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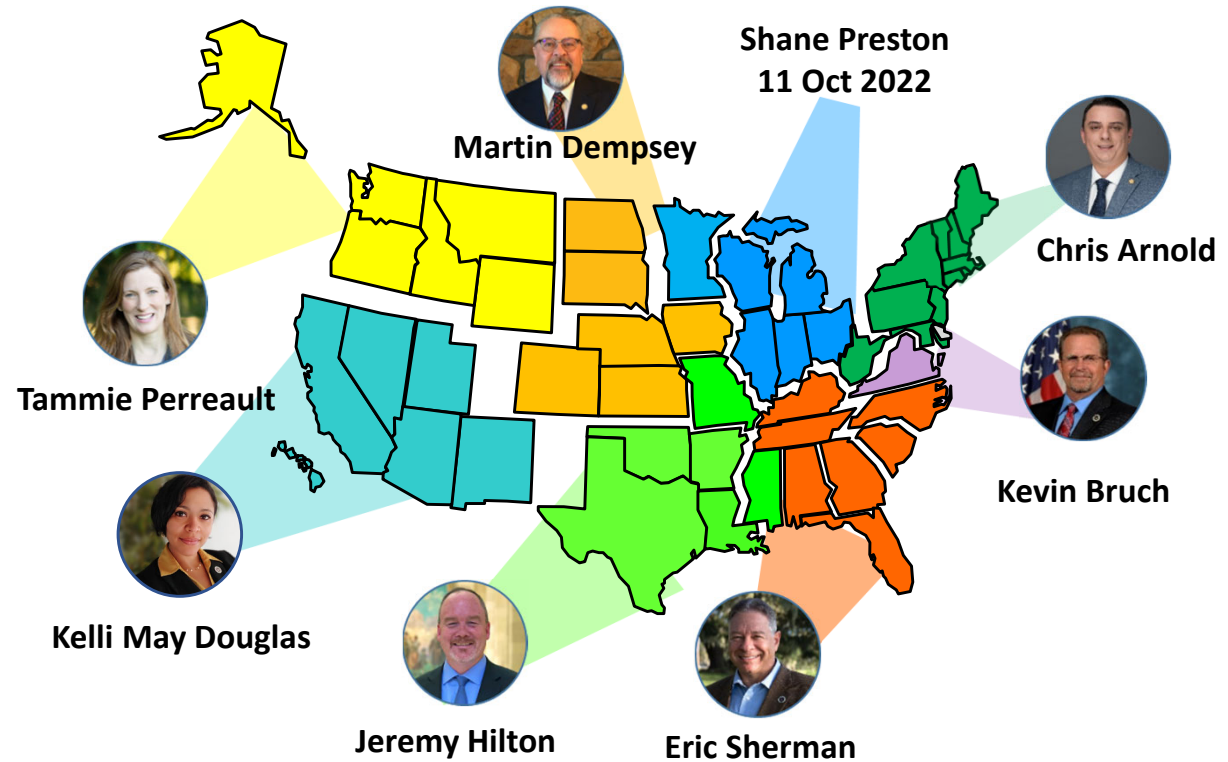


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Who We Are and What We Do

- Established by USD(P&R) in 2004 – staff of 10: 2 in HQ + 8 Regional Liaisons
- Mission is to:
 - Alleviate barriers as a result of military life
 - Harmonize differences in state and federal laws
- In the past decade, we've worked with state policymakers to enact over 1,000 bills that make life better for the military community.
- Issues are reviewed annually to bring most significant to states
 - RLs then establish state-specific priorities



