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No Senator or Congressman will even look into the new Dual Compensation Act for retired military. I have written several and they don't even respond. See John Glen's letter attached which explains this and the cost to the government. How can an active duty person be on active duty for 20 years and come out with a high degree of VA disability? They should receive only one pension, Military disability retirement, which is better than I received in World War II although I was an officer and came out with a very high degree of disability. But in 1947 Career Compensation Act wasn't put through and they wouldn't give it to me.

Why should we pay retired military extra Civil Service pensions because they get five years added to their Civil Service pay for having served 20 years in the military? This is really a ten year credit total for five years of military service. They get the five years toward the military in the 20 years and they get an extra five years free if they're in Congress or any Civil Service job. Why should this be done? No one will address this. Please discuss it with the different news staff reporters and dig into this thing. As a taxpayer and an ex-military who was shot down, was in prison camp and get VA disability only, I think it's outrageous.

This is really great! Thank you very much.

Kind regards,
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JOHN GLENN
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3501

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for contacting me to express your interest in legislation which would allow the concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans compensation.

As you know, a prohibition on the payment of dual benefits for same period of service has been a law since 1981, it is now codified in section 3104, Title 38, United States Code.

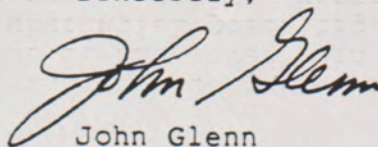
Legislation to repeal this proscription has been introduced several times but it has never been acted upon in large measure due to its substantial price tag, estimated at \$1 billion per year. This year a revised version, S. 1381, has been introduced by Senator Bob Graham of Florida and referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee, of which I am a member. This measure would allow concurrent receipt according to an inverse sliding scale based on the percent of disability.

The revised bill is substantially less costly, estimated at \$468 million per year. Funding for additional retired pay will come from the Department of Defense budget. I believe that the new, amended version of the bill is a substantial improvement over the original proposal.

Recently, the Manpower and Personnel Subcommittee, which I chair, held a manpower hearing where the concurrent receipt issue, and S. 1381 specifically, were addressed. As a result I believe that this issue deserves further consideration. Please be assured that I will keep your views and suggestions in mind as the Senate works on this piece of legislation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



John Glenn
United States Senator

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The Honorable Peter Dominici
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Dear Senator Dominici:

You speak very calmly and quickly about entitlement programs. Do you realize that disabled veterans with service-connected disabilities come under entitlement programs, those who fought wars and were injured. It's ironic to note that someone who gets military disability retirement is not an entitlement program. I fail to see a difference. I think you ought to investigate this before you expound on T.V. and everything else and even with Senator Nunn about entitlement programs or else take the disabled veteran out of entitlement programs and put them in the same category as military disability retirement.

I am a World War II veteran, an Air Force flyer who was shot down, severely injured in my parachute jump and spent time in prison camp. I would like to hear from you. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I believe anyone who was in a military uniform who was injured in combat earns that money just as much as someone who was in military uniform and happens to receive military disability retirement. What is the difference? Will someone please tell me?

cc: Senator John Glenn
Senator Sam Nunn
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