

Mahoney Addresses Florida Battle of the Bulge Veterans

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(West Palm Beach, FL) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) addressed hundreds of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge from across Florida today at the spring meeting of the Florida South East Chapter (62) of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

"It is an honor to address America's war heroes from our 'Greatest Generation'. Their service and those of their fallen comrades in the Battle of the Bulge was the death knell of Nazism," said Congressman Mahoney. "It is important that America honor these men by ensuring that our promises to them are kept. I will continue my fight in Washington to fully fund their benefits and rollback the hidden taxes levied on them by this Administration."

Congressman Mahoney discussed his work on Veterans issues, including, but not limited to:

- His help in passing the \$6.7 billion Veteran's Administration increase, the largest increase to the VA in the agency's 77 year history;
- Pay Veterans First Act-Congressman Mahoney co-sponsored this legislation to freeze bonuses for the senior political appointees at the VA until the backlog of pending disability claims is reduced; and
- Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007-Mahoney co-sponsored this legislation to improve the VA's capacity with the addition of therapeutic readjustment and rehabilitation workshops for veterans who served in combat.

The Battle of the Bulge which lasted from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945 was the largest land battle of World War II in which the United States participated. More than a million men fought in this battle including some 600,000 Germans, 500,000 Americans, and 55,000 British. The German military force consisted of two Armies with ten corps (equal to 29 divisions). While the American military force consisted of a total of three armies with six corps (equal to 31 divisions). At the conclusion of the battle the casualties were as follows: 81,000 U.S. with 19,000 killed, 1400 British with 200 killed, and 100,000 Germans killed, wounded or captured.

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