

Military-Veterans Advocacy 2015 Projects

- Military-Veterans Advocacy is advocating before Congress for passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act to restore the presumption of agent orange exposure to the ships in the bays, harbors and the territorial seas. A previous bill died in Committee with 258 co-sponsors. Military Veterans Advocacy has also brought suit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking an order to force the VA to recognize these veterans as being exposed to Agent Orange.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy has completed an analysis of the VA appellate claims backlogs and provided recommendations to the U. S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. We are examining possible legislation to resolve the backlog issues.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy will seek court orders to force VA action on pending applications.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is working with the Chaplain's Alliance for Religious Liberty to draft legislation to protect religious freedom for employees and patients within the Veterans Health Administration.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is considering legislation to define Chaplains in the religious context to prevent atheist groups from establishing an “atheist chaplain.”
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is representing a member of the Air National Guard who is in danger of losing his career for stating his opposition to homosexual weddings at the West Point Chapel.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is representing two Chaplains forced out of employment with the VA for praying in Jesus' name and quoting scripture.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy representing an Army Master Sergeant who was forced to take an early retirement after he served Chik-Fil -A at his promotion ceremony.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is representing a Navy Environmental Health Officer who, after objecting to toxic gasses from burn pits in Afghanistan, was forced out of the Navy. We will be considering legislation to grant a presumption of exposure to toxic chemicals for those assigned to bases in Iraq and Afghanistan that used open air burn pits.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is undertaking legislative action to conduct a study of radiation exposure via the water distillation system among ships of the *USS Reagan* Battle Group operating off the coast of Japan at the time of the Fukushima, Japan nuclear disaster.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is considering legislation to provide additional due process to military correction boards and to widen the scope of judicial review of these boards.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is considering legislation to provide additional due process protection for military members operating under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is assisting “Ride of the Brotherhood” as they embark on a Welcome Home ceremony for Vietnam veterans and establish a camp for homeless veterans.
- Military-Veterans Advocacy is working to establish veterans courts and a veterans law clinic in Southeastern Louisiana.