



AFGE Scores Major Victories in 2007!

Funding, collective bargaining rights, better care for veterans are among successes

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and the National VA Council made major inroads on several key concerns of VA employees in 2007. Despite relentless attacks from the Bush administration and roadblocks in the Senate, 2007 was a year of victories.

AFGE, NVAC, and VA employees made headlines by:

Successfully convincing Congress to pass legislation that prohibits the VA from outsourcing work performed by more than 10 employees without first conducting a job competition.

Working with Congress to pass a FY 2008 budget that provides a \$3.7 billion dollar increase in funds for VA health care and 1,110 new claims processors at the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).

Getting legislation introduced (H.R. 4089) that would restore the collective bargaining rights of registered nurses, doctors, physicians' assistants and other VA health care professionals so they can grieve and negotiate over pay, schedules, assignments and other workplace issues.

Securing a Government Accountability Office investigation of training problems at VBA that Congress requested at our recommendation.

While AFGE and the National VA Council secured significant victories in 2007, there is more work to be done to insure that the VA meets the needs of veterans and VA employees. Join AFGE and the National VA Council so that we can work together to:

Ensure passage of legislation restoring collective bargaining rights of VA health care professionals.

Secure better pay and job security for all VA employees

Ensure passage of mandatory funding for VA health care

This year is ripe with opportunities for VA employees. Working together with one voice we can continue to educate lawmakers to the need for long overdue changes at the VA. If we get everyone together, we can win!

Join AFGE. Together We Can Win.



