

HOW JON IS HONORING MILITARY & VETERAN SPOUSES



"For as long as men and women have served our nation in uniform, military spouses and families have courageously stood alongside them. Their love, support & patriotism strengthen our nation and ensure our troops have the support they need to keep us safe and defend our freedoms."

- Jon Tester

MILITARY FAMILIES

20 to 25% of military spouses are unemployed. Jon introduced the bipartisan *Military Spouse Job Continuity Act* to help working spouses who have to renew or transfer a professional license when their family moves across state lines. Jon's bill offers a \$500 tax credit to assist with licensing so a spouse doesn't miss a beat when their family moves to a new community.

Jon also introduced the bipartisan *Jobs and Childcare for Military Families Act* to incentivize local businesses to hire military spouses and make it easier for military families to save money to pay for childcare expenses.

SURVIVING FAMILIES

Jon is a relentless advocate for the surviving spouses and families of veterans and servicemembers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. He introduced the following bills:

- The *Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act* to make sure surviving beneficiaries can use their loved ones' G.I. Bill education benefits. President Trump signed Jon's bill into law.
- The *Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act* allows survivors of deceased veterans and service members to receive their full death benefits from the VA and the Defense Department.
- Bipartisan legislation to ensure veterans can be respectfully laid to rest alongside their spouses in national, state, and tribal veterans' cemeteries by providing their loved ones with memorial headstones.



VETERAN FAMILIES

When servicemembers return from deployment and are suffering from wounds of war, their family members often must take leave from work or make immense personal sacrifices to ensure their veteran has the support he or she needs.

That's why Jon has been fighting to expand the VA Caregiver Support Program to veterans - and their caregivers - of all eras. He introduced the *Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act* to do just that, and then fought to secure this language in his bipartisan *VA MISSION Act*, which President Trump signed into law.

Jon also introduced the following bills:

- The *CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act* lets children of disabled veterans stay on their parent's insurance until they turn 26.
- The *Supporting Veteran Families Act* helps rural veterans and families learn about and connect with VA care, state benefits and local support services.
- The *Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act* provides reproductive assistance to veterans and their families who cannot have children because of a service-connected injury or illness.
- The *Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Improvement Act* expands housing assistance for veterans with children and women veterans.