

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 91



Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building

108 East Locust Street

Lompoc, California 93436

October 24, 2013,

Congresswoman Lois Capps
California's 24th Congressional District
301 E. Carrillo St. Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Congresswoman Capps,

I applaud you on your efforts to introduce legislation into the United States House of Representatives on behalf of our Veterans. I am pleased to support the proposed legislation that deals with the loss of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) that occurred in the National Archives Repository in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1973. The "Veterans Record Restoration Act" will hopefully close the loop hole many veterans face when they apply for benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Disabled American Veterans the only primary veteran's organization that represents disabled veterans within the 24th Congressional District. As the Local Chapter Commander in Lompoc, I have met with several veterans that had their claims denied by the VA because of no records to support any claims of military service or injuries incurred. Several of these veterans were granted initial ratings by the VA, but when they went to upgrade their disability rating percentage, were denied for no supportable documentation. I believe the passage of this important veteran's legislation will help those veterans obtain the benefits they deserve.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Frank Campo, Commander