



*A Voice of the Veterans*

# **Veterans-For-Change News**

*Week Ending Sunday, August 1, 2010*

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## **YOUNG MUSICIANS PLAY THEIR HEARTS OUT IN HONOR OF OHIO VETS**

It began as just another Stark County morning for the members of "The Brighter Side" band. They did not know, as yet, that they were about to become major players as a drama unfolded on what was to become a very special day for them and Ohio's Veterans...one neither would forget.



Having learned of the July 24<sup>th</sup> Second Annual Run to the Ohio Wall, they began crafting an urgent plan of action. Their target, a stellar, free performance of the music they so love in honor of their heroes, Ohio's Military.

Not owning any sound equipment was not a barrier; they scrambled into high gear in search of a rental. Enter a "White Knight", Mark Wasmund of Acoustic Network, who quickly jumped on board the mission with the offer of his own equipment.

The band (only two years young) pulled out all the stops, arriving at the event to play the only time slot left open at 10:45am. The crowd looked on questioningly as the group (average age 15) made their preparations. Any doubts were instantly erased as the all familiar sound to the Vets of Lynyrd Skynrd rang to the max throughout their midst. To say the audience was "blown away" by the ensuing two hour show and the band was "just plain awesome" would be a gross understatement.



As a large group of Veterans gathered in front of the band for a photo with them, there was not a dry eye to be found. With a chorus of the Star spangled Banner, as the band's final tribute, ringing in their ears the riders roared off to do their own special honor to their 3,095 brothers on the Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall.

The music of "The Brighter Side" is not the only amazing thing about this group; their patriotism shines just as bright. All but save one, are not old enough to possess a Driver's License but they are steadfast as a group when it comes to being grateful for their freedom. All proudly shared their family's military connections and their personal knowledge of the sacrifices made in the name of freedom. Several members professed their future plans to join the United States Armed Forces.

The group put their talent and love of the likes of the Blues Brothers, Jim Hendrix and Ray Charles to work to show their love and respect for our Vets. Here are their comments following the performance.

Jake Friel, (14) harmonica player and singer so aptly put it; "we were really into being here, we were not playing for ourselves but for them (Vets)".

Noah Simionides, (15 ), bass player observed; "the Vets were all thanking us and we are the ones who should be thanking them".

Faud Farrah, (14), guitarist, expressed "this is the best way for us to say thank you for their service".

Alex North, (15), lead guitarist, confessed, "even our practice the night before was exciting and awesome".

Keith Wilson (18) keyboard player, reasoned "I came to support our troops and show thanks to our Vets. I just became registered on my birthday a couple of weeks ago.

Anthony DePinto (16), drummer, pretty well summed things up, "this is just a really good thing".

The group first performed in 2008 at the McKinley Grand in Canton, playing mostly for their Parents. Their next performance will be at the Hall of Fame Rib Burnoff in Canton August 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eye on them, this multi-talented band is on its way!

For bookings contact: [thebrighterside33@gmail.com](mailto:thebrighterside33@gmail.com).

For testimonials as to their awesome music contact <http://www.runtoohiowall.org> and we will be happy to provide you with a couple of hundred Veterans who will tell you **'THEY ROCK!'**

#### **A note to all:**

We owe it to our younger generation to get this country out of the mess that it is in today to ensure that their future **IS** the brighter side". It's my personal mission, make it yours .

Chell Rossi, Treas. Run to the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Inc.  
Director of Operations Ohio, O.F.F.E.

Click on the link and enjoy.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtD79AEyB0E>

(Pictures of band and Vets by: Cliff Franks Studio, Canal Fulton, Ohio –clifffranks.com)

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# Stop-Loss Vets to Lose Retroactive Payments

Approximately 145,000 service members who were stop-lossed between September 2001 and September 2008 are eligible to receive \$500 for every month they were kept beyond their initial separation date. The problem is only about 20 percent, or 30,000 claims, have been paid, and the program ends Oct. 21. The VFW is asking its members, Posts and friends to spread the word. For more information about the program and to apply for retroactive stop-loss pay, go to [www.defense.gov/stoploss](http://www.defense.gov/stoploss).

