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## **Barrow Announces 2009 Veterans Town Hall Tour Schedule**

*Meetings will be held in Savannah, Glennville, Statesboro, Augusta, and Milledgeville.*

**Washington, D.C.** – It's time again for Congressman Barrow's annual Veterans Town Hall Tour. This is an opportunity for Congressman Barrow to meet with veterans and their families, thank them for their service, and listen to their concerns. He'll be hosting five meetings on July 1, July 2, and July 3 throughout Georgia's 12th District:

### **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

#### **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

American Legion Post 184  
1 Legion Drive at Rowland Avenue  
Thunderbolt (Savannah), Georgia

### **Thursday, July 2, 2009**

#### **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Glennville VFW Post 8379  
108 West Barnard Street  
Glennville, Georgia

#### **11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Honey Bowen Building  
1 Max Lockwood Drive  
Statesboro, Georgia

#### **3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

VFW Post 649  
2430 Windsor Spring Road  
Augusta, Georgia

**Friday, July 3, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

American Legion Post 523  
430 West Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Milledgeville, Georgia

Congressman Barrow is looking forward to visiting with veterans, and he's got good news to share. Since last year's meetings, the reimbursement rate for veterans who have to travel to get their care has risen to an all time high of 41.5 cents per mile, up from 11 cents per mile when Congressman Barrow took office in 2005. Congress has also passed the New GI Bill, which provides for a four year college education for all of our veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, and has increased funding for veterans' health care by \$17.7 billion since 2007.

The increase in the mileage reimbursement rate for disabled veterans who have to drive long distances to VA hospitals for health care is something Congressman Barrow has fought for since he took office in 2005

“Our nation's veterans shouldn't have to travel long distances to meet with their Congressman, which is why I travel to meet them,” said Barrow. “I hope veterans and their families will come by, learn about what I've been working on for them in Washington, and find out the many ways my office can be helpful to them right here in Georgia.”

Among many other things, Congressman Barrow's office can:

- Expedite VA claims for veterans facing foreclosures and other hardships
- Help with finding old military records
- Provide advice for handling VA claims
- Initiate Congressional Inquiries for all military branches
- Help obtain benefits for widows and other survivors of veterans
- Help with obtaining replacement medals and citations
- Help with obtaining VA approved mortgages and GI Bill benefits

All of Congressman Barrow's Veterans Town Hall Tour meetings are open to the public.

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