



## Honoring Our Service Members and Veterans

This Memorial Day, families and communities throughout Arkansas and around our great nation will gather together to honor our men and women in uniform who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

My father and both grandfathers served our nation in uniform and taught me from an early age about the sacrifices our troops and their families make to keep our nation free. That is why I have consistently fought for initiatives that provide our veterans and their families the benefits they have earned and deserve.

In advance of Memorial Day, I have authored a series of bills to assist our National Guard and Reservists bravely fighting overseas and providing invaluable services here at home.

My first legislative proposal calls for an increase in the Montgomery G.I. Bill rate for reservists to better reflect our nation's commitment to the men and women of the Selected Reserve. This legislation builds upon my [Total Force GI Bill](#) enacted into law over the past two years. Another measure, the Selected Reserve Continuum of Care Act, provides medical and dental treatment for reservists to ensure they achieve "readiness" for upcoming deployments. Lastly, the Veterans Survivors Fairness Act would enhance Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors of severely disabled veterans and increase access to benefits for more families.

As Memorial Day approaches, I encourage all Arkansans to take the time to honor our service members, veterans, and their families. Never miss an opportunity to thank someone in uniform. Our troops are worthy of our appreciation, and we should come together as a nation to show them and our entire American family that we stand with them as they serve our interests at home and abroad.

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