

August 2024

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Next Meeting: September 28, 2024

Speaker: Joseph E. Troiani, US Navy Commander (Ret) ~ Military Psychology

Message from the VU Executive Committee



**June 15, 2024 Membership Meeting:** Catherine Sevedge, LCSW, CADC, director of the Vet Center in Forest Park IL, addressed the meeting regarding its history and mission. The Vet Center system was created in 1979 with peer counselling in 1980. A veteran needs only to submit a copy of the DD214 for services which are unlimited and may be lifetime. Anyone is eligible having served in a combat zone but not necessarily in combat itself. The Vet Center is not connected with the VA Healthcare System and does not share its computer system so the veteran's privacy remains protected. For more information: Vet Center, 1515 S Harlem, Forest Park IL: 708-457-8805

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For more info: 773-736-1941



## **Veterans for Unification : Spotlight on the Board**

**Irv Danneil**, President, joined the US Navy at Great Lakes in 1969 thru 1967 and 22 years in the Reserves. He has been active with the Navy Museum since the 1960's. Irv takes special pride in his 1953 Mercury which he had for over 20 years and enjoys collecting foreign coins.

**Steve McVeigh**, VP, was drafted into the Army, 1968-1970: in Viet Nam 8/68 thru 8/69 MOS 11B40 ~ serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Big Red One. He taught biology and environmental science in the Chicago Public Schools for 33 years. Steve was interviewed by Newsweek authors Peter Goldman and Tony Fuller in 1983 for "Charlie Company: What Viet Nam Did to Us."

**Larry Putterlik**, Treasurer, was drafted by the Army in 1969 and served in Viet Nam with the 5<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division to secure the border of South Viet Nam. Larry was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service. He was in commercial painting for 30 years and now devotes his time to his three grandchildren.

**Francine O'Connor**, Associate Director who represents all civilian members, retired after 37 years in Nursing Service at Hines VA Hospital. She is proud to have had two military parents who met in England during WW2. She was married to a Marine who served in Viet Nam and passed in 2004. Two brothers were in the Navy. Francine currently is involved with the Hines VA Memorial Garden.

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**UPDATE on HR 2413:** This dental care bill, originally HR 96 (2019) ~ **Dental Care for Veterans Act** ~ was reintroduced in the House of Representatives by Julie Brownley (D-CA) and now as of today has 63 cosponsors. Please call your congressman/woman today to request their cosponsorship. Call **202-225-3121** for the House of Representatives. When you connect with your congressman, ask for the legislative aide and tell them you request your congressman to cosponsor Bill HR 2413. Please contact friends and family out of state and other veterans' organizations to which you may belong regarding this bill. We need a lot more cosponsors.

**HR 2413 would furnish dental care in the same manner as medical care in the VA Healthcare System.**

## H.R.2413 - Dental Care for Veterans Act

118th Congress (2023-2024) | [Get alerts](#)

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#) (Introduced 03/30/2023)

**Committees:** House - Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Action:** House - 04/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:** 

<b>Introduced</b>	Passed House	Passed Senate	To President	Became Law
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Summary(1) Text(1) Actions(3) Titles(2) Amendments(0) **Cosponsors(63)** Committees(1) Related Bills(0)

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#) | Cosponsor statistics: 63 current - includes 0 original

\* = Original cosponsor

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Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored
<a href="#">Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]</a>	07/24/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]</a>	07/09/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]</a>	06/25/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]</a>	06/25/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]</a>	06/18/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]</a>	06/18/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]</a>	06/13/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]</a>	06/11/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]</a>	06/11/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]</a>	06/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]</a>	06/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]</a>	06/03/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]</a>	06/03/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]</a>	05/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Pascrell, Bill [D-NJ-9]</a>	05/16/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]</a>	05/16/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]</a>	05/14/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]</a>	05/14/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]</a>	05/14/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]</a>	05/06/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]</a>	04/23/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]</a>	04/17/2024
<a href="#">Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]</a>	04/17/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]</a>	04/12/2024

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<a href="#">Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]</a>	04/12/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]</a>	04/12/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]</a>	04/12/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]</a>	04/12/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]</a>	04/11/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]</a>	03/22/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]</a>	03/22/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Barragán, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]</a>	03/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]</a>	03/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]</a>	01/30/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]</a>	01/25/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]</a>	01/17/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]</a>	11/28/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]</a>	10/26/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]</a>	10/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]</a>	10/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]</a>	09/21/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]</a>	09/20/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]</a>	08/25/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]</a>	07/17/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]</a>	07/17/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]</a>	06/23/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]</a>	04/25/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]</a>	04/25/2023

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10 - 11:30 AM*

## Speaker:

**Joseph E. Troiani**

*US Navy Commander (Ret)*

*Naval Reserve Intelligence Program*

*Military Psychology Program, Adler University*

*Light refreshments served*

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