



Support the Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act!

The Veterans in Parks Act, or VIP Act, is a bipartisan bill led by Representatives Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), that recognizes our military servicemembers, veterans, and Gold Star Families should be treated like VIPs in our National Parks and on our public lands.

The VIP Act:

- Provides free annual America the Beautiful Passes to current military service members.
- Provides free lifetime America the Beautiful Passes to veterans and members of Gold Star Families so they can always access our National Parks and public lands at no cost.

Background:

The America the Beautiful Pass provides access to over 2,000 federal recreation areas, including our National Parks, National Forests, and Wildlife Refuges. This includes some of our most iconic treasures, ranging from the majestic Grand Canyon National Park to the awe-inspiring Redwood National Forest.

Although we can never fully repay the debt we owe to our servicemembers and veterans, the VIP Act would allow them, along with Gold Star Family members, to visit our National Parks and public lands free of charge. In 2020, the America the Beautiful annual pass became free for veterans and Gold Star Families. However, this change for veterans has never been codified and could be undone in future years. The VIP Act protects these passes by codifying them and making them lifetime passes instead of annual passes. The VIP Act also codifies no-cost annual passes for current service members, which can be converted into lifetime passes once they leave the military.

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