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Legislative Gains for 2010

Active/Reserve Force Issues

- Won VA stipend, health/respice care, and support services for wounded warriors' caregivers
- Won upgrades to laws protecting troops' and families' financial, legal rights
- Won additional reemployment rights protections for activated reservists
- Won 35 states' participation in Military Children's Educational Compact
- Barred Services from administratively separating servicemembers for medical conditions for which they have been found fit for duty
- Won up to 15 days non-chargeable rest and recuperation for servicemembers serving over 270 days in a combat zone
- Won DoD reimbursement of full household goods replacement value if carrier doesn't cover
- Won authority to commission W-1s (only warrant officers previously not commissioned)
- 1.4% military pay raise
- Won authority to open Yellow Ribbon reintegration programs to all components and families

Health Care Issues

- Blocked 25% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments, and substituted a 2.2% increase
- Blocked proposed \$110 per day TRICARE Standard copay increase for retirees
- Won implementation of TRICARE coverage for Gray Area Reserve retirees
- Authorized TRICARE coverage until age 26 for unmarried children with no employer coverage
- Required comprehensive DoD policy on pre- and post-deployment cognitive assessment

Retirement/Survivor Issues

- Eliminated 75% cap on retired pay for military disability retirees with over 30 years of service
- Enhanced travel benefits for survivors to attend memorial services
- Required approval of next-of-kin for media access at return-of-remains ceremonies
- Won requirements for clearer, fairer decisions by military records correction boards
- Won dental coverage for unenrolled survivors of members who died while serving

Military Family / Veterans / Other Issues

- Expanded VA health care services for women veterans
- Re-started limited career advancement program (MyCAA) for military spouses
- Obtained \$50 million for Impact Aid for dependent education
- Established an advisory panel of affected military family members for the Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs
- Won statutory requirement for DoD/VA review of effectiveness of spouse education programs
- Established job training/services grants for female vets and homeless vets with children
- Improved and increased services to homeless veterans
- Increased and improved VA insurance for servicemembers, wounded, and veterans
- Won upgrades to Post-9/11 GI Bill fixes to allow job training, Guard AGR (Title 32) access, active duty book allowance, transferability to family members of USPHS/NOAA Corps