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## ***A Veterans Advocacy and Assistance Organization***

The purpose of Veterans-For-Change is to make major changes in the treatment and rights for all veterans. In benefits claims, appeals, medical care and treatment, VA Facilities, PTSD, Agent Orange, POW MIA recoveries, diabetes, TBI and dioxins.

Members combine their talents, information, ideas and suggestions and contribute to a monthly letter that's sent to all 535 members of Congress expressing the concerns over various issues and offers possible solutions.

This is in an effort to make change within the VA system, to streamline, expedite and insure claims are honored to the best possible rating, to insure all medical facilities are using the best equipment in the most modernized facilities with a properly trained and fully licensed and compassionate medical staff.

Additionally we circulate petitions for various pieces of legislation to promote their being presented on the floor and voted on.

We conduct research, develop ideas, solutions, and programs and do our best to make sure they're put into action. We also provide guidance and assistance to veterans, spouses, their children and widows with their claims and appeals and the support of all veterans who seek assistance.

We must guarantee the rights of every single veteran and gain the rights and benefits promised!

If you can volunteer 30-60 minutes per month, from the comfort of your own home and computer, please join us in this tremendous fight and make your voice heard loud and clear.

Veterans-For-Change Advocacy Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VETERANS-FOR-CHANGE/>

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## **House in Recess**

The House begins its summer recess Monday, and the Senate plans to remain in session through next, beginning its recess next Friday.

The summer district work period affords NAUS members an opportunity to meet with their elected representatives face-to-face at town hall meetings or their district offices. Go see your elected officials when they are in town. We especially encourage you to attend any town-hall meetings they may hold. Ask questions and have your family, friends and neighbors become involved, too.

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## **MilCon/VA Bill Clears House**

On Wednesday, the House overwhelmingly passed H.R. 5822, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2011. It was the first of 12 annual spending bills to see floor action in either chamber this year.

The bill provides \$56.8 billion in discretionary funding for the VA and \$64 billion for mandatory VA programs. In addition, it provides \$18.7 billion for military construction and family housing, and \$1.3 billion in emergency appropriations for military construction projects in support of the war in Afghanistan. Due to legislation passed last year, the bill also allocates \$50.6 billion in advance appropriations for the VA, ensuring the department will not be subject to budgetary delays in the FY 2012 cycle.

H.R. 5822 now moves to the Senate, which has yet to pass a single appropriations bill this year. Only a week remains before Senators begin their summer recess, so the MilCon/VA bill is unlikely to be addressed in that chamber until lawmakers return in the fall.

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## **Alleged Exploitation of Military Families**

This week *Bloomberg Markets Magazine* published a report implying that several insurance companies are profiting from the interest paid on funds for the families of fallen service members through the Service Members Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program.

It is reported that these insurance companies are advising families to place the entire amount of the insurance payments, over \$400,000 each, into accounts called "retained asset accounts." The families are told they can then write an IOU to use these funds in ways they need. A main problem, pointed out in a letter from eight Senators to Sec. Shinseki, is the companies are earning substantial interest on the deposited funds and are only passing on a small portion of it to the families.

VA Secretary Shinseki has pledged to fully investigate the problem and take corrective actions. Secretary of Defense Gates also pledged to help the VA in the probe of the program and possible problems.

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## TRICARE Beneficiaries to Get Overseas Transition Letters

TRICARE beneficiaries living outside of the United States will soon begin receiving letters updating them on the TRICARE Overseas Program Contract that begins Sept. 1, 2010. Beneficiaries will receive the letter only if their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) address is up-to-date.

All TRICARE beneficiaries residing overseas should ensure that their DEERS address is current so they continue to receive important TRICARE information. DEERS addresses can be updated [here](#). Additional information about the [TRICARE Overseas Program Contract](#) can be found by clicking on the link provided.

