



# CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Working for Veterans



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Dear Veteran,

In the decade since Sept. 11, 2001, five million brave Americans have served in our Armed Forces, working and fighting to keep us safe from harm. This past May, they achieved a tremendous victory when the hunt for Osama bin Laden finally ended in his death. As we pay tribute to the extraordinary skill and heroism of those who have served or are currently serving our nation, we cannot forget the price they have paid. Over the last 10 years, more than 6,200 Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice and 45,000 have been wounded in action. All of these men and women – and all of you – have sacrificed so we can be free.

Nothing is more important to me than making sure we honor the service of each and every one of America's 22 million veterans – in both word and deed. On a daily basis, my office helps veterans navigate the VA bureaucracy to get the care and benefits they have earned. As always, I continue to listen closely to Third District veterans and to work to ensure America fulfills its obligations to all those who have fought for our freedom.

These are difficult times for our country, and the bad economy has been especially hard on veterans. I strongly believe Washington must stop the pointless partisan bickering and focus on job creation and commonsense deficit reduction while preserving critical veterans' benefits. As part of my efforts to aid veterans, I will hold a Veterans Fair on September 20th at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to stop by one of my offices or call 312-886-0481. You can also visit my web site at [www.lipinski.house.gov](http://www.lipinski.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

Dan Lipinski

## Congressman Lipinski Hosts Veterans Fair

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Chicago Ridge Village Hall

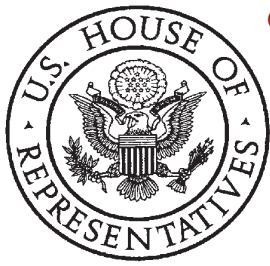
10455 S. Ridgeland Avenue ■ Chicago Ridge, IL

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, and requesting a U.S. Capitol flag.

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



In Oak Lawn, Rep. Lipinski discusses his work in Congress to support America's veterans.



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## Lipinski Supports Korean War National Museum

The Korean War is sometimes referred to as “The Forgotten War,” but the mark it left on those who served and on our world is indelible. A group of dedicated individuals, led by Korean War veteran Denis Healy, has begun work on establishing a Korean War National Museum. To support their effort, Congressman Lipinski recently joined the museum’s National Advisory Council and passed legislation in the House of Representatives urging support for the museum. A national museum will ensure that the contributions of Korean War veterans will forever be remembered.

## Honoring Service and Sacrifice

Congressman Lipinski has long worked to honor the service and sacrifice of Third District veterans; this includes helping veterans obtain medals they earned but never received. Every military decoration, whether an Achievement Medal or a Purple Heart, conveys the gratitude of the American people and offers a permanent testament to its recipient’s service in our Armed Forces.



Congressman Lipinski (pictured in Justice discussing his efforts) can also assist veterans who were wounded or injured in a combat zone with obtaining Silver Star Service Banners from the Silver Star Families of America.



At the Soldier Field Veterans Memorial, Rep. Lipinski discussed the importance of ensuring veterans receive the best possible treatment and care.

## Aiding America’s Veterans

Congressman Lipinski has voted for or is cosponsoring legislation that will:

- Provide advance appropriations for VA health care to reduce delays in providing medical care to veterans
- Institute a cost-of-living adjustment for benefits paid to disabled veterans
- Fix the Post-9/11 GI Bill to allow veterans to remain in their school of choice
- Extend a program to help severely wounded veterans modify their residences
- Enhance support for those caring for a sick or wounded veteran at home
- Establish a House Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs

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See reverse for more details.