

**Montana
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**Montana
Values**

JON TESTER vs. DENNIS REHBERG A Clear Choice for Montana Veterans

VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

Jon secured **10 new veterans facilities in Montana**, including the expansion of the Billings VA clinic.

Jon introduced the **Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act** to improve health care for veterans in rural areas. Much of Jon's bill is now law.

Jon secured the **VA's first increase in the mileage reimbursement rate in 30 years**, quadrupling the mileage reimbursement rate for veterans traveling long distances to VA facilities.

Rehberg voted to cut more than **\$13 billion from veterans' health care**.

Rehberg supported a budget proposal that **imposed \$250 enrollment fees for certain veterans to access VA health care**.

Rehberg voted to **cut millions from TRICARE**.

Rehberg **repeatedly voted against efforts to increase funding for veterans' health care and benefits**.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Jon successfully pushed for a **new veterans mental health center at Fort Harrison** and successfully advocated for **additional mental health screening** for Montana National Guard members returning from combat.

As a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Jon **has held the VA's feet to the fire when it comes to proper mental health treatment for veterans**. He always makes sure the VA is accountable to those it treats.'

Jon successfully pressured the VA to begin **reimbursing combat vets who travel to Vet Centers to receive mental health care**.

Rehberg **opposed additional funding to improve mental health services** for soldiers returning from combat duty.

Rehberg **voted against \$28 million for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and prosthetics research**.

EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING

Jon's **VOW To Hire Heroes Act** was signed into law, creating incentives for private companies to hire veterans and provided job training and counseling for returning servicemembers.

Jon also helped write and pass **the historic Post-9/11 GI Bill** and pushed for a strong transition assistance program for returning servicemembers.

Rehberg **opposed a measure to provide additional job assistance to veterans** returning from overseas.

Rehberg also **opposed a bill that would provide transitional job training for veterans**.

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VETERANS' BENEFITS

Jon successfully **protected veterans' benefits from cuts in deficit reduction.**

Jon introduced legislation to approve a cost-of-living increase for disabled veterans and survivors.

Rehberg voted for a budget that **would cut \$15 billion from veterans' benefits**, including pensions, compensation and education.

MILITARY FAMILIES

Jon successfully **expanded the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program** which helps servicemembers and their families deal with the challenges of deployment.

Jon pushed the Defense Department to **improve its maternity leave policies** and successfully advocated for **breast cancer screenings to be covered under TRICARE.**

Jon also successfully pushed to **expand TRICARE to military dependents up to age 26.**

Rehberg **voted against \$23 million to help spouses and children of service members who gave their lives** for our country.

Rehberg **voted against a measure to end the Military Families Tax**, which penalizes more than 50,000 survivors in military families.

Rehberg voted down a bill to expand a **housing program that helps military families.**

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Jon **successfully broke through the red tape holding up construction of the Missoula Veterans Cemetery.**

Jon got the VA to designate the Yellowstone County Veterans' Cemetery as a National Veterans Cemetery.

Rehberg supported budgets that were trashed by veterans groups, including AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The groups said that **the budget Rehberg supported "would be a disservice to those men and women who have served this country"** and for active duty military.

PROTECTING MONTANA'S HERITAGE

Jon was **named National Shooting Sports Association's "Legislator of the Year"** and received an **"A" rating from the National Rifle Association.**

Jon was recently honored by the **Boone and Crockett Club**, who said Jon **"stands out among his peers for his work on behalf of sportsmen and women."**

Jon also serves as **Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.**

Rehberg supported numerous **bills trashed by sportsmen's groups** for cutting conservation initiatives and jeopardizing our prized public hunting and fishing lands.

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