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**SEN. ADLEY NAMED CHAIRMAN
OF NEW SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**EFFORT TO FOCUS ON NEEDS OF LA VETERANS
AND MILITARY ISSUES**

District 36 State Senator Robert Adley (R-Benton) is taking on new responsibilities in the Louisiana Senate as chairman of the newly created Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. The new select committee was created to study and address the needs of Louisiana veterans and active duty military. The move is especially important now with the continuing operations around the world to protect America's freedoms and the participation of so many Louisianians in those operations.

"We have no greater responsibility as public servants than the responsibility to make sure our state and federal government meets the needs of the brave men and women who serve in the United States armed forces and their families," Sen. Adley said. "I look forward to working with Louisiana's Department of Veterans Affairs to make sure we are doing everything we can to meet that responsibility."

As a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Sen. Adley has focused on the needs of Louisiana veterans and active duty military personnel since the beginning of his service in the Louisiana State Legislature. Last year, Sen. Adley successfully led the effort to create the Veterans' Honor Medal Program. At the current legislative session, he is pushing for a change in the State Constitution to make sure that those with a service-related disability or the families of those killed in action or who are missing in action do not face rising property taxes as the value of their property increases, regardless of their income.

The first meeting of the Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. At the initial meeting, the committee will discuss the state of veterans affairs in Louisiana and develop a list of areas that need to be studied and addressed over the coming months.

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