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MARCH 22 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 6), 1991

102D CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 777

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage revenue bond financing.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 6), 1991

Mr. KOHL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage revenue bond financing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

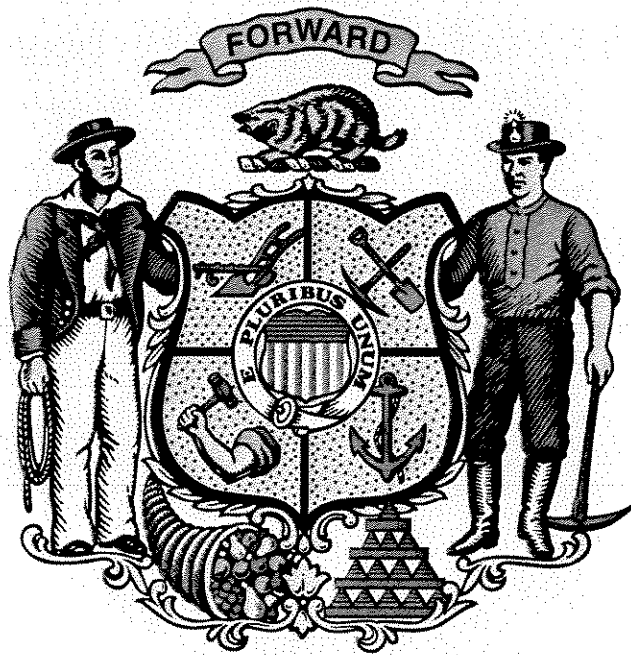
3 That (a) paragraph (4) of section 143(l) of the Internal Reve-  
4 nue Code of 1986 (defining qualified veteran) is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 “(4) QUALIFIED VETERAN.—For purposes of this  
7 subsection, the term ‘qualified veteran’ means any vet-  
8 eran who meets such requirements as may be imposed

1 by the State law pursuant to which qualified veterans'  
2 mortgage bonds are issued."

3 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply  
4 to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act.





# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 25, 1992

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
205 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Lloyd,

We are writing to request that the Finance Committee include in its next reported bill the text of S. 777, a bill that would restore equity to the eligibility criteria for State veterans' home loans that are financed through qualified veterans' mortgage bonds that are exempt from federal tax under section 143 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Current law excludes from the definition of "qualified veteran" those veterans who served during or after 1977, including veterans of the Persian Gulf War. This means that they cannot qualify for State veterans' home-loan programs in California, Wisconsin, Texas, Oregon, and Alaska. Current law also excludes veterans whose service ended more than 30 years before they applied for their mortgage. This provision increasingly results in the denial of financing to veterans of the Korean War and earlier conflicts. Even Vietnam-era veterans soon will be denied State veterans' mortgages because of the limitations of current federal law.

The provisions of S. 777 would remove these unfair limitations and allow individual States to establish the eligibility criteria for State veterans' mortgages. However, the federal tax treatment of the qualified veterans' mortgage bonds still would be subject to the bond-issue volume limitations contained elsewhere in section 143. The affected States want to maintain a principle that Congress has sought to uphold in federal veterans' programs: that veterans of the Persian Gulf War should not be treated less generously than veterans of past wars. The provisions of S. 777 would ensure this equity among veterans of different eras.

The Joint Committee on Taxation has estimated that this measure would cost \$3 million in its first year. For subsequent years, the Joint Committee assumed, contrary to historical data for this program and the future plans of the affected States, that each State would use its maximum bond-issuance authority. Based on this unrealistic assumption, the Joint Committee estimated the five-year cost of the legislation at \$182 million. We understand that this amount still is within the Finance Committee's ability to address in the tax bill you plan to consider on February 27.

We strongly urge you to include the text of S. 777 in the legislation that the Finance Committee plans to mark up on February 27. The veterans who served our nation in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere around the world deserve the same State-supported housing opportunities available to veterans who served before 1977.

