



# CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Working for Veterans



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Dear Veteran,

With the formal conclusion of America's mission in Iraq last year and the start of our withdrawal from Afghanistan, tens of thousands of men and women who served our nation with the utmost bravery are returning home and joining the ranks of America's veterans. Yet for many, the end of war marks the beginning of a new battle, with jobs in short supply and wounds both visible and hidden slow to heal. The return of these veterans, and the obstacles they confront, serves to remind all Americans of our obligation to every one of our veterans, whether they served only yesterday, or in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, or any other time and place. I will never forget the extraordinary sacrifices that you have made in defense of our freedom.

While we can never fully repay you for your service, I continue to work to ensure that the federal government does all it can for every veteran. It is my honor to have helped countless Third District veterans navigate the VA bureaucracy and get the benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice. As part of my efforts to assist local veterans, I will hold a Veterans Fair on June 25 in Oak Lawn. Please do not hesitate to stop by one of my offices or call 312-886-0481 if you are unable to attend. You can also visit my website at [www.lipinski.house.gov](http://www.lipinski.house.gov) or follow me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/repdanlipinski](http://www.facebook.com/repdanlipinski).

Sincerely,

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

Dan Lipinski

## Congressman Lipinski Hosts Veterans Fair

Monday, June 25, 2012

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220

9514 South 52nd Avenue • Oak Lawn, 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, and requesting a U.S. Capitol flag.

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



At Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Rep. Lipinski emphasized that the government must fulfill its obligation to America's veterans.



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## Lipinski Works to Help Veterans Find Jobs

The unemployment rate among veterans is far too high. To help veterans find jobs, Congressman Lipinski voted for the bipartisan VOW to Hire Heroes Act. This legislation, which is fully paid for, provides additional GI Bill benefits for veterans of past eras to enable them to acquire training for in-demand jobs. It also includes extended rehabilitation benefits for disabled veterans and tax credits for businesses that hire unemployed veterans and unemployed disabled veterans. Provisions to help America's newest veterans include providing mandatory transition assistance and the ability to apply for federal jobs prior to leaving the military. With many businesses reporting difficulty finding skilled workers despite high unemployment – especially in manufacturing – Congressman Lipinski strongly believes that better workforce training and education programs can help veterans and non-veterans alike. To apply for benefits under the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, or to get more information, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/vow](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow).



Rep. Lipinski welcomed home Marine Lance Corporal Joshua Misiewicz of La Grange upon his return from Afghanistan.



At the Worth Veterans Memorial, Rep. Lipinski discussed his legislative efforts to aid America's veterans.

## Lipinski Backs Bills to Aid Veterans

Congressman Lipinski recently helped pass bipartisan legislation that would provide a 10 percent increase in funding for the VA and military construction. He is also cosponsoring bills that would

- Speed up the VA disability claims process.
- Protect veterans' pensions by ensuring that reimbursement of expenses from accidents and theft are not counted as income by the VA.
- Ensure that National Guard and Reserve members get the early retirement credit they have earned through their service.
- Remove obstacles that prevent WWII U.S. Merchant Marines from receiving their veterans' benefits.

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See reverse for details.