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## TRICARE Forms

Whether filing a claim or applying for a TRICARE-related benefit, you can find the form you need by clicking [here](#). To download PDF forms, you need [Acrobat Reader](#), which can be downloaded for free.

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## How to Report the Death of a Sponsor

To report the death of a sponsor, you should contact the nearest military ID card issuing facility, or the DMDC Support Office at 1-800-538-9552. To find the nearest military ID card facility, please visit the [Rapids Site Locator](#).

You will need to provide a copy of the death certificate before the record is updated. If the sponsor was retired, a copy of the death certificate must also be sent to the [Defense Finance and Accounting Service \(DFAS\)](#) if the sponsor was USA, USAF, USN or USMC. To notify DFAS, please call 1-800-321-1080.

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## Links to other Stories

[20 years of problems at Arlington Cemetery](#)

[California soldier is 'success story' for veterans support program](#)

[Coming Up Next From the Christina Shea Echo Chamber: Contamination Under the Great Park](#)

[Document Reveals Military Was Concerned About Gulf War Vets' Exposure to Depleted Uranium](#)

[Fallen Soldiers' Families Denied Cash as Insurers Profit](#)

[Irvine Councilwoman Christina Shea Speaks Out on Environmental Mess at El Toro](#)

[Local veterans upset over life insurance policy](#)

[Taking Calls From Veterans on the Brink of Suicide](#)

[VA investigating death benefits](#)

[VA right to OK pot use in states where it's legal](#)

[Veterans agency eases penalties on medical marijuana](#)

[With rise in demand, VA stepping up services for female veterans](#)

Please keep in mind each of these stories, ***[if you comment and vote MSNBC pays Veterans-For-Change](#)*** 3-4 cents per comment and vote. The more comments and votes, the better the chances we have at being on front page and the more opportunity we have of MSNBC picking up the story for national.

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## VA Developing New Claims System

Under a \$9.1 million development contract recently awarded by the VA, IBM is building a system to allow veterans to file disability claims online. Initially, the system will target veterans with the new newly designated Agent Orange related conditions of B-cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease, or ischemic heart disease. Eventually, the VA plans to expand the system to handle veterans' claims for other conditions. VA estimates that the first trial of the system will benefit as many as 100,000 veterans.

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## *Medical Malpractice & Poor Medical Care in VAMC's*

I'm sure at one point or another you've either heard of a case of malpractice or poor medical care or been on the receiving end of either.

Veterans-For-Change is still documenting as much as we can to present cases to Congress to address these issues.

If you or someone you know has endured these experiences, and would be willing to share your stories, please contact me direct at: [Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.com](mailto:Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.com).

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## *Veterans-For-Change*

For some time now we've been re-building the website, and had to push the date for being back on-line several times mostly due to my eagerness to get back up, but also it does take a huge chunk of time to upload over 6,000 docs, and over 1,600 links and FAQ's.

Plus all the added security, time to test, verify and confirm we won't be hacked again.

I do thank everyone for being so patient, we will be back up, I do promise this, and we're estimating now by 08/07/10, mostly as our webmaster, a Veteran himself with some pretty serious injuries had back surgery which didn't go very well and has kept him down most of the time.

But we are still working at it several hours a day, and I'm sure once we make the announcement those who visited before will be greatly surprised and pleased with the new system and the new look.

Many of you know that over the past year or so we've done our level best to provide assistance to veterans and their families when in need. And as with most small non-profit groups, we're no different and always have a need for financial assistance.

If you're able to contribute \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, please click [HERE](#) to be taken direct to the PayPal site!

For those who contribute \$25, you will be given a Veterans-For-Change E-Mail address for one year. Those at the \$50 level an E-Mail address for five years and those at the \$100 level a lifetime E-Mail address. And I'd like to thank you all in advance for your continued support!