Staff and Region Changes in 2023

Staff Changes

- New Director (17 Oct 2022)
- 3 New Regional Liaisons

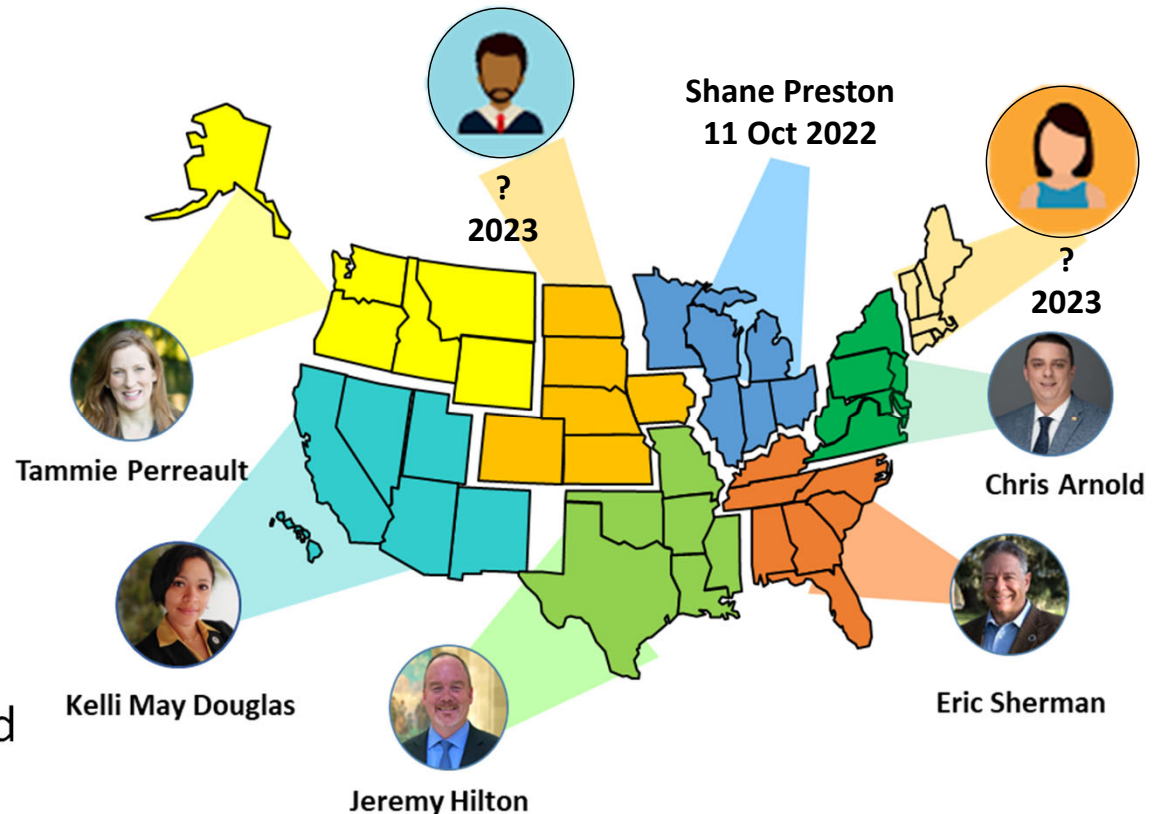
Region Changes

Recent (1 Oct 2022)

- ND/SD to Midwest
- MN to Great Lakes (Central)
- WV to Northeast
- MS and MO to South Central
- GA, NC, SC to Southeast

Upcoming (1 Jan 2023)

- Northeast will become New England (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)
- South Atlantic will become Mid-Atlantic (DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV)



Who We Are: Geraldine Valentino-Smith



DSLO Director

- Start date: 17 Oct 2022
- MD State Delegate since 2011
- Deputy Majority Whip since 2015
- Registered Nurse and lawyer
- From Bowie, MD.
- Married with three children



Focus on Quality of Life for Military Families

22 Sep 2022 Memo: Taking Care of Our Service Members and Their Families

"The Department of Defense has a sacred obligation to take care of our service members and families. Doing so is a national security imperative. Our military families provide the strong foundation for our force, and we owe them our full support." – Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin

- Securing affordable basic needs
- Making moves easier
- Strengthening our support to families
- Spousal employment



