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BISHOP INTRODUCES BIPARTISAN BILL TO RECOGNIZE AMVETS' COMMITMENT TO NATION'S VETS

Washington, DC: With Veterans Day approaching, Congressman Tim Bishop has introduced bipartisan legislation to recognize AMVETS and support their work of serving our nation's veterans. Bishop's bill is co-sponsored by 52 other Members of Congress, including 9 Republicans, and Congressman Lane Evans (IL), the ranking member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"Now more than ever, it is important for us to unite as a Congress and support organizations like AMVETS which are working to help their fellow veterans," Bishop said.

"We are deeply grateful to Congressman Bishop for recognizing the role AMVETS plays to assist veterans and strengthen the principles for which we fought," AMVETS National Commander John Sisler said.

On July 23, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 216, making AMVETS the first World War II organization to be chartered by Congress. Today, the organization is open to anyone who has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves. One of the services AMVETS provides is helping veterans receive compensation from the VA. In one recent year, AMVETS processed more than 24,000 claims that resulted in veterans receiving some \$400 million they deserved.

AMVETS National Charter Day is celebrated on July 23, with the goal of raising public awareness regarding AMVETS' commitment and service to veterans, the families of veterans, and the Nation.

"I hope that on AMVETS Charter Day, every American will take a moment to think about the heroes who live in our communities, and what we can do to help them," Bishop said.

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