

A Memorial Day Message Honoring Our Veterans from U.S. Representative Bill Posey



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We're Here to Serve You! Constituent Success Stories

"I thank you so very much for your recent intervention with VA Services on behalf of my 92 year old mother-in-law."

-L. Harmony

"Thank you very much for your assistance. I received my VA Rep Appt February 28th and I don't believe I could have done it without your assistance."

-Joseph, Melbourne

"I wrote you in August of 2011 on behalf of Mrs. L. who is eighty-five years of age and the surviving spouse of Veteran Mr. L. At the time, all were anxiously awaiting Aid and Attendance benefits from the Veterans Administration, Mrs. L. financial resources were closed to depleted, and her family feared she would need to be moved out of her home to a nursing facility.

Then providence stepped in. Congressman Posey, it is because of your interest in her case Mrs. L. is able to remain in the home that she loves, well cared for and happily surrounded by her family. On behalf of everyone who loves Mrs. L., a heartfelt thanks to you."

-Cristina, St. Cloud

Rep. Posey Wants to Know Your Thoughts!

(Y for Yes or N for No)

_____ The Budget Control Act (BCA) calls for \$500 billion in additional cuts to the National Defense budget. Do you support these cuts? (Rep. Posey voted against the BCA.)

_____ Now is the time to reduce our involvement in Afghanistan.

_____ Energy independence is a key national security concern.

_____ Do you support the RACE for Space Act? (see reverse side)

_____ Congress should pass a law to _____

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Dear Friend,

As Memorial Day approaches we are once again reminded of the price of freedom. Those who have served in uniform know best that freedom is not free. Too many have paid the ultimate price in defense of our nation and our freedom.

For their sacrifice, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our men and women in uniform who have stood between us and our enemies, protecting our lives and our liberty.

As the great writer and poet G.K. Chesterton once wrote: "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

And as we honor and remember the selfless giving of Americans of yesterday, we are vividly reminded that today's generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen has also pledged all they have so that we might live free.

Now that the operations in Iraq have wound down, we must remain vigilant in equipping and praying for those who remain in harm's way in Afghanistan as the Pentagon is reducing our involvement there. We hold in our prayers those serving abroad, as well as those who bear the scars of battle – both physical and emotional.

Because our brave men and women in uniform were willing to freely give up their tomorrows, we are able to live today in freedom. To all our nation's veterans, we thank you for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BILL POSEY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VETERANS OF THE 15TH DISTRICT

Strengthening Veterans Benefits Programs

- ★ Opposing TRICARE fee increases in 2011 and 2012 (Cosponsored H.R. 1092)
- ★ Improving the transition of veterans from the military to the civilian workforce (H.R. 2433, Roll Call Vote 785)
- ★ Improving benefits for Guardsmen and Reservists (Cosponsored H.R. 181, the National Guardsmen and Reservists Parity for Patriots Act)
- ★ Meeting the needs of surviving spouses (Cosponsored H.R. 178 to end the practice of reducing from Survivor Benefit Program benefits, the amount received in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation)
- ★ Secure funding for veterans benefits through advanced appropriations (Public Law 111-81)
- ★ Protect the child custody rights of deployed servicemembers (Cosponsored H.R. 4201)
- ★ Cosponsored the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (H.R. 3612) to help our Vietnam Veteran Sailors who fell victim to Agent Orange

Meeting the Needs of Our Current Servicemembers

- ★ Guarantee our troops are paid when Washington reaches a budget impasse (Cosponsored H.R. 1297)
- ★ Introduced legislation to restore U.S. leadership in space (H.R. 4401, RACE for Space Act)
- ★ Strong funding to equip and train our troops. Supporting efforts to ensure that our troops are equipped and trained to maintain superiority on the battlefield, including efforts to fund the upgrades to the JSTARS, Global Hawk Bock 30, and Advanced Optics produced by local defense companies.
- ★ Working in bipartisan manner with like-minded Members of Congress as a member of the Defense Communities Caucus and the Military Veterans Caucus

Improving Veterans' Transition from Military to Civilian Life

Rep. Posey voted for passage of the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act (H.R. 2433, RC Vote #785). This bill creates and modifies veterans employment programs, enhances employment training, ensures that separating servicemembers participate in employment and job training offered through TAP, improves credentialing and licensing of veterans, and strengthens guaranteed loan programs for veterans and surviving spouses. H.R. 2433 as finally adopted was incorporated into H.R. 674, legislation cosponsored by Rep. Posey. The final version of H.R. 674 included H.R. 2433 and new tax credits for employers for hiring qualified veterans and increasing and extending the amounts of tax credits that already exist. (H.R. 674 and became Public Law 112-56.)

Restoring U.S. Space Leadership

Last year, the U.S. fell to third when it comes to commercial space launches. To help re-establish U.S. space leadership, Rep Posey introduced The RACE for Space Act (H.R. 4401). This bill aims to make U.S. space launch facilities more competitive so that this national security and economic security infrastructure becomes a stronger and more competitive asset for our nation. Specifically, H.R. 4401 permits the Department of Defense to accept non-federal (state and private-sector funding) to upgrade space infrastructure at the Cape.

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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