

The Military / Veterans Coalition of Indiana 2023 Legislative GOALS V2

1. **Growing Indiana Veteran Population. IC 6-3-2-4.**
Synopsis: Increase Military Service deduction from adjusted gross income (AGI) of military income.
2. **Fighting the Indiana Brain Drain Reserve Tuition Supplement Program. IC21-14-4.**
Synopsis:
SECTION 1. Create a Reserve Tuition Supplement Program to match the existing National Guard Tuition Supplement Program within existing state tuition supplement programs.
SECTION 2. Require applicants to take the CLEP test (through the military) prior to applicants attendance at state institute of higher education.
3. **Reduce the Veteran Suicide Rate in Indiana.**
Synopsis: Provide funding to treat TBI and PTSD in veterans using hyperbaric oxygen therapy.
4. **Reduce veteran's suicides and benefit veterans by funding County Veteran Service Officer Salaries. IC 4-30-3-20.5.**
Synopsis: Require the state to adopt rules and direct state funds are used for funding county veterans service officer's salaries. Currently every county is required to have an accredited CVSO. This requirement means a CVSO must work at least 1000 hours a year. All counties shall be funded for this at \$22,000 annually for a ½ time person. Additionally, require counties with veteran population exceeding 2,500 to add an additional half staff (20 hours a week work) CVSO for each 2,500 additional veterans in that county or portion that rounds up to the next 2,500 veteran population. Funding for these additional positions would also come from the funds identified above. The funding actions should be via block grants to the counties. IDVA is recommended to oversee the fund. Monies not distributed annually will not revert and may be added The Veterans Affairs Trust Fund.
5. **Disabled Veteran Children Higher Education Assistance Matters. IC21-14-4 .**
Synopsis: 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.
6. **Reduce Disabled Veteran Suicides by assisting with a rent tax break. IC 6-3-2-6**
Synopsis: Deduction; rent payments. 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.
7. **Individually Unemployable Veterans Property Tax**
Synopsis: 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.
8. **Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Matter. IN 6-1.1-12-14(c).**
Synopsis: Remove the property value limitation for a disabled vet to receive a property tax reduction.
9. **Guard and Reserve Employer tax abatement credits. IC 6-3.1.**
Synopsis: Provide Employer tax abatement credits as a means to help offset costs associated with employees' Guard or Reserve activities and reinforce employer support.

10. **County Veteran Service Officer Eligibility requirements. IC 10-17-1-9.**

Synopsis: Require a County Veterans Service Officer be a veteran. Require applicants for CVSO positions have at least a 2-year residency.

11. **Job preference for veterans applying for “unclassified” state jobs.**

Synopsis: Provide job preference status to veterans applying for unclassified state jobs.

12. **Reduce suicide rate for “Catastrophic” disabled veterans.**

Synopsis: Proposal to have a summer study topic be “establishing a catastrophic disabled veteran hunting season” with the “youth hunting season”.

13. **Women Veteran Recognition Day Resolution.**

Synopsis: Create and publish a Resolution designating June 12, 2023 as Women Veteran Recognition Day.