

# BARACK OBAMA ON VETERANS



## Barack Obama supports America's veterans

### Treating our Veterans with Respect

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

### Sheltering and Rehabilitating Homeless Veterans

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

### Fighting for Disability Benefits

In Illinois, Obama led efforts to empower veterans who received inadequate disability benefits. He forced the VA to notify veterans in Illinois and other states about their right to review past claims. The resulting outreach led to significant numbers of veterans getting the benefits they deserve.

### Treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

In 2005, Barack Obama helped stop a VA effort to force some veterans to prove again that they suffered from PTSD to maintain their benefits. He also passed an amendment ensuring that all servicemembers would be properly screened for TBI. In 2007, Obama helped introduce a bill to personalize and improve overall care for TBI patients.

### Easing the Transition of Veterans into Civilian Life

In September 2006, Barack Obama introduced legislation that would help troops 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.

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