

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



# DoD-State Liaison

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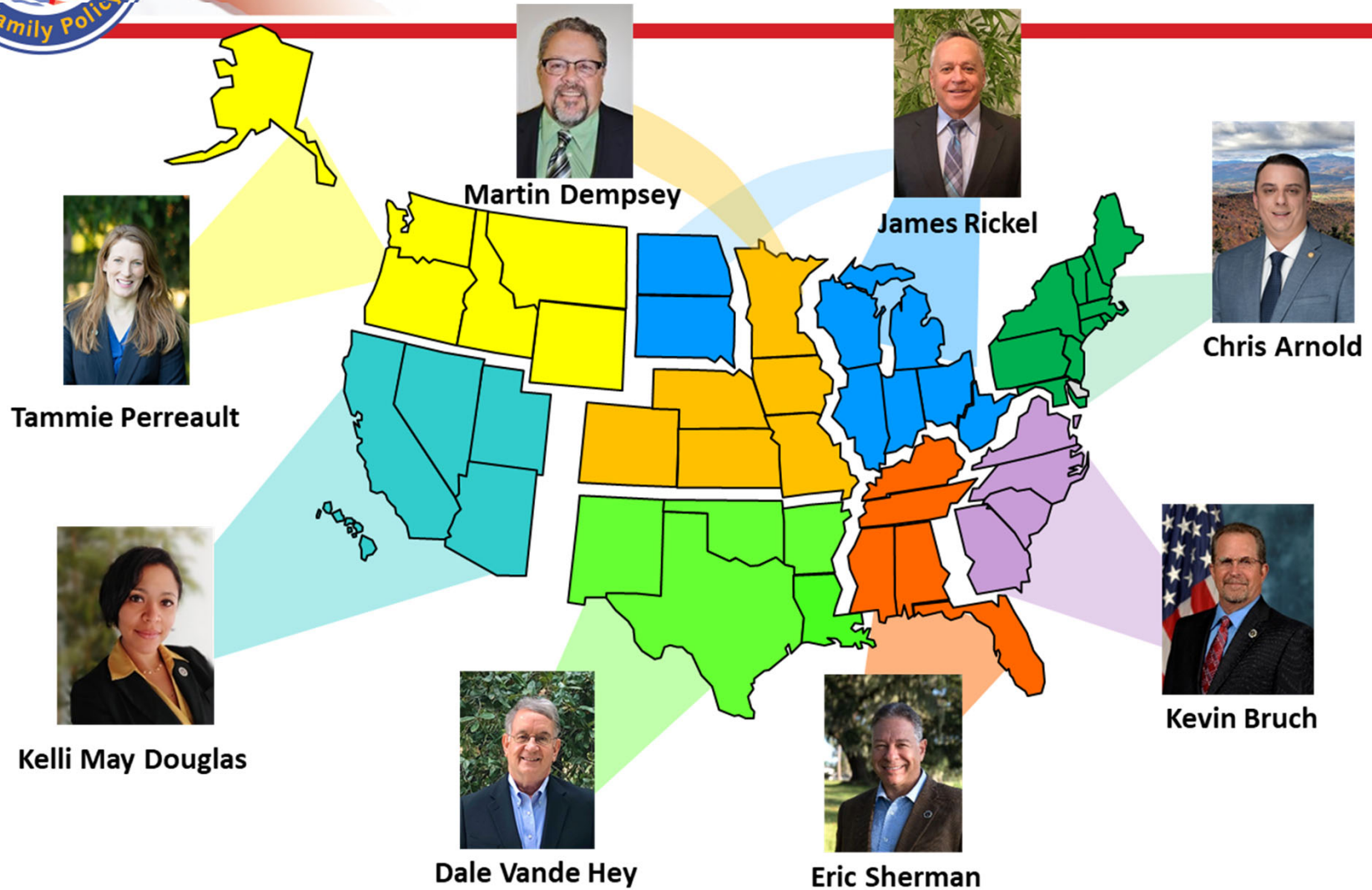


# DoD – State Liaison Function

- **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**



# DSLO Regional Liaisons



**Martin Dempsey**



**James Rickel**



**Chris Arnold**



**Tammie Perreault**



**Kelli May Douglas**



**Dale Vande Hey**



**Eric Sherman**



**Kevin Bruch**



# Compact Military Representatives

- **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**



# Compact Military Representatives

## 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



# Compact Military Representatives

- **Mil Rep requirements:**
  - Military member or civilian employee of DoD
  - Only represent DoD interests
  - Two-year terms
- **Mil Rep Rules:**
  - May not engage in management or control of State Council (can't vote)
  - May not endorse or allow appearance of DoD endorsement
  - May not represent the State Council to third parties
  - May not 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



# Compact Military Representatives

## Other Items of Interest:

- eBook, additional orientation/training
- Feedback
- Annual report
- MIL Reps (States responsible each state) DODI

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# 2022 Key Licensure Issues:

- **Implementation of supportive licensure laws (immediate action) (30 states)**
  - Desired outcome is that licensing boards train staff, revise forms and post information on websites.
- **Enhanced state initiatives to improve military spouse license portability (near-term action) (28 states)**
  - Improving expedited processes to achieve a baseline of a license within 30 days with minimal up-front paperwork.
- **Licensing compacts recognizing military spouses and separating Service members (long-term solutions) (42 states – 30 states with over 3)**
  - Currently working compacts for the following professions:
    - Nursing (38)
    - Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (2)
    - Emergency Medical Services (21)
    - Physical Therapy (34)
    - Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology (15)
    - Licensed Professional Counseling (2)
    - Occupational Therapy (8)
    - Psychology (25)
  - Developing additional compacts through a cooperative agreement with Council of State Governments
    - Currently working on teaching, social work, dentistry/dental hygiene, massage therapy, and cosmetology/barbering
  - Requesting proposals to select five more professions







# 2022 Key Education Issues:

- **Purple Star School Program (28 states)**
  - State-wide recognition initiative designed to emphasize the importance of assisting military children with school transition and
  - Programs that recognize the value of military service and civic responsibility.
- **Advance Enrollment (31 states)**
  - May electronically enroll and register based on set of orders to state
- **Open enrollment flexibility (new)**
  - Addressing existing open enrollment programs to provide military families access and priority
- **In-State Tuition Continuity (32 states)**
  - Fixes glitch in law: register as in-state students at acceptance, even if the military parent has PCS'd out of state prior to enrollment.





# 2022 Key Health/Wellbeing Issues:

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (29 states)**
  - Child protective services identify military family cases and report them to military officials at onset of investigation.
- **Concurrent jurisdiction through retrocession (new issue)**
  - States accepting jurisdiction over military installations for the purpose of adjudicating juvenile crimes in state family/juvenile courts
- **“Ask the Question” Campaign (10 states)**
  - Encourages States to engage agencies to ask, “Have you or a family member ever served in the military?” on all intake forms.



**Questions?**