



**Honoring the veterans who have defended our nation is of the utmost importance. To sacrifice life and limb to defend our freedoms and way of life demands our gratitude and respect.**

**We must ensure we are keeping the promises made to veterans by protecting the benefits they have earned. For those veterans who have transitioned back to the civilian workforce, we need to promote policies which make these men and women competitive in the private-sector economy.**

**With thousands of veterans in North Carolina's 11th District, I will continue to support policies which preserve the benefits they have earned while fighting to protect our freedom.**

## **2019**

### **Sponsored**

1. [H.R. 3813](#) – Brian Tally VA Medical Care and Liability Improvement Act, to ensure that certain health care contractors of the VA are subject to Federal tort claims law and to improve the accountability of physicians in the Department. Press release [here](#).
2. [H.R. 3025](#) – You Are Not Forgotten Act, to display a POW/MIA flag outside each office of each Member of Congress. Press Release [here](#).

### **Cosponsored**

3. [H.R. 3565](#) – Veterans Health Savings Act, to protect one’s eligibility to contribute to health savings accounts from being affected by the receipt of, or payment for, hospital care or medical services. Press release [here](#).
4. [H.R. 3530](#) – Improving Confidence in Veterans’ Care Act, to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the VA.
5. [H.R. 3495](#) – Improve Well-Being for Veterans Act, to allow the VA to fund nonprofit and community organizations that coordinate the delivery of services to veterans at risk of suicide.
6. [H.R. 3356](#) – VETS Safe Travel Act, to provide PreCheck for severely injured or disabled veterans.
7. [H.R. 3350](#) – VA Emergency Transportation Act, to reimburse veterans for the cost of emergency medical transportation to a Federal facility.
8. [H.Res. 413](#), to commend the heroes who participated in D-Day operations on the 75th anniversary, and to encourage states to hold appropriate ceremonies.
9. [H.R. 3012](#) – Veterans’ Credit Protection Act, to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payment claims for emergency medical care by non-VA providers.
10. [H.Res. 404](#) – To commend Korean and Korean-American veterans for their service during the Vietnam conflict.
11. [H.R. 2934](#) – GI Bill Access to Career Credentials Act, to allow those entitled to educational assistance to also be entitled to a preparatory courses for a licensing or certification test related to their profession.
12. [H.R. 2721](#) – Cyber Ready Workforce Act, to establish a grant program that supports apprenticeships in cybersecurity with funds allocated towards outreach to veterans.
13. [H.R. 2629](#) – CARE for Reservists Act, to expand VA mental health services to reserve members of the Armed Forces.
14. [H.R. 2493](#) – ACT for Veterans Act, to extend the authorization period for emergency treatment by non-VA facilities.
15. [H.R. 2481](#) – Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act, to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income.
16. [H.R. 2435](#) – Accelerating Veterans Recovery Outdoors Act, to use public lands to help provide medical treatment and therapy through outdoor recreation.
17. [H.R. 2340](#) – FIGHT Veterans Suicide Act, to notify Congress for every suicide or attempted suicide of a veteran in a VA facility.
18. [H.R. 2333](#) – Support for Suicide Prevent Coordinators Act, to provide oversight for VA suicide prevention coordinators.
19. [H.R. 2201](#) – To extend any future VA policy regarding herbicide agents during the Vietnam era to all veterans located at any military base in Thailand.
20. [H.R. 1962](#) – VA COST SAVINGS Enhancements Act, to use on-site medical waste treatment systems at certain VA facilities.
21. [H.R. 1911](#) – SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act, to expand benefits for survivors of a member of the Armed Forces that died in the line of duty.
22. [H.R. 1837](#) – United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act, to explore collaboration between American and Israeli institutes to research and treat PTSD.
23. [H.R. 1830](#) – National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act, to mint coins that commemorate the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.
24. [H.R. 1749](#) – PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act, to establish funds for peer-to-peer mental health programs.
25. [H.R. 1641](#) – Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act, to broaden the qualifications of membership to the American Legion.
26. [H.R. 1424](#) – Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act, to permit a Fallen Soldier Display in national cemeteries.

27. [H.R. 1360](#) – VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act, to implement a hiring plan for medical center directors at the VA.
28. [H.R. 730](#) – Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act, to extend the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher education.
29. [H.R. 698](#) – VA Oversight Enhancement Act, to direct a biennial report regarding the High Risk List of the Government Accountability Office.
30. [H.R. 628](#) – WINGMAN Act, to allow veterans to grant access to their service records to designated congressional employees.
31. [H.R. 617](#) – Department of Energy Veterans' Health Initiative Act, to authorize the Department of Energy to collaborate with the VA to improve healthcare services for veterans.
32. [H.R. 587](#) – To posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, four national heroes killed in Benghazi.
33. [H.R. 553](#) – Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, to prevent a reduction of compensation to a surviving spouse already entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation.
34. [H.R. 485](#) – VREASA, to provide for services in which the VA reimburses ambulance usage in emergency situations.
35. [H.R. 450](#) – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act, to further prevent fraud against veterans receiving benefits.
36. [H.R. 333](#) – Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act, to help allow disabled veterans to concurrently receive retirement pay and disability compensation and to extend recipients of chapter 61 disability pay.
37. [H.R. 303](#) – Retired Pay Restoration Act, to allow disabled veterans to receive disability pay plus either retirement pay or combat-related special compensation.
38. [H.R. 299](#) – Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, to clarify the law regarding veterans who served in the vicinity of Vietnam.
39. [H.R. 95](#) – Homeless Veteran Families Act, to ensure that children of homeless veterans are used to calculate per diem grants.

