



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

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Maryland Veterans Trust Fund Initiative

The House and Senate Chairs of the Maryland General Assembly Veterans Caucus invite all caucus members to a press conference announcing a joint initiative encouraging legislative leaders and colleagues to participate in a friendly challenge to increase donations to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

The Maryland Veterans Trust Fund, a core program of the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families and a 501(c)(3) organization, provides one-time grants to support veterans, military families, Gold Star parents and spouses, and members of the Maryland National Guard facing temporary financial hardship. Individuals outside these categories may request a waiver for consideration during intake.

Currently, more than 200 households are awaiting support. Demand has risen sharply during the government shutdown, with 30% of current applicants directly affected. This fundraising effort aims to reduce the backlog by prioritizing assistance for rent, mortgage payments, and essential utilities.

Delegate Mike Rogers, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.) (District 32), and Senator Ben Brooks, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran (District 10), are leading this initiative. Both have long collaborated on efforts to expand resources and support for Maryland veterans, including advancing legislation to make charitable contributions easier and more accessible. This challenge invites friendly competition to see which leaders can raise the most support for the Trust Fund.

As veterans and Chairs of the Veterans Caucus, we warmly invite our colleagues in the General Assembly, community partners, fellow veterans, and Maryland residents to join us in supporting this vital initiative by contributing to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

Members, staff, and press are invited to attend the press conference. Please [RSVP HERE](#) if you plan to participate. All Caucus Members and press are asked to arrive by 9:15 a.m. to allow adequate time for setup prior to the prompt 9:30 a.m. start. The event will conclude at approximately 10:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.