# **Supporting Our Veterans**

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

CALIFORNIA'S 31<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT

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As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Aguilar is committed to improving the lives of the brave men and women who served our country. With input from his Inland Empire Veterans Advisory Board, Representative Aguilar is working to equip returning veterans with the tools and resources they need to succeed.

## Putting veterans back to work.

- ✓ Cosponsored the Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act—a bipartisan bill that establishes a pilot program to support training, apprenticeships, and certification classes for veterans to help them secure good-paying manufacturing jobs.
- ✓ Spearheaded bipartisan legislation to expand California's Work for Warriors program to the rest of the country to help more veterans secure full-time jobs.
- ✓ Passed legislation to make it easier for returning service members to obtain commercial driver's licenses to help them secure transportation and logistics jobs – both of which are major Inland Empire industries.

## Getting veterans access to quality health care.

- ✓ Authored H.R. 6078, the VA Accountability for Location of Records (VALOR) Act, which requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete record requests for veterans within 14 days, or explain the reason why the records will be delayed.
- ✓ Supported the VA Accountability Act—a bill to that makes it easier to fire and demote VA employees who are not doing their jobs and not properly serving our nation's veterans.
- ✓ Cosponsored the Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act—a bill requiring all VA medical facilities to adequately meet the gender-specific health care needs of female veterans.
- ✓ Supported the Veterans Identification Card Act—a bipartisan bill to simplify the way veterans identify themselves to make it easier to receive the benefits and services they have earned.
- ✓ Supported the Clay Hunt SAV Act—a bipartisan bill to evaluate the VA's mental health care and suicide prevention programs.
- ✓ Passed legislation to study the most effective ways to combat the startlingly high suicide rate among female veterans.
- $\checkmark$  Voted for funding to reduce the VA backlog.

### Ending veteran homelessness.

✓ Advocated for increased funding for housing vouchers to assist homeless veterans. Ultimately, the federal government awarded the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino over \$400,000 to support housing vouchers for veterans.

### Connecting veterans with the federal resources they need and deserve.

✓ Helped Inland Empire veterans recover over 100,000 owed to them by the VA.