

## DEMOCRATS PROTECT OUR VETERANS

### THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

#### Compassion – Democracy – Freedom

The **PACT** Act (Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022; Honoring our PACT Act of 2022) (PL 117-168) Signed into law by President Biden on August 9, 2022.

- **The PACT Act marks the most significant expansion of VA health care in 30 years.**
- It helps deliver **more timely benefits and services** to more than 5 M veterans – across all generations – who may have been impacted by **toxic exposures** while serving our country.
- It ensures that veterans can **receive high-quality health care screenings and services** related to **potential toxic exposures**.
- For post-9/11 combat veterans, the bill extends the period of time they have to enroll in VA health care from five to ten years post-discharge.
- It codifies VA's new process for evaluating and determining **presumption of exposure and service connection** for various chronic conditions when the evidence of a military environmental exposure and the associated health risks are **strong in the aggregate but hard to prove on an individual basis**.
- The legislation **removes the need** for certain veterans and their survivors **to prove service connection** if they are diagnosed with one of 23 specific conditions. Survivors of veterans who died due to one of these conditions may now also be eligible for benefits.
- As of **July, 2024, over 1 M veterans** have **received benefits** (or even enhanced benefits) via this landmark legislation.
- On June 26, 2024 President Biden issued a blanket **pardon to troops** expelled from the military for their sexuality.
  - This applies to veterans who served **from the 1950s until 2013**.
  - This applies to veterans who were removed from the military who are **LGBTQIA2S+**
  - President Biden noted this applies to **about 2,000 veterans**.
  - A less-than-honorable discharge is more than a “brand of shame;” it strips veterans of automatic VA benefits and health care. It can also be difficult for them to procure a civilian job

## TRUMP MAKES FUN OF OUR VETERANS

### TRUMP

#### Cruelty – Authoritarianism - Fascism

- Has called veterans suckers and losers.
- Said (former) Sen. John McCain wasn't a war hero.

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