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## **BUSINESS CREDITS FOR FIRMS THAT HIRE VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the percent of veterans unemployed and underemployed is greater than that of the general population, and

WHEREAS, there is a generalized sense that the civilian employers do not seek out nor select otherwise qualified candidates because they are veterans, and

WHEREAS, businesses that reach out to the veterans' population deserve to be rewarded for their efforts, and

WHEREAS, the preferred method of rewarding a business is financial,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress to enact legislation, which would give tax incentives to businesses that hire veterans and increased tax incentives to businesses that hire disabled veterans, and

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the states to grant recognition to military schooling and certificates of proficiency given by the military, and

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to perform a study of the attitudes of private employers as to the veracity of the sense of animus toward veterans and to develop programs to reverse those prejudices if and where they exist.

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## **CLARIFICATION OF MILITARY MEDICAL RECORDS**

WHEREAS, a veteran's military records contain a plethora of information, not all of which is readily available to someone not familiar with the military shorthand and abbreviations, and

WHEREAS, a medical professional at a Department of Veterans Affairs facility should be able to obtain quickly the information contained within the veteran's military records without the need of trying to decipher the entire records, and

WHEREAS, by having the military records in plain English available to medical professional services for the veteran would be improved and expedited;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA requests that the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense coordinate their efforts to make the records of all veterans understandable to medical professional who may need the information contained therein to treat the veteran.

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## EXPOSURE TO TOXINS

WHEREAS, it appears that the exposure to toxins was more wide-spread than currently recognized, and

WHEREAS, this exposure includes chemical, biological and nuclear toxins, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense appears not to have revealed all the sites of toxic contamination, and

WHEREAS, there are strong indications that there was chemical contamination at Fort McClellan as well as other installations where chemicals were stored; and

Whereas, it is obvious that there was such exposure to numerous ships in the “Blue Water” Navy which the Department of Veterans Affairs refuses to acknowledge or recognize.

Furthermore, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to cease its efforts to resist the expansion of benefits to those veterans of the Navy and Marine Corps who were exposed to toxins while serving aboard ships in the “Blue Water” Navy.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Defense immediately put forward a complete and accurate list of all sites, regardless of location, where there was any contamination and provide treatment and compensation to the victims of the contamination.

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## **GRAVE MARKERS FOR ALL VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs offers grave markers for men and women killed in active service since 1990, and

WHEREAS, the date of eligibility is arbitrary and not related to any specific event, and

WHEREAS, those men and women who were killed in action prior to the eligibility date are just as worthy as those who died after that date;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to offer to the families of those killed in action defending this Nation a grave marker regardless of the date lost.

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## **HOMELESS VETERANS**

WHEREAS, it appears that there are at least 150,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans homeless or in programs aimed at keeping them off the streets, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs had stated the this number has tripled since 2006, and

WHEREAS, 70% of these veterans have had combat exposure with its psychological problems, and

WHEREAS, 13% of these homeless are women veterans;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Veterans Affairs and State governments immediately take all steps necessary to provide services to transition these homeless veterans back into society.

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## **JERUSALEM: WAS, IS AND WILL BE THE ETERNAL CAPITAL OF ISRAEL**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA has long advocated that the United States recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel, and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem has been the capital of Israel and the Jewish people since biblical times, and

WHEREAS, no other people since biblical times have declared Jerusalem as their eternal capital, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and has directed that the United States Embassy be relocated to Jerusalem unless the President certifies to Congress each year that it is not in the best interests of the United States to move the Embassy at that point in time, and

WHEREAS, the official maps of the United States do not show Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel, and

WHEREAS, such maps contradict the historical fact that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel, and

WHEREAS, such maps deny the position of the Congress recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands the Executive branch of the United States immediately comply with the mandate of Congress and move the United States Embassy to Jerusalem and

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that all maps printed by the United States government clearly show Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

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## **MORTGAGE SERVERS FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT**

WHEREAS, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act provides very clearly defined rights of members of the military; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of mortgage service providers who have moved to foreclose on homes owned by members of the military during their deployments, both the active and reserve components, in violation of the SCRA, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of mortgage service providers who have over-charged fees they allege are due, and

WHEREAS, a servicemember may lose his/her security clearance as a result of an illegal foreclosure by a mortgage service provider;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Justice and the federal prosecutors to move vigorously against any mortgage service provider who violates the Servicemember Civil Relief Act and to send each and every one of them to trial, seeking restitution and fines.

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## **VETERANS CEMETERY AT THE FORMER CLARK AIR FORCE BASE**

WHEREAS, there is a military cemetery at the former Clark Air Force Base in the Republic of the Philippines, and

WHEREAS, that cemetery has fallen into disarray and disrepair, and

WHEREAS, the United States had transferred Clark Air Force Base to the Philippine government, including the property upon which the military cemetery is located, and

WHEREAS, this military cemetery is the final resting place of some of America's war dead, and

WHEREAS, this Nation has a duty to honor these men and women who died to protect our freedom and way of life;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA requests the President and Congress to move forward to reacquire the land upon which the military cemetery lies and to maintain the cemetery in a proper and appropriate fashion.

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## **SEXUAL TRAUMA OF WOMEN IN THE MILITARY**

WHEREAS, there are more women serving in the military now than ever before, and

WHEREAS, these women are serving in combat-like roles in dangerous areas, and

WHEREAS, the number of complaints of sexual harassment and sexual assault are increasing in alarming numbers, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the military is not investigating and prosecuting the perpetrators of these crimes, and

WHEREAS, it appears that there is a systemic effort to down-play the problem rather than aggressively confront it, and

WHEREAS, the counseling and treatment of such victims must be more than merely adequate but must be a top priority of the military, and

WHEREAS, many of these victims are separated from the military and then fall within the scope of services of the Department of Veterans Affairs where the level of services available to them varies widely across the country, often depending upon the priorities set by the local director;

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Defense thoroughly investigate every allegation of sexual harassment and sexual assault and, if found to be true, to prosecute to the fullest the perpetrators, regardless of rank or whether the perpetrators is in the military or is a contract employee,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Defense provide the best available treatment and counseling program to such victims and not to discharge them from the military until they are able to function within the greater society at the best level possible,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides a complete array of services to such victims upon their

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discharge from the active military so that there is no break in services and no need for the victim to go through a period when she must be qualified and rated before being eligible for on-going services.

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