

Strengthening our Military

Congressman Murtha is highly respected for his first-hand knowledge of military and national security issues. As a Vietnam combat veteran and a retired Marine Corps colonel, he has been a trusted adviser to presidents of both parties and is one of the most effective advocates for our national defense. Currently the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he oversees appropriations for the Department of Defense, which includes the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and the intelligence community.

Congressman Murtha has used his position as the House's most senior defense appropriator to fight for America's men and women in uniform. He is known for his hands-on approach, routinely visiting military bases to hear directly about equipment, training, housing, health care and other services available to our troops and their families. He regularly visits wounded troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital to learn about the needs of our troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and to gauge the progress of the war from those who know it best - the troops themselves.

Congressman Murtha tirelessly works to ensure that our troops have every advantage possible when put in harm's way, including protective equipment and weapon systems that are both reliable and state-of-the-art. He has fought to strengthen body armor, to improve efficiencies at military depots and to provide our troops with the crucial equipment necessary to respond to biological or chemical weapons.

Knowing that quality personnel are our military's backbone, he has aggressively advocated better pay, pensions, health-care and quality-of-life amenities as the keys to keeping well-trained people in the service and keeping morale high.

For additional information please visit the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

Visit the following links to military programs Congressman Murtha has been instrumental in securing funding for:

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

The Walter Reed Gynecological Disease Center

The Walter Reed Military Advanced Training Center

The Walter Reed Pain Management Program