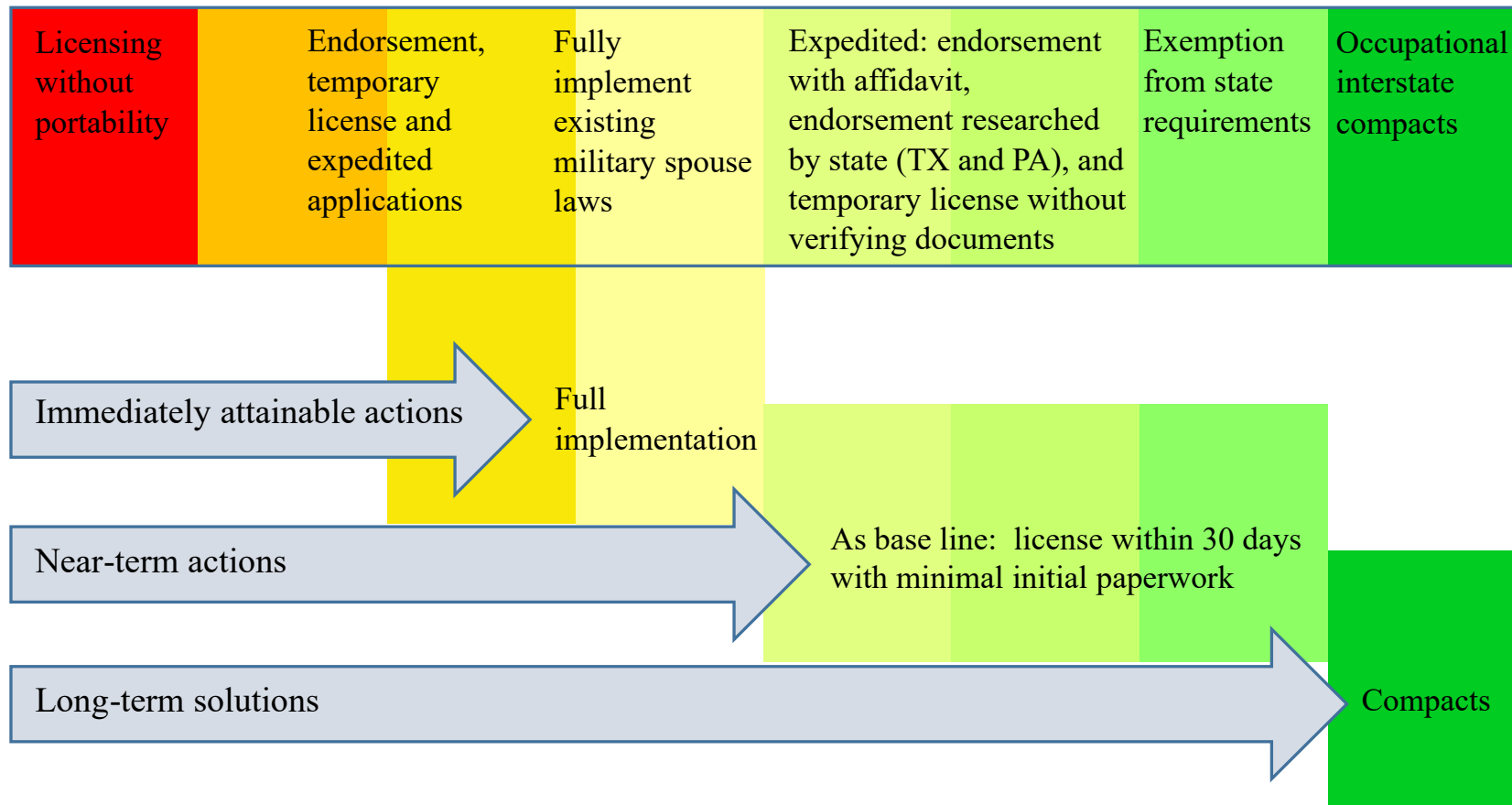
2022 Key Issues (Licensure) :

