



**NOFA** NOAA Officers'  
Family Association

January 22, 2020

Chairwoman Shane E. Pendergrass and Members of the  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

The NOAA Officer Family Association (NOFA) is an organization representing the interests of the families of all NOAA Corps active duty and retired officers. The DC Branch serves the community in Maryland. Our focus is nonpartisan in nature and attentive to issues of local concern.

**HB12** clarifies the eligibility for access to a Maryland veterans home or homes to all honorably discharged members of the "uniformed services," vice just the "armed forces," and follows the Maryland definition of "veteran" found in the General Provisions of the Maryland Code, Section 1-117.

The Branch Board of Directors and local NOFA members **SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 12**. We ask the Committee to report a **Favorable** recommendation as the bill progresses through the legislative process.

Thank you for supporting Maryland Veterans!

Sincerely yours,

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Cc:

The American Legion Department of Maryland  
Delegate Michael J. Rogers (Sponsor)