

**1. The Indiana Veteran Recovery Program and fund.** 5 yr evidence based clinical trial and fund for TBI-PTS treatment of veterans.

**2. Improve Indiana's standing by improving the state income tax exempt status for military income.**

**3. Keeping and growing veteran population in Indiana.**

- **Recruit service members coming off active duty.** Private industry, local & state government build package. Includes incentives, training stipends, relocation expenses, tax abatement, home loans, and Income Tax credits.
- Provide an **Indiana Work Opportunity Tax Credit (IWOTC)** for hiring qualified veterans. Tax credits up to \$9,600 per vet. Work One Regions train businesses on how to apply for the Fed/State WOTC.
- Require lenders, doing business in Indiana, to **lend to a veteran** who wants to purchase a home for their residence in Indiana at the published credit score by the VA for a **VA backed home loan.**

**4. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Support.**

- Establish **six regional offices** with 4 employees (2 Veterans Service Officers, and 2 assistants). Grant support and outreach to prisoners, veteran organizations, and county veteran service officers.
- **Provide supplement funds** from the general fund so all **County Veteran Service Officers must work full time.**
- Modify requirement for all 92 counties to have an **accredited CVSO by pairing select adjacent counties w/ small veteran populations.** Additionally, **require counties w/ large veteran populations to have more than one accredited CVSO.**
- Require a portion of **local income taxes to be withheld from cities and counties that fail to enforce accreditation and reaccreditation requirements** for city and county service officers.
- IDVA director to **notify county/ city leadership of non-compliance to IC 10-17-1-9**
- Require CVSOs, city service officers, and assistants' be designated to serve for **4 years.**
- Fund CVSO **accreditation and renewal** training from IDVA.
- Fund **law school veteran's disability clinics with \$125K each.**

**5. Expand Veterans Treatment Court funds and establish a VTC in every Judicial Districts.** Direct Indiana Justice Center in coordination with Criminal Justice Institute, and other agencies as appropriate to **seek federal grants** from DOJ, VA, & HHS.

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**6. Establish a veteran's scratch-off game** with revenue from sales going to the veteran's trust fund.

**7. Fund full remission of fees** for dependent of disabled veteran if all GI Bill benefits are used. Require "C" to continue. Limit duration of remission to 4 years.

**8. Help end Veteran Homelessness** by providing property tax credits for Landlord/Property Owners/Managers who house Veterans that are associated with the VA or other veteran organizations.

**9. Issue, without charge, a standard drivers license or Veteran ID Card.** This will enable the state to know the names and locations of almost all veterans. With this information outreach programs and assistance can be targeted to specific veterans. More veterans can be taught about and assisted in obtaining federal veterans benefits that they have earned.

**10. GUARD AND RESERVE MATTERS**

- **Expand NG Tuition Supplement Program to include Indiana Reservists.** Require "C" avg. Require Universities to consider ALL state benefits for aid. Restrict funds to only after GI Bill used.
- **Enact academic protections for mobilized Guard & Reserve students.**
- **Placement priority for ALL Service Members** in state employment or training
- **Provide Employer tax credits** to help offset costs associated with employees' **Guard or Reserve activities** and reinforce employer support.
- Exempt GI Bill, disability compensation, and vocational rehabilitation funds from income in any need based **financial aid calculations.**

**11. Establish a Renter Credit for Disabled Veteran** who would qualify for the property tax credit for disabled veterans except for the fact that the disabled veteran rents living quarters.

**12. Provide Service Member's reasonable funeral expenses** for a current resident of Indiana who dies while in a military duty status.

**13. Provide a State Service Bonus for duty in a combat zone during the Gulf Wars** of up to \$1,000 for military members who are residents of Indiana.



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## MISSION



The Military / Veterans Coalition of Indiana's mission promotes the needs of the military community of Indiana; this includes Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, National Guard Service Members, Reservist, surviving spouses, retirees and their families. We encourage the Indiana Government to enact legislation recognizing the honor brought to the state and nation by their service. We communicate through personal contact, with the media and via website to government representatives of Indiana and other agencies as deemed necessary.

We are military, veterans and uniformed-service organizations that promote:

- Military awareness and advocacy throughout Indiana.
- Commitment to the maintenance of a strong national defense as provided by the dedicated, skilled and highly capable personnel of the uniformed services to include the Reserve components.
- The interests of Indiana military, veterans, their families and survivors by promoting and supporting efforts to retain a compensation, entitlements, readiness, retention and other benefits within the State.
- Support of programs to educate the public on the extraordinary demand and sacrifices associated with military service and the accomplishments of our military members.
- Events and support for service members, veterans and their family members within the State.



## 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

TMVCI has developed a list of goals that they seek to have enacted by the Indiana General Assembly over several years considering balancing the priorities of the State of Indiana with that of the current service members, veterans, surviving spouses, retirees, and their families.

The legislative goals are developed over time, adjusted as needs and issues become known to the group by members of the Coalition. The Legislative Goals are considered a living document and adapted based upon the budget cycle of Indiana. Goals are prepared based on input by all members of the Coalition.

### VISION & LONG TERM GOALS

The Military / Veterans Coalition of Indiana's vision is to make Indiana a veteran / military friendly state as recognized by Indiana's ranking among all the states. We want Indiana to be in the top 10 of whatever study is done. We seek to have state and local government, not for profit organizations, and private enterprises think and act positively thinking of veterans and military first when undertaking action.

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