



# Barack Obama Supports America's Veterans

## Treating Our Veterans with Respect

Following reports of neglect at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Obama introduced the *Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act*. The bill improves troop housing, streamlines the process for seeking care, provides better information to recovering service members, requires the Department of Defense to hire more caseworkers, and provides more support to family members who care for injured troops.

## Expanding Education Benefits

In May 2008, Obama voted for a "21st Century G.I. Bill" to expand education benefits for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, which passed overwhelmingly. Siding with President Bush, Sen. McCain opposed the measure.

## Allow Excluded Vets Back into VA

Obama says one of his first acts as president would be reversing the 2003 ban on enrolling modest-income veterans for VA care, which has denied care to a million veterans.

## Improve Mental Health Care for Vets

Obama has pledged to recruit more mental health professionals, improve screening, make Post Traumatic Stress Disorder benefits fairer, and establish standards of care for traumatic brain injuries.

## Easing Transition to Civilian Life

In September 2006, Barack Obama introduced legislation that would help troops make the transition to civilian life after they leave the military. His legislation would provide new veterans with electronic medical and service records, monitor health trends, and improve transportation services.

## Sheltering Homeless Veterans

One in three homeless males is a veteran. Barack Obama authored legislation to extend and expand critical rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans and to make affordable housing available.

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