



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Legislative Goals, Maryland General Assembly, 2020

Veterans & Families

- Support **Veteran mental health & suicide prevention efforts.**
- **Full exemption of Uniformed Services federal retired pay** from Maryland state income tax.
- Expand the **full Property-Tax Exemption** for service-disabled Veterans rated 100% permanent and total to include a greater number of our most severely disabled Veterans.
- A **second Veterans Home** in Maryland.
- Support efforts to **end Veteran homelessness.**
- Ensure **surviving spouses** are eligible for any benefits afforded their Veterans.
- Enhance support for **disabled Veteran family caregivers.**
- Support efforts to encourage **Veteran entrepreneurship.**
- Authorize **free tuition and fees at Maryland public colleges and universities** to severely disabled Veterans and their families, including surviving family members.
- Ensure for-profit college accountability in serving Veterans using their GI Bill benefits.
- Expand the Maryland **state income tax check-off program** to include the Veterans Trust Fund, the Veterans Service Animal Program, and the Recreational Licenses Donation Program.
- Allow the **Recreational Licenses Donation Program** to award grants to nonprofit recreational therapy programs for service-disabled Veterans and Gold Star family members.
- Enhance Veterans' ability to receive military service credit as Maryland government employees.

Service Members & Families

- Support measures to facilitate compliance with Maryland state regulations for current Service Members and their Families, especially during lengthy absences while on extended orders.
- Remove obstacles to Service Members' spouses achieving full employment.