## 2018

### Sponsored

40. [H.R. 5360](#) – Tax Credit for Veterans and Retired Law Enforcement Officers for Securing Schools Act, to provide for a credit against tax for qualified special law enforcement officers.
41. [H.R. 5186](#) – Veterans Securing Schools Act, to allow the definition of a school resource officer to include certain veterans. Press release [here](#).

### Cosponsored

42. [H.R. 7066](#) – Army Security Agency Monument Act, to place in Arlington National Cemetery a monument honoring Army Security Agency veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era.
43. [H.R. 6635](#) – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemorative Coin Act, to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
44. [H.R. 6391](#) – Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act, to reauthorize and modify the authority of the Merit Systems Protection Board.
45. [H.R. 5864](#) – VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act, to establish qualifications for the human resources positions within the Veterans Health Administration of the VA.
46. [H.R. 5671](#) – Burn Pits Accountability Act, to include in periodic health assessments an evaluation of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to open burn pits or toxic airborne substances.

47. [H.R. 5500](#) – Veterans’ Credit Protection Act, to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payment claims for emergency medical care by non-VA providers.
48. [H.R. 4760](#) – Securing America’s Future Act, to facilitate veterans’ transition into other positions.

## 2017

### Sponsored

49. [H.R. 3313](#) – Prioritize Housing for Homeless Veterans Act of 2017, to make certain VA funds available for voucher assistance to low income or homeless veterans with either mental illness disorders or substance abuse issues.

### Cosponsored

50. [H.R. 4431](#) – Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans’ Pensions Act, to provide interest payments by agencies in the case of administrative error in processing annuity deposits for prior military service.
51. [H.R. 4312](#) – Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act, to to permit a Fallen Soldier Display in national cemeteries.
52. [H.R. 4245](#) – Veterans’ Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act, to submit to Congress documents relating to the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the VA.
53. [H.R. 4146](#) – Disabled Veterans Life Insurance Act, to improve service-disabled veterans’ life insurance.
54. [H.R. 4099](#) – To ensure that children of homeless veterans are used to calculate per diem grants.
55. [H.R. 4059](#) – Ethical Patient Care for Veterans Act, to ensure that VA physicians report impaired, incompetent, and unethical health care activities.
56. [H.R. 3605](#) – Fairness for Korean DMZ Veterans Act, to provide for a presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea.
57. [H.R. 3497](#) – Modernization of Medical Records Access for Veterans Act of 2017, to direct the VA to integrate medical records in a 132 month pilot program to create a portable records archive.
58. [H.R. 2519](#) – The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, to mint and issue commemorative coins in honor of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion.
59. [H.R. 2327](#) – PAWS Act of 2017, to provide service dogs to help veterans who served after 9/11 and suffer from PTSD.
60. [H.R. 2315](#) – To posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.
61. [H.R. 1928](#) – Families of Fallen Servicemembers First Act, to provide a permanent fund for the payment of death gratuities and other related benefits to survivors of deceased service members.
62. [H.R. 1683](#) – National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act, to mint and issue coins with the emblem of the Purple Heart on them.
63. [H.R. 1206](#) – Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2017, to make veterans eligible for more assistance for funding to pursue an education at an institute of higher education.
64. [H.R. 1152](#) – Care Veterans Deserve Act of 2017, to make the veterans choice program permanent, as well as to create a national chain of health clinics through the VA for the use of veterans.
65. [H.R. 846](#) – Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, to prohibit requiring surviving spouses of servicemembers to repay money after the death of the servicemember.
66. [H.R. 506](#) – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017, to amend the federal code to increase the maximum prison time to five years for anyone who is convicted of attempting to steal, defraud, or cheat a veteran out of their benefits.

67. [H.R. 512](#) – WINGMAN Act, to allow veterans to grant access to their service records to designated congressional employees, to have read only access to a specific veterans health care file for the purposes of advice and help.

## 2016

### Sponsored

68. [H.R. 6374](#) – Recognizing Mayaguez Veterans Act, to give any veteran who was awarded the Armed Forces expeditionary medal while involved in the Mayaguez mission to also receive the Vietnam Service medal.