If everyone receiving this newsletter were to just donate a single \$1 bill, we'd meet our goal and fast and would be able to continue to serve the some 5,000-9,000 veterans and widows per month! We could really use your support!

If you're interested in advertising in our weekly newsletter, click [HERE](#) and send us an E-Mail for further details.

**We're also desperately looking for someone who has talent in the field of writing Grant Proposals which we can submit to corporations and grant foundations to assist in our operations and continued support to veterans and their families.**

If you have such a talent and can donate your time and talents, please click [HERE](#) and send me an E-Mail.

We also have the chance to purchase a copy of the National Association Uniformed Services nationwide membership register for \$125, and to join Starthmore's Who's Who for \$49.95, both would give VFC opportunities to network with other veterans, veteran organizations, and thousands of fortune 500 and 1000 corporations and grant foundations to secure funding for continued operations of Veterans-For-Change. Your donations could open these doors for us.

You can also help by book marking and visiting Newsvine frequently: <http://jdavis92840.newsvine.com/>

VFC earns money on every article a comment and vote that is posted. So visit frequently for things not always in the newsletter, comment and click on comment & vote. (**See more stories Links above**)

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## **How would you Rate Your Veteran Service Officer?**

VFC has been working very hard over the past year to develop a list of Veteran Service Officers and Claims Specialists nationwide and our list has now grown to more than 1,500.

Every month VFC refers over 100 Veterans to a local Veteran Service Officer in their area by providing the name, telephone number and city that each is located in so that they have options.

Slowly we've been working on a rating system, so when we provide the names of Veteran Service Officers we can also say who is good, better, and best.

But now we need your help! We need to know if you have used a VSO in the past or are using one currently, how you would rate them on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being worst and 5 being best. Would you recommend your VSO to a fellow Veteran?

If you'd like to participate in this program, please click [HERE](#) and let us know. We'll send you a form to complete and return to us.

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## **The "Change" You Can Believe**

Harlingen, Texas, July 29, 2010: I still remember his words. The President of the United States looked us all in the eye and through the directness of television promised..."I can make a firm pledge, under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes".

It was not too long ago that I visited with my accountant. For the past thirty years he has prepared my tax returns for me and knows my finances well. He knows I am far removed from making that magical \$250,000 a year. He too looked me in the eye and promised..."If the government doesn't make one more change to the tax code and does nothing to change what will happen next year, your income tax will increase by \$3,500.

Who do you think is a liar, the accountant or the president?

The way things stand at this hour; there are a lot of changes coming that we can believe in. We can believe that \$338 Billion in tax cuts will expire starting in 2011. The federal government also expects to pick up another \$208 Billion by reinstating the personal exemption and eliminating selected itemized deductions. Another \$291 Billion will be picked up by limiting the remaining itemized deductions to 28% of their value and \$118 billion by increasing the rate of taxation on capital gains.

Those are huge numbers that don't really touch us as individuals. However, if, as the financial experts tell us, half of the country is invested in the stock market, that means a lot of folks making under \$250K hold some kind of negotiable stocks. If the rate of capital gains goes up again...they will have a tax increase. If they sell property and make a profit...they will have a tax increase.

We should not forget that if existing tax laws are allowed to expire, as is now the plan of the Obama Administration, married families with dependent children will see their child tax credit cut in half...and that is a tax increase.

At a time when 14 million Americans and perhaps as many illegal aliens are searching for jobs, the Obama clan is seeking to change business taxation by picking up another \$17 Billion through the reinstatement of the superfund taxes \$5.3 Billion by increased excise taxes on Gulf of Mexico oil and gas, \$3.4 Billion from repeal of expensing drilling costs, plus about another \$300 Billion on a wide variety of business tax changes and repeal of existing tax credits. All of that is about to happen either through no action by Congress or legislation while they are assured of having a majority during a lame duck session to follow the November election. There is not a job creating action in any planned or existing legislation.

Now that is change we all can believe in.

