our prayers are with those who are serving on the front lines of freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other battlefields across the world. And, our prayers are with their loved ones and the loved ones of those who did not return home.

Thank you for your service to our nation, for defending our nation and for the liberty that we hold dear.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Posey



*"On Independence Day, we are once again reminded of the sacrifices that were made to secure our freedom. Our veterans deserve the care and support to match the sacrifice that they made."*

- U.S. Rep. Bill Posey

## We're Here to Serve You! Constituent Success Stories

*"Thank you so very much for contacting the V.A. on my behalf. I have been working on getting my pension for almost a year. With one phone call from you, I was immediately approved."*

- Elliot, Indian Harbour Beach

*"Thank you and your staff for helping me to obtain my veterans benefit. As a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization and ALL Veterans, I commend your input and help in this matter of importance."*

- Ronald, Kissimmee

*"Several months ago my mother sent you a message regarding some medical waivers the Navy had denied me. Your office was gratifyingly prompt in your reply, and helped me. Just today I heard back from my recruiter. Without your help, I would never have had this chance to help defend our nation as part of the United States Navy."*

- Kati, Melbourne

### Rep. Posey wants to know your thoughts on these critical issues

(Y for Yes or N for No)

\_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. should be involved in Libya.

\_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. should reduce our involvement in Afghanistan.

\_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Debt Limit should be increased.

\_\_\_\_\_ Admiral Mullen said our debt is among our greatest security risks. Do you agree?

\_\_\_\_\_ Congress should reform Medicare and Social Security for those under 55.

Congress should pass a law to \_\_\_\_\_

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Please call me to participate in future telephone town hall meetings.

# U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BILL POSEY WORKING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS

Rep. Posey discusses issues facing local veterans.



Brevard County constituents: (321) 632-1776.

Outside Brevard call Representative Posey toll-free at 1-888-681-1776. For additional information about the Posey-sponsored legislation cited here, or to contact the Representative by e-mail, please visit:

[www.posey.house.gov](http://www.posey.house.gov)

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## Strengthening Veterans Benefits Programs

- ★ Fully funding the Veterans Administration to maintain veterans' benefits (H.R. 2005)
- ★ Reining in the Department of Defense proposals to increase TRICARE fees (Roll Call #375)
- ★ Providing advanced appropriations for veterans medical services (H.R. 2005)
- ★ Meeting the needs of Gold Star Wives by ending the practice of reducing (from the Survivor Benefit Plan) the amount widows receive in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (H.R. 178, H.R. 1540)
- ★ Strengthening the rights of veterans in the appeals process and addressing the backlog of claims (H.R. 1484)

## Helping Veterans Transition from Military to Civilian Life

- ★ Increasing suicide prevention funding for veterans returning from combat (H.R. 2005)
- ★ Improving the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill by making it more inclusive of public and private institutions (Supported passage of H.R. 1383)
- ★ Removing barriers to transitioning from military to civilian employment (H.R. 1941)
- ★ Curbing veterans' unemployment by establishing a VetStar Award for businesses that excel in providing gainful employment for veterans (Roll Call #383, H.R. 802)

## Meeting the Needs of Our Current Servicemembers

- ★ Guarantee the troops are paid when the debt ceiling is reached (H.R. 1508)
- ★ Ensuring our troops are paid regardless of whether the Congress passes spending bills on time (Introduced H.R. 1508)
- ★ Protecting the right of overseas troops to vote (H.R. 1540)
- ★ Supplying our troops with the equipment and training they need to win on the battlefield (Roll Call #375)
- ★ Holding the Administration accountable so that there is thoughtful debate and a full understanding of the consequences of intervention before putting troops in harm's way (Roll Call #411 & 412)

If you have a problem with a federal government agency or department, please feel free to contact my local office at 321-632-1776.

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