

## Senator King's Foundation of Advocacy for Veterans

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator King has worked to ensure America meets its commitment to veterans and servicemembers. Throughout his time in Congress, the Senator has focused on:

*Improving the Transition to Civilian Life* – Senator King [has passed legislation](#) to address repeated feedback from Maine veterans that there is not enough support during the transition from active duty to civilian life.

- [In the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act](#), King secured a first of its kind study on how the Pentagon can improve the civilian transition to create better career and mental health outcomes for veterans.
- This study comes after [the Senator repeatedly urged](#) top Department of Defense officials to make transition improvements.

*Combatting Veteran Suicide* – Senator King has been [among the Senate's most prominent voices](#) on the need to combat veterans' suicide, [has led successful legislation](#) to address the crisis, and has called [for action](#) from top Department of Defense officials on this issue.

- He spearheaded the passage of historic [legislation to better track and study servicemember suicides](#) by job assignment.
- King [also cosponsored](#) the recently passed *National Suicide Hotline Designation Act* that created an easy to remember '988' number for veterans and other Americans experiencing mental health crises.

*Improving Benefits and Care* – Representing a state with one of the nation's highest rates of veterans per capita, Senator King has supported legislation to help veterans receive quality physical, mental, and behavioral care.

- King voted for the [PACT Act of 2022](#), bipartisan legislation signed by President Joe Biden that will provide veterans exposed to toxic hazards their earned benefits.
- He joined the *Major Richard Star Act*, [a bipartisan bill](#) with over 60 Senators, to help provide more disabled veterans with full military benefits.
- He [cosponsored](#) the *Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act* to expand senior veterans' access to assisted living services.
- King also cosponsored the bipartisan [Clothing Allowance Improvement Act](#) to ensure disabled veterans have appropriate clothing.
- Senator King also [worked with the Maine Congressional Delegation and Governor Janet Mills to keep the Maine Veterans Homes in Machias and Caribou from closing](#).

*Honoring the Sacrifices of America's Veterans* – Meeting America's commitment to veterans also means honoring and remembering the sacrifices of those who served.

- Last year, Senator King conducted nine interviews with Maine veterans as part of the Library of Congress' [Veterans History Project](#), an effort by the Library to collect, preserve the personal accounts of American war veterans for future generations
  - You can find or watch Senator King's interviews [HERE](#).
- King also introduced the bipartisan *Honoring Purple Heart Recipients Act of 2022* that would have required the Department of Defense to give Purple Heart recipients the option of being listed on the military awards website.