

## Why Veterans Prefer Trump Over Clinton

Donald Trump is a very new kind of conservative representative. However, one area where his conservative values strongly represent the Republican Party is Veterans Affairs.

Veterans have taken to Trump with a fervor not seen in a very long time. Part of it is his no apologies attitude when it comes to demanding the best for the best that have served our country. Trump has not once waived on his commitment to those men and women who have risked and lost their lives for America.

One of Trump's core platform guarantees with respect to Veterans Affairs centers around treating the whole person once they return from war.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has affected anywhere from 11-20% of war veterans since the Vietnam War. Military sexual trauma (MST) has also affected an additional 23% of women who experienced sexual assault, 55% of women who experienced sexual harassment, and 38% of men who experienced sexual harassment. These "invisible traumas" are currently not treated in the capacity in which they should be.

Lt. Col. Louis Dorfman recently gave Mr. Trump his Purple Heart Medal. In his interview with Fox News, Lt. Col. Dorfman explained why he did so. He said he did suffer from one of the invisible diseases as a result of his service and he wanted Trump to have his medal so that he would remember every time he looked at it that these invisible diseases are affecting our veterans on a daily basis. He trusts Trump to do the right thing for veterans. This is a staunch difference in the way veterans feel about Democrat presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton.

Anti-Hillary veterans' groups such as Concerned Veterans for America and Veterans Against Hillary Clinton continue to protest Mrs. Clinton's status quo attitude toward Veterans Affairs.

Clinton continues to suggest that the VA controversy of 2014 was overblown even though VA Secretary Shinseki resigned and the VA Inspector General determined the inappropriate practices at VA medical centers were systemic throughout the VA. Clinton appears to be downplaying the need of our veterans whereas Donald Trump has brought their need for better care to the forefront of his argument.

America's veterans have favored the Republican Party over the Democrat Party for decades, primarily due to the overall reverence Republicans exhibit toward our veterans. When the Democrats blame the military for the world's problems and sometimes even accuse them of horrific acts during the course of war, the Republican Party has always stood by them and veterans see the need to ensure a Republican president now more than ever.