



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION Legislative Agenda - CY2019

Currently Serving

- Encourage increased participation by Maryland employers and residents in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. Maryland can visibly demonstrate its support for the Guard and Reserve by ensuring the Maryland ESGR Committee is fully staffed with active participants, so that the vital mission of the ESGR is fulfilled within the State.
- Support interstate reciprocity of licensing and certification requirements in all occupations for uniformed service spouses, and those transitioning from the uniformed services to the civilian sector.

Retiree Benefits

Work towards full exemption of Uniformed Services retirement income from Maryland income tax.

Surviving Spouses and Family Members

Insure a process exists so that Surviving Spouses and surviving family members can become aware of and access all Maryland benefits due to them as a result of their loss.

Health Care

- Advocate for establishment of a second State Veterans Home to be operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, in a different geographical location from Charlotte Hall.
- Educate family members of elderly, medically fragile veterans to assist them in application for health care benefits and nursing home placement for the eligible veteran.

Suicide Prevention

- Encourage the Maryland Department of Health to undertake an educational program to improve veterans groups' ability to identify and serve veterans suffering a crisis, actions that should be taken to prevent suicide, and how veterans and their family members can obtain mental health care.
- Support development of a comprehensive action plan for veteran suicide prevention, to include increased access to and availability of professional veteran health services to prevent veteran suicide.