

April 2024

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Message from the VU Executive Committee



Howard P. Pritchard (1949 – 2024) ~ Viet Nam Veteran

Howard (Howie) Pritchard was a long time member and supporter of VU tho he relocated from Crete IL to Crown Point IN. Howard was a NJ boy who grew up in Chicago and graduated from Loyola University. He enlisted in the Air Force, serving as a security police officer. A Viet Nam Veteran, Howard passed away after losing his most challenging battle on February 25<sup>th</sup> to cancer. He will be remembered as a kind and caring man who held his St Margaret Mary elementary school buddies close in his heart. May you now rest in peace.

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**Update on HR 2413:** This dental care bill, originally HR 96 (2019) ~ **Dental Care for Veterans Act** ~ was reintroduced in the House of Representatives by Julia Brownley (D-CA) and now as of today has 34 cosponsors. Please call your Congressman/woman **today** to request their cosponsorship. **Call 202-225-3121** for the House of Representatives: there is no longer a toll free number. When you are connected to your congressman, ask for the legislative aide and tell them you request that your congressman cosponsor Bill HR 2413. Please contact family and friends out of state and other veterans' organizations to which you may belong regarding this bill: we need a **lot more** cosponsors. Help us get the word out now. **Attached is list of cosponsors to determine if your congressman has already signed on.**

**HR 2413 would furnish dental care in the same manner as medical care in the VA.**

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*Wash your hands ~ wear a mask ~ practice social distancing.~ get vaccinated*

Check out our website: [veteransforunification.org](http://veteransforunification.org)

For more info: 773-736-1941



Alanna Zrimsek with artist's self portrait (L) with her as his muse on (R)



*National Veterans Art Museum*  
4041 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago IL  
is featuring “**Il Maestro! Works by Morton Levin: A Centennial Celebration**” thru June 15<sup>th</sup> ~ WW2 veteran Levin (1923-2020) served in the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division {Operation Overlord and the Golden Arrow Division – Utah Beach/Normandy}

“**The Things They Carried**” inspired by Tim O’Brien’s book: permanent exhibit.

Contact: 312-326-0270 Tues-Sat 12-4PM Admission Free. Street parking.

# THE THINGS THEY CARRIED

Inspired by the book by Tim O’Brien



Morton Levin, Army WW2



Steve, VU Vice President, at March 16<sup>th</sup> exhibition opening



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**Pritzker Military Museum and Library**, 104 S Michigan, Chicago IL~ “War of 1812: Countering Peril on the High Seas and at Home” thru July 27<sup>th</sup>. Open Thur/Fri/Sat 10-4PM. Admission fee. Contact: 312-374-433. Pritzker Museum will be transformed as an Archives and Research Center and relocated near Kenosha WI this late summer 2024.

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**Naval Air Station Glenview Museum**, 2040 Lehigh Ave, Glenview, IL. Our VU president Irv has an active role with this museum. See him at our next meeting in June. Contact 847-657-0000 on Sat or Sun for more information.

## H.R.2413 - Dental Care for Veterans Act

118th Congress (2023-2024) | [Get alerts](#)

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#) (Introduced 03/30/2023)

**Committees:** House - Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Action:** House - 04/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:** 📍 Introduced > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law

Summary(1) Text(1) Actions(3) Titles(2) Amendments(0) **Cosponsors(34)** Committees(1) Related Bills(0)

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#) | Cosponsor statistics: 34 current - includes 0 original

\* = Original cosponsor

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Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored
<a href="#">Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]</a>	03/22/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]</a>	03/22/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Barragán, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]</a>	03/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]</a>	03/07/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]</a>	02/28/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]</a>	02/15/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]</a>	01/30/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]</a>	01/25/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]</a>	01/17/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]</a>	01/10/2024
<a href="#">Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]</a>	11/28/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]</a>	10/26/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]</a>	10/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]</a>	10/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]</a>	09/21/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]</a>	09/20/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]</a>	08/25/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]</a>	07/17/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]</a>	07/17/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]</a>	06/23/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]</a>	05/18/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]</a>	04/25/2023
<a href="#">Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]</a>	04/25/2023



# Veterans for Unification

Our mission is to educate the Veteran community and support quality care and benefits for all Veterans in the VA Healthcare System.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

*Saturday, June 15, 2024  
10 - 11:30 AM*

## **SPEAKER:**

*Catherine Sevedge*

*LCSW Director, Vet Center Forest Park IL*

*Light refreshments served*

**Oak Park Public Library**

**Veterans Room 834 Lake Street Oak Park, IL**

**Phone 708-383-8200**

1 blk west of Oak Park Ave and about 3 blks east of Harlem  
Street & indoor parking/WC accessible/Public transportation: contact RTA

**Veterans for Unification**: For more information~ 847-827-0835

*Veterans for Unification is a not for profit 501c (3) organization:  
All donations are tax deductible*

Dues are only \$20 a year for a great organization: please join us today.  
This organization welcomes all veterans and those who support veterans.

*Send your check or money order to:*

**Veterans for Unification, 805 Lake St. #198, Oak Park IL 60301**

**VeteransforUnification.org**



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Renew my membership to Veterans for Unification.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:     Veteran  
                   Associate (non-veteran)

**Membership fee:**

\$20/Year

Membership fee: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to make a tax  
deductible donation to VU: .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks or money order payable to:  
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