If you have any questions about S. 777, please have your staff contact Tom Mullooly, of Senator Kohl's staff, at 224-5653, or Michael W. Cogan, of the Veterans' Affairs Committee staff, at 224-9126. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

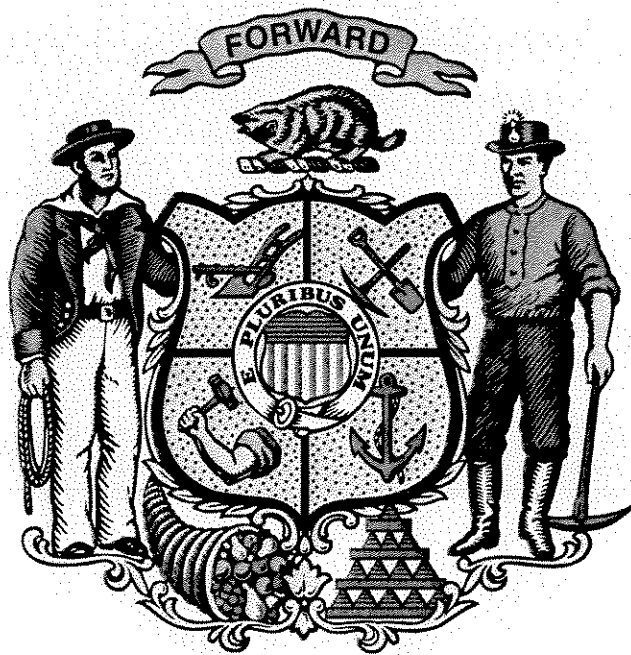
Sincerely,



Herb Kohl



Alan Cranston



## An Open Letter To Anyone Who Served In Vietnam

Dear Hero,

I was in my twenties during the Vietnam era. I was a single mother and, I'm sad to say, I was probably one of the most self-centered people on this planet. To be perfectly honest . . . painfully honest . . . I didn't care one way or the other about the war. All I cared about was ME—how I looked, what I wore, and where I was going. I worked and I played. I was never politically involved with anything, and I allowed my opinions to be formed by the media. It happened without my ever being aware. I listened to the protest songs and I watched the six o'clock news and I listened to all the people who were doing all of the talking. After awhile, I began to repeat their words and, if you were to ask me, I'd have told you I was against the war. It was very popular. Everyone was doing it, and we never saw what it was doing to our men. All we were shown was what they were doing to the people of Vietnam.

My brother joined the Navy and then he was sent to Vietnam. When he came home, I repeated the words to him. It surprised me at how angry he became. I hurt him very deeply and there were years of separation—not only of miles, but also of character. I still didn't understand.

In fact, I didn't understand anything . . . until one day I opened my newspaper and saw the anguished face of a Vietnam veteran. The picture was taken at the opening of the Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C. His countenance revealed the terrible burden of his soul. As I looked at his picture and his tears, I finally understood a tiny portion of what you had given for us and we had done to you. I understood that I had been manipulated, but I also knew that I had failed to think for myself. It was like waking up out of a nightmare, except that the nightmare was real. I didn't know what to do.

One day about three years ago, I went to a member of the church I attended at that time, because he had served in Vietnam. I asked him if he had been in Vietnam, and he got a look on his face and said, "Yes." Then, I took his hand, looked him square in the face, and said, "Thank you for going." His jaw dropped, he got an amazed look on his face, and then he said, "No one has ever said that to me." He hugged me and I could see that he was about to get tears in his eyes. It gave me an idea, because there is much more that needs to be said. How do we put into words . . . all the regret of so many years? I don't know, but when I have an opportunity I take it . . . so here goes.

Have YOU been to Vietnam? If so, I have something I want to say to you—THANK

YOU FOR GOING! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please forgive me for my insensitivity. I don't know how I could have been so blind, but I was. When I woke up, you were wounded and the damage was done, and I don't know how to fix it. I will never stop regretting my actions and I will never let it happen again.