Semper Fidelis  
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# Toxic Chemicals CONUS

As most are aware, seen on TV, in the newspapers, and from veteran sites across the country, TCE/PCE is a major issue.

TCE a chemical degreaser used on all bases and board ships is a carcinogenic chemical, and on the many military bases nationwide was disposed of into the ground behind buildings eventually contaminating the ground water and getting into the drinking wells.

Same thing with PCE which is a dry cleaning chemical used both on bases and off base nationwide, also being disposed of into the ground and eventually contaminating the ground water and getting into the drinking wells.



Most recently CNN did a broadcast show highlighting the male breast cancer cluster surrounding Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

Personally I feel the anchor didn't bother to do his homework very well, didn't bring to light all the other medical issues or the families harmed by these chemicals.

Veterans-For-Change has a bill which was drafted back in February 2009 along with a petition to which we're trying to collect at least 40,000 signatures in order to get either a Senator or Congressman to sign off and present the bill to the floor which will not only address TCE but PCE as well, and opens it up to all military, veterans and family members who served at any base where these chemicals were used and disposed of improperly thereby contaminating all who drank the water or who used the chemicals in their daily jobs.

Veterans-For-Change needs your support desperately to meet the number of signers on the petition. This is NOT an electronic petition, but a hard copy petition. We ask that everyone interesting in signing the petition and able to gather 8-10 more please click [HERE](#) and send us an E-Mail requesting the petition, be sure to put in the subject line TCE Petition.

Sign and try to obtain at least 10 more signatures and mail the complete form into our California office ASAP.

Should you have any questions, please click [HERE](#) and send us an E-Mail and we'll be more than happy to reply!

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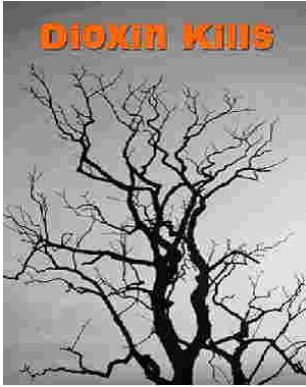
**Amendment 28**  
**Congress shall NOT be exempt**  
**from legislation imposed**  
**on the rest of America**

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## Veterans who served in Korea & along the DMZ your help is needed!

The research questionnaire response so far has been good, but we still need more veterans who served in Korea to participate.



Veterans-For-Change is distributing a questionnaire to veterans pertaining to service in Korea to help us gather statistical information in our ongoing efforts to correct the wrongs and to assist in declassifying many missions in Korea so that veterans such as you will be able to gain the benefits and services needed from the VA System.

This questionnaire is anonymous, you do not need to provide personal contact information if you're not comfortable with this.

However, if you do provide personal contact information it will be kept 100% confidential, will not be given to any member of Congress, the VA or the DoD, nor will it be sold to any company for any reason what-so-ever.

Statistical information will be used to compile a report to submit to various members of Congress in our efforts to declassify all missions 25 or more years ago so that all veterans can apply for and gain the much needed benefits and medical care/services needed and long over due.

If you're interested in participating, please click [HERE](#) and request a copy. In the Subject put Korean Service.

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**Take'em Down 2010**  
**Vote All of Them Out!**

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**USDR**  
Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees

Offers a fast and easy way for you to contact your members of Congress and request they support each of the veteran's bills currently in either the House or Senate.

Simply click on the **USDR** logo above then click on the first bill under **ACTION ALERT**, fill in your information, just once, the system will remember you for each subsequent E-Mail and future visits.

After each E-Mail is sent the screen will refresh and take you back to the list to send out the E-Mails on each of the bills.

Bookmark the site and try to visit every two weeks to repeat the process.

Be sure to pass this information on to all on your personal E-Mailing lists as the more people who actually go to and use this site greatly increases our chances of pushing more and more members to not only Co-Sponsor, but to vote yes on all the bills as they come up for a vote.

