

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report

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Letter from Congressman Scott Murphy

As our families gather during the holiday season, we must continue to honor the commitment and sacrifice of our uniformed men and women who have served to make these joyous times possible. Since coming to Congress, it has been my goal to ensure that we never lose focus on serving those who have selflessly served our country.



Twenty years ago, we witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall and the beginning of the end of Soviet communism. This monumental accomplishment can be largely credited to the men and women of our armed services who served bravely through the uncertain and threatening times of the Cold War. In their honor, I am a proud co-sponsor of H. Res. 900, which recognizes the commitment of our service men and women to defeating the threat of communism and promoting world peace and stability. As a nation, we should pause to recognize and celebrate the commitment of our Cold War veterans.



As I work in the 111th Congress, I will continue to do all I can to properly recognize the sacrifice of our veterans, active duty soldiers, and military families. Whether it is working to provide veterans with the quality medical care they deserve or fighting to create better educational and entrepreneurial opportunities for soldiers returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, there is always more we can do. I hope you will join my family this holiday season in recognizing the service of our veterans, military families, and active duty troops stationed around the world.

To stay informed of ways to help our service men and women or to sign up for future updates, please visit my website at <http://scottmurphy.house.gov>. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any assistance in the future.



Sincerely,

Scott Murphy
Member of Congress

VA warns Veterans of Telephone Prescription Scam...

The VA is warning Veterans not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to update VA prescription information. Veterans with questions should contact the nearest VAMC in Albany 518/626-5000 or call 1-877/222-8387.



No COLA for 2010 but...

It is being talked about to renew the \$250 economic stimulus in 2010 to Social Security & VA disability compensation recipients. Be patient because once approved by Congress and signed by the president it won't be until April or May when these checks can be issued.

Agent Orange Update:

Three new presumption additions are: B cell leukemia(s) (such as hairy cell leukemia), Parkinson's Disease & ischemic heart disease.

women Vietnam War Veterans

WASHINGTON (Nov. 19, 2009) -Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is launching a comprehensive study of women Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War to explore the effects of their military service upon their mental and physical health.

