



# MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative  
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January 24, 2024

Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee  
Maryland Senate  
3 West  
Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

## **SB 176 – Sales and Use Tax-Tax-Free Day- Veterans’ Day - Request for Favorable Report**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Honorable Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee

Maryland is home to 34,444 active-duty service members, 14,292 active-duty spouses and 25,642 reservists/national guard members with 28,019 family members<sup>1</sup>. In addition, there are 355,787 veteran households<sup>2</sup> which includes 51,835 DoD-retired, receiving an average retired pay of \$37,962<sup>3</sup>.

Senate Bill 179, as amended, proposes a tax-free day for all veterans, including those currently serving on active-duty in a uniformed service, reservists of a uniform service and national guardsman, on Veterans’ Day. We recognize the high cost of living here in Maryland, and applaud Senator Brooks for this bill which honors our service.

The Maryland Military Coalition, is a voluntary, non-partisan organization representing 21 veteran service organizations who, in turn, serve over 150,000 Maryland uniformed services men and women and their families. The Coalition **supports** Senate Bill 176 – Tax-Free Day- Veterans’ Day - and asks for your *favorable report*.

Thank you to Senator Brooks for sponsoring this important legislation.

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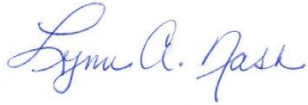
<sup>1</sup> [Military One Source](#), as of December 31, 2022

<sup>2</sup> [VA Claim Insider](#), August 10, 2023

<sup>3</sup> [Office of the Actuary](#), U.S. Department of Defense, as of January 31, 2023

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Respectfully,

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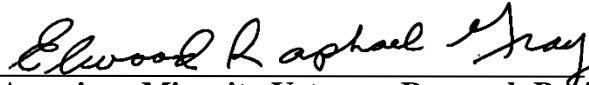
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Maryland Military Coalition Member Organizations Follow

Member Organizations, Maryland Military Coalition

  
Air Force Sergeants Association

  
American Military Society

  
American Minority Veterans Research Project

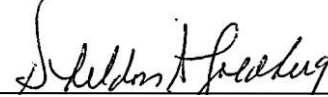
  
Association of the United States Navy


  
Commissioned Officers Association of the  
US Public Health Service

  
Disabled American Veterans

  
Distinguished Flying Cross Association

  
Fleet Reserve Association

  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

  
Maryland Air National Guard Retirees'  
Association

  
Maryland Veterans Chamber of Commerce

  
Military Officers Association of America

  
Military Order of the Purple Heart


  
Montford Point Marines of America

  
National Association for Black Veterans

  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

  
NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

  
Reserve Organization of America

  
Society of Military Widows

  
National Active and Retired Federal Employees  
Veterans Affairs Directorate, NARFE MD

  
Veterans of Foreign Wars