We need to show them **WE ARE IN POWER**, and there is **POWER IN NUMBERS!**

So lets stack up their E-Mail boxes and force them to get the job done ASAP!

NOTE: you might want to consider adding the following line at the bottom of each letter E-Mailed:

**“As your veteran constituent, as well as veterans’, spouses and widows nationwide we are counting on you!”**

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## A VETERAN & CAREGIVERS' RESOURCE

ANNAPOLIS, MD –WiseHealth, Inc. has already demonstrated initial success in supporting veterans and their caregivers by providing them with facilitated communication and social networking tools on the website VeteranCaregiver.com. Launched in May, to coincide with the enactment of The Caregiver and Veteran Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, VeteranCaregiver.com has confirmed the potential of public agencies acting in concert with private enterprise to ease many of the transition and ongoing veteran issues that have existed for decades.



Though Veterans Service Organizations and federal agencies vary on particular veteran priorities, there is unanimous consistency in support for the veterans' caregivers. It is clear that if the daily dedication of these caregivers did not exist, the VA system would struggle even more under the added burden needed to provide additional caregiver services to the veterans under their care. Sara Shaw, spouse and caregiver of Army Specialist/E4 Coban Shaw who was wounded in Iraq and suffers from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and periodic paralysis says, "VeteranCaregiver.com understands that the caregiver is the „heartbeat of the family“ and that so many of us struggle with few resources and geographic isolation. The immediacy of response available on the site is essential at that low moment."

In 2010, nearly one million veterans will transition from the military into the veteran population. Walter Schmidt, a Vietnam veteran who is also a Veteran Service Officer on Long Island, NY contributes daily to VeteranCaregiver.com and describes his own caregiving situation: "As a tetraplegic with only partial use of my right arm and hand, if it were not for my wife... I am unable to perform any of the activities-of-daily-life without significant help. Did I mention that she is an Angel? Caregivers are the backbone of the veterans' world".

Linda Kreter, CEO of WiseHealth, Inc. created VeteranCaregiver.com to support and personalize the caregiver experience. "There are thousands of caregivers from WWII through the current Iraq/Afghan conflicts, who deserve support and recognition. Our online technology provides the connection, but it is people -- peers and professionals -- that guide families and coordinate essential individual efforts. My colleague, Pat Rowe Kerr of Missouri, recently facilitated a female veteran's experience in a Military Sexual Trauma (MST) situation with compassionate process and intervention. At other times, simple peer support reduces anxiety, depression and suicide. A growing network of 24/7 supportive care helps these remarkable caregivers, even as the VA works diligently to adjust to the evolving veteran population."

"Our goal is to enhance their quality of life and ensure no veteran or their caregivers ever stand alone."

For more information on VeteranCaregiver.com please call 410-777-5214 or email at [info@wisehealth.com](mailto:info@wisehealth.com).

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## **Veterans-For-Change Endorses Thomas J. Zaleski for Congress**

Thomas J. Zaleski, Congressional Candidate from the 1st district of Arizona has become the first candidate in 2010 to specifically identify a list of 8 topics important to the nation's Veterans that he will support and introduce as legislation if elected to Congress in November. The primary selection is in progress now for early voting and concluding on August 24.

Zaleski, a resident of Sedona, AZ was born in Des Plaines, Illinois. He is married to Lori Sutch and they have three children. A 1984 graduate of the University of Arizona, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and Economics. He worked 10 years for Hughes Aircraft as an economist and financial strategist; an economist and senior level investment advisor for several firms including Morgan Stanley; and for the past 11 years, has been the owner and founder of Thomas Capital Management, LLC, an economic, tax and investment counselor firm. He entered the 2010 GOP race for the U.S. House of Representatives seat held by incumbent democrat, Ann Kirkpatrick.