- **Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability**
 - **Enhanced state initiatives to improve military spouse license portability (near-term action) (33 states)** Improving expedited processes to achieve a baseline of a license within 30 days with minimal up-front paperwork.
- **Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access**
 - **Access to supportive licensure laws (33 states)** Desired outcome is that licensing boards train staff, revise forms and post information on websites
- **Licensing compacts recognizing military spouses and separating Service members (44 states – 35 states with over 3)**
 - Currently working compacts for the following professions:
 - Nursing (38)
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (3)
 - Emergency Medical Services (21)
 - Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology (19)
 - Licensed Professional Counseling (12)
 - Occupational Therapy (20)
 - Psychology (33)
- **Developing additional compacts through a cooperative agreement with Council of State Governments: <https://compacts.csg.org/our-work/ics/>**
 - Currently working on **teaching, social work, dentistry/dental hygiene, massage therapy, cosmetology/barbering, school psychology, and dietetic nutrition**
 - CSG in discussion with vet techs, pharmacists/techs, real estate agents



Licensure Portability Spectrum

Reciprocity: A continuum of opportunities to transfer an occupational license between states



2023: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

- **Key Features:**
 - Licensure Exchange: Receiving state issues equivalent license to that held in previous state (Not a mutual recognition model)
 - Profession specific requirements:
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Completion of a state-approved program for teacher licensure
 - Anticipated language release late fall 2022
 - Additional information: <https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/teaching/>



2022 Key Issues (Education):

- **Purple Star School Program (32 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 (37 states):**
 - May electronically enroll and register based on set of orders to state
 - **Moved to emeritus status in 2023**
- **Open Enrollment Flexibility (5)**
 - Addressing existing open enrollment programs to provide military families access and priority
- **In-State Tuition Continuity (37 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.
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2022 Key Issues (Health/Wellbeing):

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (33 states)**
 - Child protective services identify military family cases and report them to military officials at onset of investigation.
- **Concurrent jurisdiction through retrocession (4 states)**
 - States accepting jurisdiction over military installations for the purpose of adjudicating juvenile crimes in state family/juvenile courts
- **“Ask the Question” Campaign (14 states)**
 - Encourages States to engage agencies to ask, “Have you or a family member ever served in the military?” on all intake forms.
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Key Issues for 2023

- Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability
- Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access
- Licensing Compacts
- Purple Star Schools Program
- Open Enrollment Flexibility
- Child Abuse Identification and Reporting
- Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction
- Defining Armed Forces in State Policy (New)
- Military and Family Life Counselor Licensure Waiver (New)
- Licensure Exemptions for Military Family Child Care Providers (New)



2022-2023 Penn State Clearinghouse Study

Evaluation of state implementation of Supportive Policies to Improve Educational Experiences and Achievement for K-12 Military Children (SPEAK Military Children)

- **Phase I:** Literature Review is complete, awaiting final leadership approval
 - Purpose: a comprehensive review of the current state of research literature related to the education of military-connected students, in partnership with the Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO)
 - Next steps: Publish results and recommendations
- **Phase II:** Ongoing, anticipated completion date summer of 2023
 - Purpose: to investigate the implementation of four DSLO education-related initiatives and other policies and supports for military-connected students
 - Military Student Identifier, Purple Star Schools Program, Education Compact, Advanced Enrollment

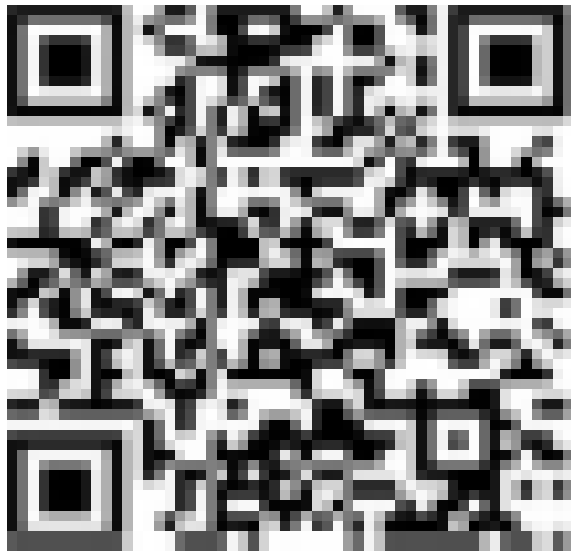


Working with state policymakers to support military families

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