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Congressman Eliot Engel: Working in Congress for America's Veterans

Congressman Engel has been a leader in working to pass legislation to improve services and health care for America's veterans.

His legislative action earned him an **"A" grade from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.**

This legislation included:

The **Post 9/11 G.I. Bill of Rights** which is the greatest overall expansion of the G.I. Bill in decades. It fully restores education benefits for veterans, recognizes the Reserves and National Guard by better aligning education benefits to length of service, and allows unused benefits to be transferred to spouses and children.

The **Veterans Administration Budget** was increased by \$11.8 billion in the last two years. The over 30% increase in funds will improve veterans' health care and services, and construct and modernize VA facilities.

He co-sponsored the **Children of Fallen Soldiers Pell Grant Act** to provide funds for children to attend college.

The **Veterans Benefits Improvement Act**, among other provisions, adds job protections for returning veterans, makes home loans more accessible to veterans, and reforms how benefit claims are processed.

The **Defense Authorization Act** gave service men and women a long overdue pay increase and included the **Wounded Warrior Act** to dramatically improve VA Hospitals.

To make sure all veterans know about their rights to benefits, he co-sponsored the **Veterans Outreach Improvement Act** to provide Federal funds for outreach to veterans.

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Congressman Engel also has voted for **cost-of-living increases** and supported legislation for automatic cost-of-living increases for veterans' benefits.

The **Economic Stimulus Law** included tax credits for employers who hire unemployed veterans and a \$250 payment to disabled veterans.

Congressman Engel has been a consistent supporter of the **"Independent Budget"** proposals for the VA budget, co-authored each year by AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Eliot L. Engel
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A field of American flags waving in the wind, with a blurred background of green grass and more flags. The flags are the primary visual element, with the stars and stripes clearly visible on the foreground flag.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

**The day when we remember
and honor those
who have given their lives in
service to our country.**