UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



DoD-State Liaison

Bill Hampton Defense – State Liaison Office

DoD – State Liaison Function

- Established by the USD(P&R) in 2004
- Mission is to:
 - Alleviate barriers in state policy Service members and their families face as a result of military life
 - Harmonize differences in state and federal laws impacting P&R policies
- Accomplish mission through "ERA" with state policymakers
 - Educate about the issues, build Relationships, and Assist when asked
 - Provide best practices and arrange for testimony and supplemental information
 - We don't lobby no 'grass roots' campaigning for specific pieces of legislation
- Can cover anything in the P&R portfolio and any aspect of state policy
 - Covered issues important to White House, Joining Forces, Casualty Affairs, Suicide Prevention, Legal Policy, Office of Special Needs, Family Advocacy, DoDEA, Military Services, Reserve Affairs, Readiness and Training, Transition Policy
 - Engaged in consumer protection, family law, education, health policy, employment policies, social services, judicial policies and National Guard policies
- Issues are reviewed annually to bring most significant to states

Regional Liaisons





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Thomas Hinton Senior State Liaison



- Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1342.29 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
 - Approved: 31 Jan 2017
- Change in nomination process for Military Representatives (Mil Reps)
 - Position vs. by-name will expedite nomination process and eliminate need to submit new requests after incumbent departs
 - Ensuring flexibility States have option to request by-name if desired
 - Military departments approves nominations



Areas of Authority



AZ, AR, DE, ID, IL, MA, MT, NE, NV, NJ, NM, ND, OH, SD, UT, WY



AL, AK, CO, GA, HI, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NY, OK, PA, SC, TX, VT, WA, WV, WI



CA, CT, DC, FL, ME, MS, NH, NC, OR, RI, TN, VA, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

- Mil Rep requirements:
 - Military member or civilian employee of DoD
 - Only represent DoD interests
 - Two-year terms
- Mil Rep Rules:
 - <u>May not</u> engage in management or control of State Council (can't vote)
 - <u>May not endorse or allow appearance of DoD endorsement</u>
 - <u>May not</u> represent the State Council to third parties
 - <u>May not</u> represent State Council to U.S. Government
 - Opinions expressed by mil Reps do not bind DoD
 - All references to Mil Reps by name/title must indicate they are the "Military Representative" as opposed to a council member.
 - Notify chain of command of issues requiring policy decisions



Other Items of Interest:

- eBook, additional orientation/training
- Feedback
- Annual report
- Relationship with RLs

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Questions?