

HELPING OUR HEROES

Our veterans have made immeasurable sacrifices on behalf of our nation. All have given up time with their family and loved ones, but some have sacrificed their health, wellbeing, and lives. As a community, we have a responsibility to our veterans and must take action when they're not being treated fairly or taken care of as was promised. I'm proud to have supported a number of bills geared towards improving the lives of our veterans during the 115th Congress.

-Representative Ed Royce

VETERANS BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:

Veterans' Compensation COLA Act - signed into law on 11/02/2017

- ★ Increases the compensation rates for veterans with service-connected disabilities.
- ★ Increases the dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of disabled veterans.

Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act - signed into law on 9/29/2017

- ★ Extends expiring authorities, ensuring the VA can continue to administer veterans' benefits, including healthcare, homeless assistance programs, and housing and home loan services.

Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act - signed into law on 8/23/2017

- ★ Decreases VA appeals backlog by creating 3 different specialized, streamlined paths for veterans' appeals.
- ★ Ensures the VA remains accountable by requiring periodic reports to Congress detailing the number of appeals pending in both the modernized and legacy system.

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act - signed into law on 8/16/2017

- ★ Eliminates the 15-year time limit on the GI Bill benefits, so that veterans, their surviving spouses, and dependents can access these benefits at any point during their lifetime.
- ★ Increases GI Bill funding for Reservists, Guardsmen, dependents, and surviving spouses and dependents and provides 100% GI eligibility to Post 9/11 Purple Heart recipients.
- ★ Creates a pilot program to pay veterans to take certain high technology courses.

Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act - signed into law on 6/23/2017

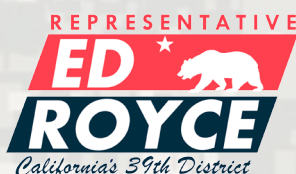
- ★ Creates a new, streamlined process to remove, demote, or suspend VA employees for poor performance or misconduct, while preserving employees' due process and appeal rights.
- ★ Expands protections for whistleblowers.

HIRE Vets Act - signed into law on 5/5/2017

- ★ Establishes the HIRE Vets Medallion Program to recognize both public and private sector businesses that recruit and employ veterans and that provide supportive services to the veteran community.

Eliminating the Sunset Date of the Choice Act - signed into law on 4/19/2017

- ★ Eliminates the sunset date for the Choice Program, which allows veterans to receive health care within their community when care at a VA facility is not available in a timely fashion or is too far away.



VETERANS BILLS PASSED IN THE HOUSE:

Veteran Urgent Access to Mental Healthcare Act - Passed in the House on 11/07/2017

- ★ Requires the VA to provide an initial mental health assessment and any subsequent mental health services required to meet urgent mental healthcare needs to former servicemember's regardless of their discharge status if they were deployed to a theater of combat, participated in combat, or were a victim of military sexual assault.

Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act - Passed in the House on 7/24/2017

- ★ Requires the VA to submit an annual report on senior VA leadership bonuses.

Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act - Passed in the House on 5/24/2017

- ★ Decreases the amount of time necessary to obtain VA disability benefits by reducing the number of disability examinations required.

No Hero Left Untreated Act - Passed in the House on 5/23/2017

- ★ Establishes a VA pilot program for veterans suffering from mental health conditions or substance use disorders that would provide qualifying veterans with access to innovative magnetic resonant therapy.

VA Prescription Data Accountability Act - Passed in the House on 5/23/2017

- ★ Enhances protections for all VA patients prescribed opioids by clarifying existing law and requiring the VA to disclose information to state controlled substance monitoring programs.

Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act - Passed in the House on 3/16/2017

- ★ Prohibits the VA from automatically considering veterans assisted by a fiduciary as "mentally defective," ensuring veterans aren't needlessly included in the FBI's National Criminal Background Check System and potentially prevented from purchasing or owning a firearm.

Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment (BRAVE) Act - Passed in the House on 2/13/2017

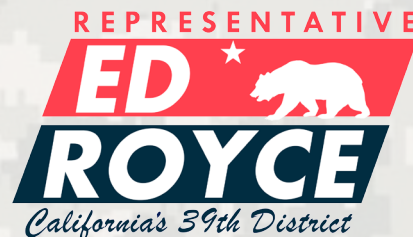
- ★ Boosts veteran employment by allowing the VA to give preference to government contractors who employ veterans when awarding procurement contracts.

WINGMAN Act - Passed in the House on 2/13/2017

- ★ In an effort to help me better serve the veterans of my community, this legislation allows designated, permanent, fulltime Congressional staffers to look up the status of a veteran's claim on the VA's database.

Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act - Passed in the House on 1/3/2017

- ★ Ensures VA employee accountability by requiring all reprimands and admonishments to remain in a VA employees' file for the entirety of their employment.



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