
NCSL MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TASK FORCE VIRTUAL MEETING

MONDAY, AUG. 3, 2020



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening: Welcome, Co-Chair Remarks, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
- NCSL Report
- Task Force Member Roundtable on Top Enactments
- Ideas for Future Webinars & Educational Programs



ZOOM TIPS

- Meeting participants are encouraged to use the Zoom chat function to pose questions and comments during the virtual meeting
- During the roundtable, please use the chat box or the raised hand icon to be recognized.
- Others??



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

ROLL CALL

Josh	Revak	Alaska	si
Kim	Skipper	Alaska	k
Veronica	Badillo	California	v
Jenny	Callison	California	je
Larry	Crowder	Colorado	la
Leroy	Garcia	Colorado	le
Ed	Harbison	Georgia	e
Ty	Cullen	Hawaii	ty
Lonnie	Clark	Kansas	lc
Stanley	Rasmussen	Kansas	si
Matthew	Koch	Kentucky	m
Brandon	Smith	Kentucky	b
Whitney	Westerfield	Kentucky	w
Bob	Dettmer	Minnesota	rb
Dean	Dohrman	Missouri	d
Eliseo	Alcon	New Mexico	e
Adam	Miller	Ohio	ra
Frank	Simpson	Oklahoma	fr
David	Erinakes	Texas	d
Dan	Flynn	Texas	d
Eddie	Lucio	Texas	e
Jani	Iwamoto	Utah	iv
Val	Peterson	Utah	v
Paul	Ray	Utah	p
Michael	Behm	Virginia	n
Anthony	Pike	Virginia	si
Bryce	Reeves	Virginia	d
Jaime	Simon	Virginia	ja
Steve	Hobbs	Washington	si
Mari	Leavitt	Washington	n
Tina	Orwall	Washington	ti
Jon	Jukuri	Washington, DC	jc
Jaime	Simon	Washington, DC	ja
Mary	Soderlind	Washinton	n
Bill	Henderson	Wyoming	b
	NCSL Staff		
Gretchenn	DuBois	Colorado	g
Brooke	Oleen	Colorado	b
Jennifer	Schultz	Colorado	je
Jim	Reed	Colorado	ji
Jon	Jukuri	DC	jc
Michael	Quillen	DC	m
Boris	Kun	DC	

2019 & 2020 NCSL MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

2019 Meeting Topics: Nashville and Hawaii

Hawaii highlights (Oct. 2019):

- Site Visit: Marine Corps Base Hawaii and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (Oct. 2019)
- Siting renewable energy
- Case Study on Schofield Generating Station
- A Path to Employment for Veterans with Disabilities – Report

Nashville sessions (Aug. 2019)

- On Duty at Home: Enhancing Your State Military Economy
- Improving Outcomes for Justice-Involved Veterans
- Homefront Heroes: Supporting Employment of Military Spouses (w/LED)
- Inspiring Americans to Serve: National Commission on Military, National and Public Service
- The Battle Within: Preventing Military Suicides



2020 NCSL RESOURCES

➤ Blogs

[From Isolation to Recognition: State Legislatures Honor Vietnam Veterans](#) (March 28, 2020)

[National Guard Aids State Efforts in COVID-19 Response](#) (April 3, 2020)

[Memorial Day: A Time for Respect and Remembrance](#) (May 21, 2020)

[Join the Conversation on National Service](#) (June 23, 2020)

➤ Web Pages

[National Guard Assists Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (April 1, 2020)

Governors in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands have activated components of their Army and Air National Guard, the reserve component of the U.S military. As many as 50,000 troops have been activated across the nation to assist efforts to respond to, mitigate and control the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Veteran Homelessness: Overview of State and Federal Resources](#) (May 22, 2020)

Since the beginning of the 2019-2020 legislative sessions, state legislatures from coast to coast have introduced 79 bills that directly relate to the homelessness of veterans. Specifically, state legislation predominately focused around home loans, rental protections and adapted housing. Of the 79 bills introduced, 17 were fully enacted into law.

OTHER TOPICS MENTIONED FOR CONSIDERATION

- Suicide prevention for veterans and families – how to enhance mental health services with budget shortfalls
- National Guard efforts, in light of the last six months
- License reciprocity – key issue of task force
- VA Zoom interactions
- Telehealth and Tri-Care – Overview at federal level, then state responses/focused session
- Workforce development, including manufacturing on a smaller scale – a nexus with veterans
- Housing and veterans (military and veteran family evictions)
- CARES dollars to help veterans
- Law enforcement; veterans and COVID in jails.
- Jet fuel ultra-fine particles – study on base impacts
- Ghost Army Recognition Day on June 6 – Congressional Gold Medal effort