### Cosponsored

69. [H.R. 5292](#) – Air Traffic Controller Hiring Improvement Act of 2016, to direct the FAA to give preferential consideration to veterans.
70. [H.R. 4764](#) – Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016, to provide service dogs to help veterans who served after 9/11 and suffer from PTSD.
71. [H.R. 4352](#) – Faster Care for Veterans Act of 2016, to begin a pilot program to try to reduce the wait times of veterans for medical procedures.

## 2015

### Cosponsored

72. [H.R. 3739](#) – Veterans' Expanded Trucking Opportunities Act, to authorize VA doctors to certify veterans who meet the requirements in the trucking occupation.
73. [H.R. 3722](#) – Mental Health and Safe Communities Act of 2015, to authorize grants to help fund programs related to behavioral health of veterans.
74. [H.R. 2737](#) – Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act, to recognize their dedicated service in WWII.
75. [H.R. 2653](#) – American Health Care Reform Act of 2015, to provide veterans with service related disabilities or have been awarded a medal of honor must be provided access to medical care through other avenues that are not the VA.
76. [H.Con.Res. 49](#) – Recognizing the daisy as the flower for military caregivers.
77. [H.R. 1475](#) – Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act, to construct a Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War Veteran's Memorial.
78. [H.R. 1272](#) – Doctors Helping Heroes Act of 2015, to increase the number of alien physicians the VA can work with as needed.
79. [H.R. 1195](#) – Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act, to require the director to include members representing veteran owned small businesses and their interests.
80. [H.R. 1094](#) – Chris Kyle Medal of Honor Act, to allow the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Navy Seal Chris Kyle.
81. [H.R. 702](#) – To adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, to mandate reports to congress on how lifting the oil export ban would create job opportunities for veterans.

## 2014

### Cosponsored

82. [H.R. 5265](#) – To name the VA Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hamlet, North Carolina, as the "Edward 'Ed' James O'Neal Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".
83. [H.R. 5152](#) – Savings, Accountability, Value, and Efficiency III Act of 2014, to report to Congress on the progress of the payments for the health care system.
84. [H.R. 4951](#) – Doctors Helping Heroes Act of 2014, to allow aliens who are doctors to work with VA if necessary if the VA are having issues furnishing necessary health care to veterans.
85. [H.R. 4810](#) – Veteran Access to Care Act of 2014, to direct the Secretary of VA to enter into contracts with non-VA facilities as necessary to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans.
86. [H.R. 4682](#) – Veterans TRICARE Choice Act, to allow veterans to opt out of certain areas of medicare if they wish to do so.
87. [H.R. 4045](#) – First Rhode Island Regiment Congressional Gold Medal Act, to strike a congressional gold medal and award it collectively to the First Rhode Island Regiment for their actions in the Revolutionary War.
88. [H.R. 4031](#) – VA Management Accountability Act of 2014, to authorize the Secretary of VA to remove any individual from the Senior Executive Service if their conduct and performance of their duties warrant it.
89. [H.R. 3979](#) – NDAA for fiscal year 2015, to require DOD to provide state veterans agencies with assistance in order to help with the transition of service members to civilian life.

## 2013

### Cosponsored

90. [H.R. 3408](#) – Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, to ensure that the Injured and Amputee Veterans bill of rights is printed on signs, and is easily accessible in prominent locations all VA clinics.
91. [H.R. 3302](#) – To name the VA medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".
92. [H.R. 3225](#) – Making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits in the event of a Government shutdown, to continue funding at current levels regardless of any potential Government shutdowns
93. [H.R. 2804](#) – ALERRT Act of 2014, to create an exception to protect the rights and benefits of veterans
94. [H.R. 2775](#) – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014, to provide funding for the VA for general operating expenses, as well as for the Veteran's Benefits Administration.
95. [H.R. 2694](#) – Buy Smarter and Save Act of 2013, to direct the VA to take action to support strategic sourcing for the department.
96. [H.R. 2189](#) – To improve the processing of disability claims by the VA, and for other purposes, to examine the backlog of health claims and to streamline the process.
97. [H.R. 2055](#) – Integrated Electronic Health Records (IEHR) for Military and Veterans Act, to allow the Secretaries of Defense and VA to award a cash prize for a successful program to integrate the records of health for veterans.
98. [H.R. 1726](#) – To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.
99. [H.R. 1288](#) – World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act, to expand the options to recognize individuals who performed honorable service, to make more who served eligible for benefits.
100. [H.R. 864](#) – to direct the Secretary of VA to designate a new "American World War II City" on a yearly basis, and sponsor efforts to preserve the history of such contributions, restoration of World War II facilities, and recognition of World War II veterans.
101. [H.R. 807](#) – Full Faith and Credit Act, to require the Treasury to pay any bonds held by Veterans under certain funds, even if the federal debt hits the debt ceiling.

102. [H.R. 324](#) – To grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force in recognition of its superior service during World War II.
103. [H.R. 164](#) – To permit disabled veterans to travel on military aircraft to the same extent that retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to.