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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.



## 2022 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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1. **Reserve Tuition Supplement Program.**
    - Create a Reserve Tuition Supplement Program to match the existing National Guard Tuition Supplement Program within existing state tuition supplement programs.
    - Provide funds only after all other sources of financial scholarships, grants, awards, benefits, or gifts are used except Pell Grants.
    - Require applicants to take the CLEP test prior to application of financial aid.
    - Does **NOT** seek additional Appropriations as current budgets can support.
  2. **Disabled Veteran Higher Education Assistance Matters.**
    - Provide children of all service-connected disabled veterans full remission of fees at any State supported post-secondary school or university in the State of Indiana.
  3. **Renter Credit for Disabled Veteran.**
    - Provide a renter credit for a disabled veteran who would qualify for the property tax credit for disabled veterans except for the fact that the disabled veteran rents living quarters.
  4. **Individually Unemployable Veterans Property Tax.**
    - Property Tax Exemption at 100% rate for veterans who are classified as individually unemployable by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs regardless of their service connected disability rating.
  5. **Disabled Veterans Property Tax.**
    - Remove the property value limitation for a disabled vet to receive a property tax reduction.
  6. **Guard and Reserve Employer tax abatement credits.**
    - Provide Employer tax abatement credits as a means to help offset costs associated with employees' Guard or Reserve activities and reinforce employer support.
  7. **Veteran “Ask the Question” Act. (OSD).**
    - Requires IDVA develop and maintain a guide designed to help those Veterans and Military Families who are in need of assistance. Provide list providing contact information for service and support to veterans.
    - Requires state government agencies and county agencies that face the public to ask “Have you or a member of your family served in the Armed Forces?” On, “YES” response provide information on other veteran support available in area caller is seeking assistance.
  8. **County Veteran Service Officer Eligibility requirements.**
    - Requires a County Veterans Service Officer be a veteran.
    - Requires applicants for CVSO positions have at least a 2-year residency.
  9. **Job preference status to veterans applying for state jobs that do not require special requirements.**
    - Provides job preference status to veterans applying for state jobs that do not require special requirements.
  10. **“Catastrophic” disabled veteran hunting season.**
    - Proposal for summer study to “establishing a catastrophic disabled veteran hunting season” with the “youth hunting season”.