Please understand that I am speaking for the general public also. We know we blew it and we don't know how to make it up to you. We wish we had been there for you when you came home from Vietnam because you were a hero and you deserved better. Inside of you there is a pain that will never completely go away . . . and you know what? It's inside of us, too; because we let you down, we hurt ourselves, too. And we all know it . . . and we suffer guilt and we don't know what to do . . . so we cheer for our troops and write letters to "any soldier" and we hang out the yellow ribbons and fly the flag and we love America. We love you too, even if it doesn't feel like it to you. I know in my heart that when we cheer wildly for our troops, part of the reason is trying to make up for Vietnam. And while it may work for us, it does nothing for you. We failed you. You didn't fail us, but we failed you and we lost our only chance to be grateful to you at the time when you needed and deserved it. We have disgraced ourselves and brought shame to our country. We did it and we need your forgiveness. Please say you will forgive us and please take your rightful places as heroes of our country. We have learned a terribly painful lesson at your expense and we don't know how to fix it.

From the heart,  
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## TAPS For LTG John J Tolson III

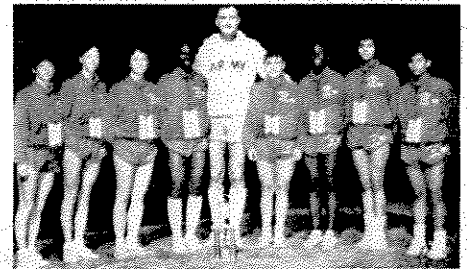
John Jarvin Tolson III, 76, a retired Army Lieutenant General who had commanded the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam (1967-1968), and who helped formulate the Army's air mobile combat doctrine, died 2 Dec 91 at Rex Hospital, in Raleigh, NC, following a heart attack.

General Tolson was author of a 1956 Army manual on use of the helicopter in battle, "Army Transport Aviation Combat Operations." He was a paratrooper and a fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter pilot. He retired in 1973, after serving as deputy commanding general of the Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, VA.

## 7th Annual Army Ten Mile Race

The 82nd Airborne Division women's ten mile team took third place in the seventh annual Army ten mile race.

"The Association of the United States Army ten miler in Washington, D.C. was the main focus of our training," SSgt. Cheryl Rose, team captain, said. "Our main goal is to represent the 82nd Airborne Division at the AUSA race."



82nd Airborne Division Women's ten mile team.

The team took third place in the active military women's category, and beat out all other post teams, such as the Follow Me team from Fort Benning, Ga. and the Sky Dragons from XVIII Airborne Corps.

The members of the 82nd Airborne Division ten mile team are: SSgt. Cheryl Rose (captain), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd Lt. Sarah Denton, 407th Supply and Transportation Battalion, Sgt. Alicia Meiiá-Crespo, HHC, Div., SSgt. Clarissa Greene, HHC, Division Support Command, SSgt. Catherine Sanchez, HHC, DISCOM, Col. Maria Rosales-Ortega, HHC, Div., Capt. Michelle Collins, 82nd Signal Bn., and 1st Lt. Sonya Quijada, 82nd Signal Bn.



Past President Joe Schwan congratulates Joe Rodello, on his election to the Association Presidency, 82nd Airborne Division Association. (Photo by Robert E Thomson)



