



Maryland Military Coalition

2027 Legislative Goals

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Eliminate the age restriction and tax on Uniformed Services Retirement Income



Maryland does not fully eliminate state income tax on uniformed services retired pay, but it does offer partial subtraction based on age. Retirees under age 55 can subtract up to \$12,500 of their uniformed services retirement income from Maryland state taxes. Retirees aged 55 and older can subtract up to \$20,000 of their Uniformed services retirement income.

The MMC urges the MGA to remove the 55-year age limit for certain retirement benefits because it is discriminatory. Due to budget ongoing constraints, MMC suggests eliminating the age restriction, raising the exemption to \$40,000 in line with Virginia's policy and phasing out the military retirement tax over the next 3 years.

Protect Maryland's Veterans from Claim Sharks - Update



In 2006, the criminal penalties for unaccredited companies who take fees from veterans for disability claims disappeared. Efforts to reinstate the penalties have failed. Since then, states are acting independently, creating an inconsistent patchwork of rules that place veterans in the middle. We need federal laws and a consistent approach.

Expedite Professional Licensure and Certification for Spouses



Spouses of uniformed services members often face significant challenges when relocating due to their partner's military assignments. One major obstacle is the delay in obtaining professional licensure or certification required to continue employment in a new state. These delays can result in lost income and career progression, further adding to the stress of frequent moves.

The MMC urges the MGA to enhance portability of six interstate licensure compacts, prioritized for Maryland by the Department of Defense and listed on the DSLO website.

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Support the Establishment of a Women Veterans' Memorial



Despite the efforts of four separate Commissions, all of which recommended the same location for a women veterans' memorial, there remains only one such memorial in the state. The sole recognition for Women Veterans is the Women in Military Service memorial, which is situated in the rest area along I-95 between Washington and Baltimore. Notably, this memorial is not listed on any official registers of State-managed memorials, further limiting its visibility and official recognition.

The MMC supports creating a REAL Maryland Women Veterans' Memorial, with a plan that includes a 501(c)(3) corporation to raise funds from foundations, corporations and individuals.

Establish a meaningful Veterans Tax-Free Day



Repeated attempts to provide veterans with a single tax-free day to honor their service to our Nation have received limited benefit. A bill that would have allowed a tax-free purchase up to \$2,000 was whittled down to only \$250 last session. We need a meaningful benefit that recognizes the sacrifices that they have made on our behalf.



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Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

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- Supporting Maryland Veterans and their Families –

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- ✓ Expedite professional licensure, certification & registration for Service Members, Active-Duty Spouses, and Veterans of the Uniformed Services, especially for those in health occupations.

Uniformed Services Retirement Programs

- ✓ Eliminate the age restriction on the current military retirement income subtraction in tax year 2027, raising the exemption to \$20,000 for all Uniformed Service retirees;
 - Then, raise the military retirement income subtraction incrementally until all tax on all Uniformed Services retired pay is retired.

Veterans and their Families

- ✓ Establish a meaningful Veterans Tax-free day.
- ✓ Support the establishment of a Maryland Women's Veteran Memorial at the Newburg, MD site by advocating for the establishment of a memorial timeline and designated public/private funding.

✓ Denotes 2027 Coalition Priority

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Our “Evergreen” Legislative Interests

Veterans and their Families

- Protect Maryland Veterans from Claims Sharks.

Veteran Entrepreneurship

- Enhance policies designed to aid Veteran-owned small businesses in state contracting.

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

- Expand the rural mental health service network.
- Expand Veterans' courts/dockets where demand for such services is evident.