

The Military - Veterans Coalition of Indiana 2024 Legislative GOALS V5

1. Fighting the Indiana Brain Drain.

Synopsis: Create a Reserve Tuition Supplement Program to match the existing National Guard Tuition Supplement Program within existing state tuition supplement programs. Require applicants to take the CLEP test (through the military) prior to applicants' attendance at state institute of higher education.

2. Support limiting of “small loans” to 36% APR.

Synopsis: Support “Hoosiers For Responsible Lending” legislation to limit loans to 36% APR.

3. Reduce the Veteran Suicide Rate in Indiana.

Synopsis: Direct use of veteran suicide funds provided to IDVA in the 2023 General Assembly and / or the Military Family Relief Fund to be used to treat TBI & PTSD in veterans using hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

4. Disabled Veteran Children Higher Education Equity.

Synopsis: Change current Indiana Code provision of paying for children of service-connected disabled veterans at full remission of fees prior to 2011 to include all children of service-connected disabled veterans after 2011.

5. Renter’s Credit for Disabled Veteran.

Synopsis: 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.

6. Disabled Veteran’s Property Value Cap Limit.

Synopsis: Remove the property value limitation for a disabled vet to receive a property tax reduction.

7. Military Family Relief Fund Grant Review.

Synopsis: Change the income limits for eligibility to add “need” for emergency issues or medical responsibility not covered elsewhere.

8. Guard and Reserve Employer tax abatement credits.

Synopsis: Provide Employer tax abatement credits to help offset costs associated with employees' Guard or Reserve activities and reinforce employer support.

9. Job preference status to veterans applying for “unclassified” state jobs.

Synopsis: Provide job preference status to veterans applying for “unclassified” state jobs that do not require special requirements.

10. Establish a “Catastrophic” disabled veteran hunting season.

Synopsis: Proposal to “establish a catastrophic disabled veteran hunting season” with the “youth hunting season”.

11. Women Veteran Recognition Day Resolution.

Synopsis: Create and publish a Resolution designating June 12, 2024, as Women Veteran Recognition Day.