# 1992 ALL AMERICAN WEEK

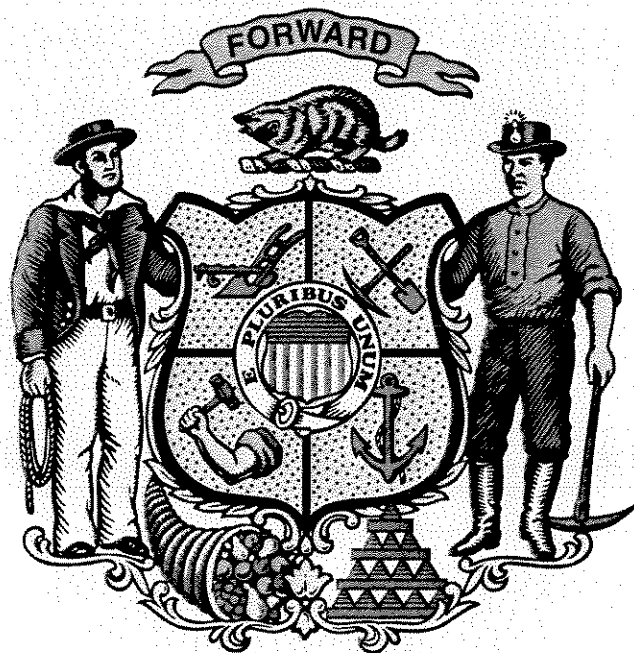
## *50th Anniversary of the Division*

The 1992 All American Week is scheduled for 18-24 May 1992. The Commanding General, Major General Henry H. Shelton and the Command Sergeant Major, Command Sergeant Major Felix W. Acosta, on behalf of all the troopers of the 82d Airborne Division, extends a cordial and warm invitation to the former members (Old Timers) of the Division.

Three hundred rooms in Moon and Hardy Hall have been reserved. Enclosed applicaiton should be completed and mailed as shown. Please be specific and complete all information requested. Only send payment (no cash) for the activities you and your family are planning to attend. Do not send payment/deposit for rooms. In the event two persons are sharing a room, only one applicant should request a room but the "sharing with" should be completed in both forms. If you are coming by yourself, please get with another "Old Timer" and double up, establish who will request the room, and you pay the other individual so he can pay the entire bill. Rooms are \$15.00 per day, whether one occupant or two. Be a friend, double up, and save \$7.50 each. With the number of Old Timers planning to attend this year's activities, 300 rooms will not suffice unless we double up whenever possible. If you desire a reservation confirmation, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please remember that the cost for the luncheon (\$5.60), after the Division Review on 21 May, and breakfast (\$3.00) on 22 May, must be paid in cash at the Dining Facilities. Bus transportation from the airport will be available all day/night on 18, 19, and 20 May. Transportation to airport will be available on 24 May. Transportation to all activities will also be available. Registration packages can be picked-up in the lobby of Moon Hall. Other regimental activities will be conducted throughout the week. Details will follow. For the golf fanatics, bring your clubs, the third All American Week Golf Tournament will be conducted on 220730 May at Stryker Golf Course (Bragg Blvd). For reservations and further details, please contact Fayetteville Chapter Chairman Bob O'Brien at (919) 424-4758 for application forms NLT 10 May 92. In 1989, 120 golfers played; hurry up and sign up. Below is program of events.

### 1992 DIVISION REVIEW

** DATE OF ARRIVAL	TIME OF ARRIVAL	** DATE OF DEPARTURE	* NUMBER OF PERSONS	CHAPTER
NAME _____		RANK _____		** HOME TELEPHONE _____
		(last held)		(include area code)
** 82D ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARD # _____		EXP DATE _____		** WORK TELEPHONE _____
LAST REGIMENT/UNIT _____				(include area code)
SHARING WITH ** _____				Check requested Accommodations (X)
*Be specific, if you share a room, only one applicant should request a room.				<input type="checkbox"/> One Room
**Critical Information. Moon Hall is located near the main PX and NCO Club. Rooms have two single beds, bathroom, small refrigerator, television, and telephone.				<input type="checkbox"/> Two Rooms
<u>PLEASE GUARANTEE THIS INFORMATION</u>				Rate is \$15.00 per room per night. <u>No deposit is required</u>
I WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:				
A. HOSPITALITY SUITE: _____ (free-Wednesday)	D. FAYETTEVILLE SOCIAL: _____ (\$11.00 each-Saturday)		DEADLINE FOR  RESERVATIONS  IS  MAY 10, 1992  FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS	
B. 50TH ANNIVERSARY SOC: _____ (\$13.00 each-Thursday)	E. FAYETTEVILLE BREAKFAST: _____ (\$3.00 each-Sunday)			
C. FAYETTEVILLE PICNIC: _____ (\$6.00 each-Friday)	F. TOTAL: _____ (total pkg for 1 person-\$33.00)			
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DAL, 82D ABN DIV ASSOC. AND MAIL THIS PAPER AND CHECK TO: <u>DAL, 82d Abn Div Assoc</u> <u>PO Box 40933</u> <u>Fayetteville, NC 28309</u>				
<u>NO DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS</u>				
<u>INCLUDE SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IF CONFIRMATION IS DESIRED</u>				

