

Tom Suozzi Policy Paper

Veterans' Issues

Throughout his career, Tom has promised to “never forget the vet.” He knows how much veterans and their families have sacrificed to protect our country, and has worked to ensure they can access the finest health care and economic opportunities.

Tom Secured Federal Support for Transformational Fixes at the Northport VA Medical Center

Tom worked closely with the Northport VA Medical Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve services at the facility. He **invited Republican Congressman Phil Roe, then- Chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, to tour the campus** and see its issues firsthand.

After that meeting, he **successfully worked with President Trump's Secretary of Veterans Affairs** to obtain funding for major infrastructure improvements, including the demolition of decrepit buildings, enhancements to operating rooms, facilities for the homeless, mental health facilities, and heating and ventilation systems.

Tom Supported Landmark Veterans' Health Care Legislation

Tom has **combated the mental health crisis** facing veterans, which takes 20+ lives each day, introducing the bipartisan *Mental Health Services for All Veterans Act*.

Tom also voted to pass the landmark *Honoring our PACT Act*, which **improved health care for veterans** who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxins.

Tom Passed Legislation to Finally Honor the “Harlem Hellfighters”

In 2021, Tom’s Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act **unanimously passed Congress and was signed into law**. His bill awarded the 369th Infantry Regiment, a heroic African American regiment known as the “Harlem Hellfighters,” the Congressional Gold Medal, the **highest honor Congress bestows**.

Veterans’ Issues are Personal for Tom

Veterans’ issues are personal for Tom, whose father was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service as a B-24 navigator during World War II. Tom **established a district “Veterans Advisory Committee”** and sponsored or co-sponsored every bill they recommended. When elected back to Congress, Tom will re-establish this committee and work every day to ensure we never forget the vet.