

Legislation includes funds Rep. McNerney secured for Tracy Defense Depot

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) continued his commitment to serving

The bill, H.R. 6599, passed the House this morning by 409-4.

“Our veterans have done so much in the service of our country by serving in harm’s way overseas. We

The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill includes \$2.9 billion more than the Pre

The measure expands access to and strengthens the quality of veterans health care by:

- Increasing enrollment in VA medical care for veterans making as little as \$28,430 (Priority 8) by 10
- Strengthening mental health care for the growing number of veterans with PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury
- Providing veterans with advanced prosthetics, particularly important for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan
- Bolstering maintenance at VA medical facilities;
- Increasing gas mileage reimbursement from 28.5 to 41.5 cents per mile for veterans traveling to get care
- Providing assistance for homeless veterans through funds for the homeless grants and per diem program

The bill also boosts military construction so that our troops have better housing, health care and day care

In fact, Rep. McNerney successfully obtained two separate appropriations for projects at the Tracy Defense Depot

Replacement of General Purpose Warehouse - \$41 million

Funding will be used to construct the replacement of a WWII era warehouse currently in use. The wareh

Replacement of Truck Entrance / Control Facility - \$9.3 million

Funding will be used to construct and install a security booth, truck canopy, guard shack, truck control o

Together, the construction projects are estimated to employ 225 (150 for the warehouse and 75 for the t

Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Tracy, is the county's second largest employer.