Zaleski's campaign is focused on the massive debt and onerous regulations that is preventing the private sector from creating long-term and sustainable job growth. According to Zaleski, "the Obama Administration is simply ignoring sensible policies that can lead to economic renewal and growth for all Americans." Drawing on his experience as an economist, he believes in targeted and permanent tax cuts and thoughtful management reform of entitlement programs, specifically the elimination of the estate and gift tax, dividend, interest and capital gains taxes, etc. Additional information is available at his website: [www.zaleskiforcongress.com](http://www.zaleskiforcongress.com).

Recognizing the need to assist the nation's Veterans, Zaleski said if selected during the GOP Primary and ultimately elected in November, he would introduce legislation that would have far reaching effects favorable to all Veterans, especially those of the Vietnam War.

Among the list of topics the candidate has endorsed includes establishing a computerized claims process so that if one claim is recognized in one review, an identical claim in another review would be processed the same way thereby eliminating a lengthy review process where the outcome might be different from one reviewer to another.

For Vietnam Veterans, those whose deaths occurred before a claim was processed or settled and the death was due to an Agent Orange-causative, beneficiaries would receive the compensation and benefits to which the member was entitled backdated to the initial date of the claim's submittal. To see the complete list of Zaleski's pledge to Veterans, go to his website Blog: <http://www.zaleskiforcongress.com/the-blog>.

Members of the Veteran Community who reside in Arizona's 1st Congressional District are encouraged to vote in this GOP Primary and give due consideration to Tom Zaleski. For more information on the candidate, visit his website: [www.zaleskiforcongress.com](http://www.zaleskiforcongress.com).

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## Veteran Comments

### VA Secretary Shinseki and Agent Orange Victim Advocates:

And we can all thank McCain & Kyle for all the effort they are putting into stopping claims for these 3 presumptive.. some Brother at Arms he is, and oh so typical of McCain too!

I feel McCain should crawl under a rock, he's like a past president we all know.. never caught dead in the presence of Veterans UNLESS it was for a photo opp. in which he would make even Wounded Warriors wait for him to appear often up to 2 hrs. or longer, often these soldiers are at attention and in place often hot and over heated, many too injured and/or ill to do anything let alone await a president that could care less about them but wants to use them for protection in public and photos, nothing more! When was the last time you heard McCain speak to Veterans especially Vietnam Veterans other than the 1 or 2 times during his election campaign when he showed up at a national conference, nothing more than a photo opp...

These politicians should be ashamed but they are not. For McCain and his cronies to do anything other than support these 3 presumptives that are so long over due many veterans have died untreated and uncompensated but maybe thier widows and children will get some relief and hopefully those Veterans still alive will receive the treatment and compensation they deserved and were denied over the years!

Welcome Home to You All!  
Rose Possien, Chapter Rep.  
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Cochise County Chapter #1020

### Claims Assistance:

Jim,

I just finished reading both documents you attached, and they are EXCELLENT tools I may be able to use. Thanks. It's obvious that VFC truly is all about helping veterans.

Much thanks,  
Daniel

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*With your help, Veterans-For-Change and you can make a difference!*

*We Can Win!*

*Better benefits, care, facilities, medical professionals and equipment!*

*Unite with Veterans-For-Change today!*

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***"...one day, some great opportunity stands before you and calls upon you to stand up for some great principle, some great issue, some great cause. And you refuse to do it because you are afraid. You refuse to do it because you want to live longer. You're afraid that you will lose your job, or you're afraid that you will be criticized or that you will lose your popularity, or you're afraid that someone will stab you or shoot at you or bomb your house. So you refuse to take the stand. Well, you may go on and live until you are ninety, but you are just as dead at thirty-eight as you would be at ninety. And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit. You died when you refused to stand up for right. You died when you refused to stand up for truth. You died when you refused to stand up for justice."***

***Martin Luther King***

**Veteran's News Sources:**

Newsvine: <http://jdavis92840.newsvine.com/>

Salem News: <http://www.salem-news.com/>

Veterans Today: <http://www.veteranstoday.com/>

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***Please pass to all your Veteran friends and family!***