

Scott Peters' Plan for Veterans

When I was elected to Congress, the last thing San Diego needed was another veteran advisory council, which is typical for Congressmembers to have. The San Diego's veteran community already does a great job at working together to inform leaders and advocate for the needs of veterans.

Instead, I worked with those leaders to identify what was most needed to help our veterans as they transition from the military to civilian life. Out of those conversations, and with the help of Ret. RADM Ronne Froman, I helped craft what started as the Military Transition Support Project and is now zero8hundred.

Zero8hundred has since helped connect San Diego veterans with other non-profits and services and is becoming a national model for helping veterans successfully transition to civilian life.

Even with all of my initiatives in DC to support San Diego veterans, I am not waiting for Congress or the VA. My staff and I have made a priority of securing vets on the ground at home. Below you will see what I am doing on the ground in San Diego to put our veterans first.

Leading at Home

San Diego veterans cannot wait for Congress to get its act together, so my staff and I have taken the lead in empowering the leaders of our veterans community, intervening on behalf of San Diego veterans to get them the benefits that they have earned, and supporting innovative approaches to tackling the issues most important to our veterans. I am committed to not only supporting our strong veterans community, but also to promoting our model to be replicated and help veterans across the country.

- Helped launch zero8hundred to connect San Diego veterans with essential transition and support services.
- Brought zero8hundred to testify in front of an Armed Services Subcommittee hearing about their model for helping veterans make a successful transition from active duty to civilian life.
- Encourage and support the efforts of the United Veterans Council which gives a voice to the veteran community and the San Diego Veterans Coalition which coordinates the organizations serving veterans, to effectively advocate for veterans in San Diego.
- Attend Operation Stand Down annually to bring awareness to their continued efforts to aid our homeless veterans and hear from veterans firsthand about how we can better serve them.
- Secured over \$1,190,000 in benefits due to San Diego veterans and their families since coming to Congress.
- My staff has conducted over 20 Veterans History Project interviews to record the stories of San Diego veterans serving in conflicts across the world and have them stored at the Library of Congress in DC.