
Pennacchio Bill to Establish “Atomic Veterans Day” in NJ Advances

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“Veterans who participated in the nuclear tests of atomic weapons in the mid-twentieth century patriotically served this country, meeting the needs of national defense during a critical period in history,” said Pennacchio (R-26). “This legislation will honor the important role these unique service members played in the defense of our nation.”

Approximately 250,000 veterans of the United States, including residents of New Jersey, witnessed and participated in at least 235 atmospheric nuclear weapons tests.

Pennacchio’s joint resolution, [SJR-84](#), designates July 16 of each year as Atomic Veterans Day in New Jersey to honor the American military service members who participated in nuclear tests of atomic weapons between 1945 and 1962.