



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE MEETS WITH VETERANS TO DISCUSS NEEDS

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS--In a meeting with Vietnam War veterans representing nine colleges and universities in Kansas and Missouri yesterday, Senator Bob Dole indicated he had found strong support within the Congress for legislation to improve educational benefits for Vietnam-era veterans. Dole had requested the meeting with college veteran leaders across the State to discuss their needs and obtain their viewpoints on various veterans' bills now pending in the Senate.

Dole is an original sponsor of the Comprehensive Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Benefits Act of 1973, also co-sponsored by Senators George McGovern, Charles Mathias and Daniel Inouye, which is one of the bills under consideration. The bill would establish a tuition benefit program for veterans, increase the subsistence allowance to veterans in vocational rehabilitation and education programs, estimate on a case-by-case basis the entitlement period for educational benefits, and also increase from 8 to 10 years the eligibility period for GI assistance.

Dole indicated that he felt most of the provisions of his legislation would be included in the final legislation reported by the Veterans Committee, but added that the benefit figures were still under consideration and would most likely be adjusted.

The meeting was held at Dole's request at the Ramada Inn in Kansas City, Kansas. The delegation of about 35 Vietnam War veteran's group leaders represented more than 8,000 veterans at the University of Missouri Kansas City, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Penn Valley Community College, Johnson County Community College, Longview Community College, Kansas City Community College, Rockhurst College and Avila College.