



# MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

## Our Accomplishments

The Coalition meets with legislators and their staff, makes recommendations for needed changes to bills, testifies, and writes letters of support to our representatives. Our grassroots efforts have demonstrated success over time.

### 2025

Supported these key bills, which were passed and signed into law, including one of our four 2025 Legislative Goals:

- ✓ Families Serve Act of 2025 – Expands to the county and local jurisdiction level priority hiring to eligible spouses of currently serving members and veterans of the uniformed services (SB0872/HB1443)
- ✓ Time to Serve Act of 2025 – Expands to the county and local jurisdiction level the granting of additional leave for disaster relief and uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a Reserve Component unit (SB0652/HB1080)
- Modernization of Military Laws Act (SB0275/HB0448)
- Educational Equality for Service Members Act (SB0276/HB0600)
- Health Equality for Service Members Act (SB0277/HB0466)
- Tax Relief and State Personnel Equality for Service Members Act (SB0278/HB0691)
- Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act (SB0279/HB0895)
- Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act (SB0280/HB1060)
- Transportation Equality for Service Members Act (SB0281/HB0475)
- Recreational Equality for Service Members Act (SB0282/HB0494)
- Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact (SB0174/HB0345)
- Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Military Protection Orders (SB0273/HB0533)
- Veterans Benefits – Honorable Discharge (SB0491/HB0699)
- Department of General Services – Identification Cards – Veteran Status Notation (SB0048/CH0247)
- Disposition of Unclaimed Remains – Veterans (SB0057/CH0362)
- Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits (SB0067/CH0248)
- Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025 (SB0085/HB0455)
- Department of Environment – Notation of Veteran Status (SB0089/CH0249)
- Department of Labor – Licenses – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits (SB0114/CH0250)

## 2024

Supported these key bills, which were passed and signed into law, including two of our four 2024 Legislative Goals:

- ✓ Families Serve Act of 2024 – Expanded priority hiring to eligible spouses of currently serving members and veterans of the uniformed services (SB0478/HB0604)
- ✓ Property Tax – Disabled Veterans – Alterations – Expands credit to non-permanent 100% service-connected disabled veterans (SB0006/HB0064)
- Cosmetology Licensure Compact (SB0027/HB0383)
- Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification (SB0221/HB0146)
- State Board of Dietetic Practice – Dietician and Nutritionist – Licensure Requirements (SB0330/HB0378)
- Health Occupations – Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists Reciprocal Licensure Requirements (SB0409/HB0628)