



# CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

## Working for Veterans



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Dear Veteran,

Right now, 2.6 million men and women are selflessly serving their country, including over 180,000 who are risking their lives for us on a daily basis in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are among the countless brave Americans who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to defend our nation. To all of them – and to all of you who are receiving this newsletter – we are profoundly indebted.

As your Congressman, I believe we must do everything possible to repay that debt. The simple act of publicly honoring our veterans is one step we all must take. But words, however sincere and true, are not enough. That is why I am working to protect your interests in Washington and to make sure you receive the benefits, care, and treatment you deserve, particularly during these extremely difficult economic times. Given all that you have done for America, that is the least we can do.

On Nov. 9, I will hold a Veterans Fair in Summit. In addition, I will be speaking at a ceremony at “The Moving Wall” at Mayfair Park in Westchester at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial displaying the names of 58,253 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Vietnam. For details, contact the Westchester Park District at 708-865-8200. I hope to see you at both events.

Sincerely,

Dan Lipinski

## Congressman Lipinski Hosts Veterans Fair

Monday, November 9, 2009  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Des Plaines Valley VFW Post 6863  
7256 West 63rd Street ■ Summit, Illinois

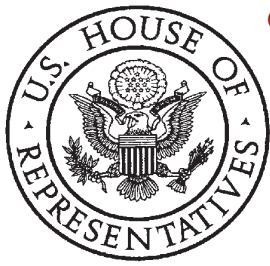
At the Congressman’s Veterans Fair, Congressional staff, the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs, and other organizations will offer assistance with a variety of veterans’ issues, including:

- Military personnel and medical records
- Veterans’ claims and benefits
- Medals earned but not received
- VA Hospital billing
- Placement in VA homes
- GI Bill information
- Nominations for Service Academies
- Requesting a U.S. Capitol flag

**For more information, call 312-886-0481.**



Congressman Lipinski discusses the VA and other veterans’ issues with a local veteran.



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Congressman Lipinski speaks about the need to honor veterans' sacrifices and his vote to raise awareness of National Military Appreciation Month.

## Defending Our Veterans

Congressman Lipinski has voted for numerous pieces of legislation to help veterans this year, including measures that would:

- Increase funding for veterans' health care and other services by 11.7 percent
- Increase grant amounts for disabled veterans to improve accessibility in their homes
- Improve health care for the nation's 1.8 million women veterans
- Index veterans' disability compensation to the cost of living to protect veterans and their survivors from inflation
- Expand work-study opportunities for veterans in college

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See reverse for more details.

## Lipinski Gets Pentagon to Act on Recovering Fallen Service Members' Remains

The remains of 564 brave service members who died in the bloody World War II Battle of Tarawa in the Pacific have never been recovered. But at Congressman Lipinski's urging, the Department of Defense recently sent a team of investigators to Tarawa to search for evidence that could result in more service members' remains being located and returned to the United States for proper burial. This issue has also been championed by Chicago Alderman James Balcer, a decorated Marine veteran of the Vietnam War. Congressman Lipinski believes we must never forget members of our Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

## Supporting Wounded Veterans

Congressman Lipinski applauds America's wounded veterans for their courage. He recently voted for legislation to make more disabled veterans eligible for both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, and will continue to work

on that issue. Locally, he helped arrange transportation through Pace for wounded veterans participating in the Chicago Marathon and participated in the Wounded Warrior Project's 20-mile bicycle ride on Flag Day. Our disabled veterans set an example of unceasing determination to the entire country.



Lipinski and Ald. Balcer discuss the need for Congress to aid wounded veterans.