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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.



## 2023 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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**Growing Indiana Veteran Population.**

- Increase the Military Service deduction from adjusted gross income (AGI) on Indiana State Income Taxes.

**Fighting the Indiana Brain Drain by providing a Reserve Tuition Supplement Program.**

- Create a Reserve Tuition Supplement Program.
- Require applicants to take the College Level Examination Program Test (CLEP through the military) prior to attendance at state institute of higher education.

**Reduce the Veteran Suicide Rate in Indiana.**

- Continue program and funding to treat TBI & PTSD for veterans & first responders using hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

**Reduce veteran's suicides and benefit veterans by funding County Veteran Service Officer Salaries.**

- Fund county veterans service officer's salaries.
- Fund additional positions in counties with large veteran populations.

**Reduce the Brain Drain by providing Disabled Veteran Children Higher Education Assistance.**

- Provide children of all service connected Indiana disabled veterans full remission of fees.

**Reduce Disabled Veteran Suicides by assisting with a rent tax break.**

- Provide a renter credit for a disabled veteran who would qualify for the property tax credit if they owned real property.

**Individually Unemployable Veterans Property Tax**

- Provide a Property Tax Exemption at 100% rate for veterans who are classified as “individually unemployable” by VA.

**Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Matter.**

- Remove the property value limitation for a disabled Veteran to receive a property tax reduction.

**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.

**County Veteran Service Officer Eligibility requirements.**

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

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

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

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

- Establish a “catastrophic” disabled veteran hunting season.

**Women Veteran Recognition Day Resolution.**

- Create and publish a resolution designating June 12, 2023 as Women Veteran Recognition Day.