

1. Fix The Indiana Veteran Recovery Pilot.
 - **Extend program by 1 year** and retain current funding.
 - **Expand to select 5 locations.**
 - **Eliminate cost share** and **fix eligibility** criteria
2. Improve Indiana's standing by improving the **state income tax exempt status for all military income.**
3. **Establish a veteran's scratch-off ticket with revenue from sales going to veteran's programs.**
4. **Keep and grow veteran population in Indiana.**
 - Provide an **Indiana Work Opportunity Tax Credit (IWOTC)** for hiring qualified veterans.
 - **Recruit service members coming off active duty.**
 - Include a person focused on coordinating private-public team.
5. **21st Century Veterans Support.**
 - Fund **CVSO accreditation and renewal** training from IDVA.
 - County/ City Service Officers, & Assistants' to serve for 5 yrs.
 - IDVA director to **notify county/ city leadership of non-compliance to IC 10-17-1-9**
 - Require a portion of **local income taxes to be withheld from cities and counties that fail to enforce accreditation and reaccreditation requirements** for veteran service officers.
 - Require CVSOs **initial accreditation be done by** the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO).
6. Fund **full remission of fees** for children of disabled veteran if all GI Bill benefits are used. Require "C" to continue. Limit duration to 4 years.
7. **Fix current funding for Veteran Homelessness and help end Veteran Homelessness.**
 - Fix HB1001 to include all individuals who served in the armed forces.
 - Provide one full time person to lead a Veteran Homelessness Task Force to design, coordinate, and execute plans to manage the entire state problem—working with federal, state, county and other entities.
 - Provide property tax credits for Landlord/Property Owners/ Managers who house Vets connected to the VA or Vet Organizations.
 - Direct State Agencies to develop and execute policies and procedures to **Make Veteran Homelessness Elimination a priority.**
8. Require Bureau of Motor Vehicles to
 - **Gather military service participation of applicants/renewals for driver's license or ID Card.** Also gather email/facebook information and phone number as optional information to be used by IDVA to develop outreach of those who have served.
 - **Issue a disability parking placard with all Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plates.**
9. **GUARD AND RESERVE MATTERS**
 - **Enact academic protections for mobilized Guard & Reserve students.**
 - Exempt GI Bill, disability comp, and vocational rehab funds from income in any need based **financial aid calculations.**
10. **Veterans inclusion in boards.** Require veteran representation on select boards and prioritize actions to support veterans. Person(s) can satisfy multiple requirements of board membership as a veteran.
11. Provide to **Veteran Non-Profit Organizations / Associations resident rates for disabled veterans** who may not be Indiana residents for fishing and hunting licenses **for a group event.**
12. 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.
13. **Veteran Property Tax Matters.**
 - **Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Service.**
 - **Exemption at 100% rate for veterans classified as "individually unemployable".**
 - **Remove the property value limitation for disabled veterans.**
 - **Abandoned homestead property taxation.** Allow county/city to provide property tax deduction for abandoned homesteads that **become owner occupied by a military veteran, member of the military, or public safety officer. Provide deduction up to 10 years** and at percentages specified. Allow additional criteria for a homestead to be eligible for the deduction.
14. Provide **Employer tax credits** to offset costs associated with employees' **Guard or Reserve activities** and reinforce employer support.

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2018 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 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 actions.

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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.