

MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
9TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
RANKING MEMBER, ENERGY AND POWER
HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
RANKING MEMBER, COMPENSATION, PENSION, AND INSURANCE
HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE

CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CAUCUS

CO-CHAIRMAN, TASK FORCE ON AGING

LEADER'S TASK FORCE ON HEALTH

CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM CAUCUS



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0909

PLEASE RESPOND TO:

- ☐ WASHINGTON OFFICE:
7240 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0908
(202) 225-5799
- ☐ DISTRICT OFFICES:
1100 CLEVELAND STREET, SUITE 1800
CLEARWATER, FL 34616
(813) 441-3721
- ☐ 4111 LAND O' LAKES BOULEVARD
SUITE 308
LAND O' LAKES, FL 34639
(813) 996-7441

August 5, 1994

George Karaphillis
Mike Koulianos
Tony Renardo
315 Pineapple Street
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Dear Fellow Veterans:

Half a century ago this year, the soldiers of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion stood ready to defend freedom on the beaches of France. This year I had the honor of attending and participating in ceremonies in Normandy marking the 50th anniversary of that D-Day invasion of Europe. And, today I have the honor of greeting some of the toughest American Patriots this country has known - members of the 612th Battalion.

The battle of Normandy secured for all of us, as Americans, freedom from tyranny. But that freedom was not won easily -- it took the sacrifice and dedication of many Americans, including many of you here today, and many, like Sgt. Ed Sapp, who are here in our memories. It is my prayer that freedom and peace will be the everlasting tributes to their memory.

I salute each of you for your bravery and honor fifty years ago, and I salute you now on this momentous occasion.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

MB:mps