



Priorities

First Session of the 116th Congress

- Reserve Component medical readiness/ TRICARE Reserve Select expansion (S164/HR613)
- Early retirement credit under 12304b orders
- Issue a DD214 upon separation or discharge from a Reserve Component similar to Active Duty
- Urge the Air National Guard to fund Federal Tuition Assistance for all ANG members
- Tax incentives for employers to hire members of the National Guard
- Tax deductions for drill weekend travel
- Allow TSP contributions outside of 401(k) threshold
- Improved mental health care access and treatment for all members of the Guard
- Amend Title 38 of the United States Code to recognize Guardsmen's ADT, ADSW, & AD
- Support for Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility & Transfer of Education Benefits



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Recent Achievements

- Forever G.I. Bill, which included 100% GI Bill benefit for Purple Heart recipients; GI Bill credit for 10 USC 12304b active service retroactive to 2012; GI Bill credit for 10 USC 12301(h) medical status; elimination of 15-year rule for using GI Bill
- Pre- and Post-mobilization health care now authorized for 10 USC 12304b active service
- Executive Order signed by the President on Veteran Suicide Prevention
- Pilot Program for Mental Health Study
- Prevented cost increases for retirees who use TRICARE for Life
- Rallied additional co-sponsorship on TRICARE Reserve Select legislation in preparation for 2019 push
- Began Veterans Education Project to champion GI Bill equality and balanced representation on Capitol Hill
- Completed initial year of Operation Vet Care to provide practical and financial assistance to veterans

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