

# CVO Issues

The Coalition of Veterans Organizations is an activist group of veterans' organizations and individuals which fights for six key points on behalf of veterans. They are:

- a. Full Mandatory Funding of VA healthcare for veterans. Federally funded healthcare for *all* veterans—male and female—without further pay. We have already paid with our service and in many cases our blood and our lives.
- b. Eligibility for VA healthcare and benefits for all honorably discharged veterans without co-payments and categories of service delivery. Not all veterans are now eligible for healthcare and many who get it must pay.
- c. Ending veteran homelessness and the realignment of the VA Per Diem grants system. There is no greater disgrace than the fact that thousands of veterans in this country are homeless. Though some are sick, many simply do not have the support structures to be off the streets. This disgrace can be and must be remedied!
- d. Reform of funding and full accounting for all VA mental health services for veterans. Scores of veterans—many returning from Iraq and Afghanistan—do not receive the mental health care they need, despite front-page stories detailing the horrors these veterans face.

- e. Awarding presumptive benefits. We call on the federal government to immediately fund benefits for all veterans when they apply for VA disability. If they have the medical diagnosis and military records support their application, then the benefits should be granted when they apply. The application process can then be carried out. There should be no re-payment if benefits are denied. Such a policy would end the government backlog and care for needy veterans and survivors.
- f. Full equality of women's benefits and healthcare. Women veterans have special needs. The gap between services and benefits for women and those for men is unacceptable. It must be closed immediately and all services and benefits for women made fully available immediately.

*We are dealing  
with Veterans,  
not procedures...*

*With their prob-  
lems, not ours.*

*General of the Army Omar Bradley  
1947*

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## Member Organizations:

Veterans for Unification

American Legion  
*Harold Washington Post 67*

AMVETS  
*Illinois Division 1*

Veterans for Peace  
*Chicago Chapter*

VetNet

Filipino American Veterans of Illinois

Korean War Veterans of America

Montford Point Marine Association  
*Chicago Chapter*

National Women Veterans United

Veterans Commission  
*City of Country Club Hills, IL*

Veterans Strike Force

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
*Illinois District 2*

24th Infantry Regiment Association  
*Illinois Chapter*

173rd Airborne Brigade  
*Elite Forces Chapter VI*

555th Parachute Infantry Association  
*"Triple Nickle" Chicago Chapter*

*Become a Member*  
**Coalition of Veterans Organizations**

Yes, I want to join! Sign me up for an:

- Individual Membership (\$10)
- Organizational Membership (\$50)

Name .....

Organization.....

Address .....

City.....St .....

Zip code .....

Phone.....(.....).....

Phone.....(.....).....

Email .....

*I submit the above-named organization/  
individual for membership in CVO. The mem-  
ber individual/organization will regularly  
attend CVO meetings and help carry out the  
program of CVO.*

*Organizational Membership: I certify that I  
am authorized to commit my organization to  
membership and participation in CVO.*

Authorized Signature:

Date: .....

Scholarship Requested.

Please make checks payable to "CVO" and mail to  
our Chicago address.

*The willingness  
with which our  
young people are  
likely to serve in  
any war, no matter  
how justified, will  
be directly propor-  
tional to how they  
perceive the veter-  
ans of earlier wars  
were treated and  
appreciated by  
their nation.*

*George Washington*

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**CVO is made up of  
active veterans'  
organizations fighting  
for rights, benefits and  
healthcare for all  
veterans—male and  
female.**

The Coalition of Veterans Organiza-  
tions was founded in November 2006 by  
veterans activists from across the Chica-  
goland area. They represented more than  
a dozen different organizations strug-  
gling for veterans rights and benefits.

These veterans realized that we  
needed to be united in order to effect the  
kinds of changes for which veterans  
have been struggling for decades.

Each of our member organizations  
has its own mission and priorities, but  
together, we have decided on six key ar-  
eas where no one organization can have  
the impact we can have together. Thus,  
CVO has been an action arm of many  
veterans' organizations.