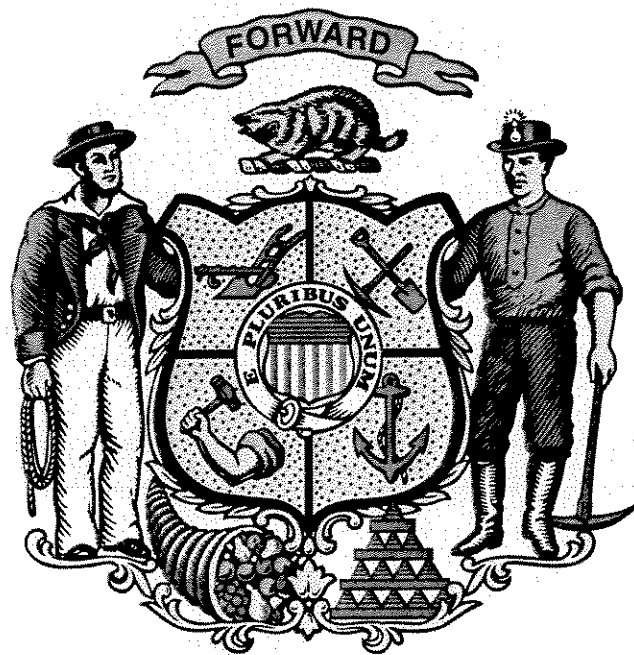


## MURPHY'S LAWS OF COMBAT

By David Evans

**E**ditor's Note: Everybody is familiar with Murphy's Law (If anything can go wrong, it will) and the Standing Orders of Roger's Rangers. Here is a new set of "Murphy's Laws for-Combat" that might bring back some old memories, and possibly, a smile or two. David Evans writes about military affairs for the Chicago Tribune.

1. You are not supermen. (Freshly graduated recruits from Marine boot camp and all fighter pilots especially, take note.)
2. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
3. Don't look conspicuous - it draws fire. (For this reason aircraft carriers have been dubbed "bomb magnets.")
4. When in doubt, empty the magazine.
5. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
6. Never forget your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
7. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
8. No plan survives the first contact intact.
9. All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
10. Try to look unimportant, because the bad guys may be low on ammo.
11. If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
12. The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
13. The important things are always simple. The simple things are always hard.
14. The easy way is always mined.
15. If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in combat.
16. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
17. Incoming fire has the right-of-way.
18. No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection
19. Beer math is 2 beers x 37 men equals 49 cases.
20. Friendly fire - isn't.
21. Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together.
22. Radios will fail as soon as you need fire support desperately.
23. Make it too tough for the enemy to get in, and you can't get out.
24. Tracers work BOTH ways.
25. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
26. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will have more than your fair share to take.
27. When both sides are convinced they are about to lose, they're both right.
28. Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs.



# Do You Support Saddam Hussein?



## Your Legislator Does!

Twenty-one Wisconsin legislators have called for the withdrawal of American forces from the Gulf and have *denounced* the U. S. military action as "*indiscriminate slaughter*".

Assembly Joint Resolution 6, has been introduced by Representatives: VAN DREEL (Green Bay), HINKFUSS (Green Bay), ROBERTS (La Crosse), HOUGH (East Troy), PLACHE (Racine), FORTIS (Milwaukee), ROBSON (Beloit), BOYLE (Superior), M. COGGS (Milwaukee), KRUG (Milwaukee), SEERY (Milwaukee), GRUSZYNSKI (Stevens Point), POTTER (Milwaukee), GRONEMUS (Whitehall), BOCK (Milwaukee), CARPENTER (Milwaukee), CLARENBACH (Madison).

Co-sponsored by Senators CZARNEZKI (Milwaukee), FEINGOLD (Madison), RISSER (Madison) and ULICHNY (Milwaukee).

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