



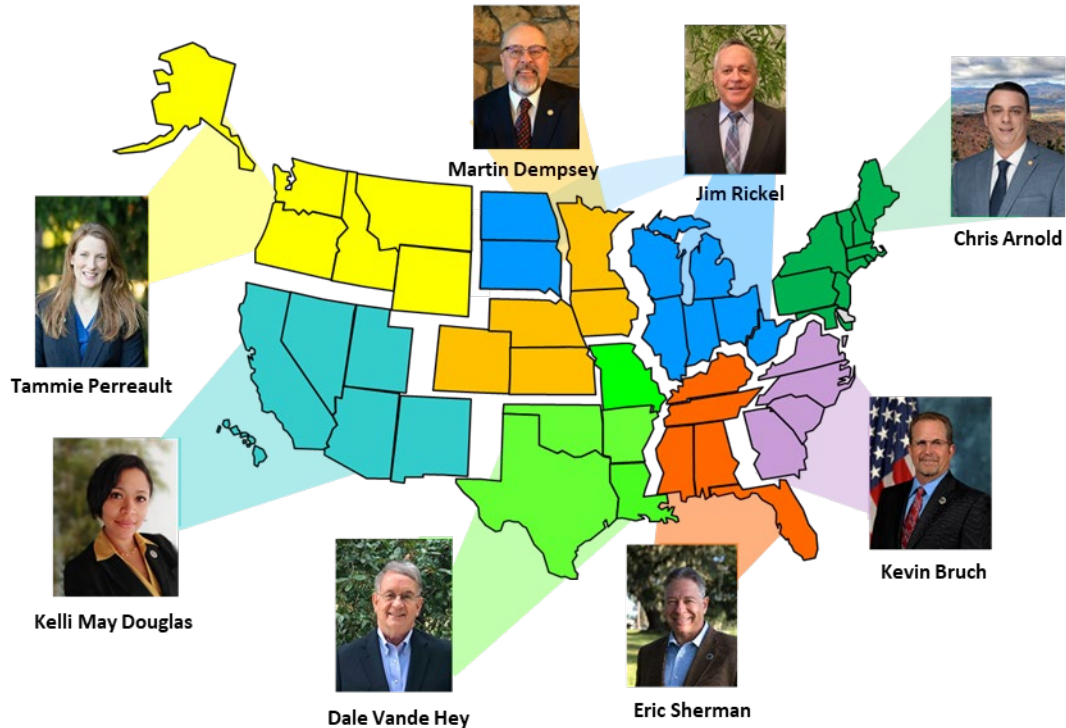
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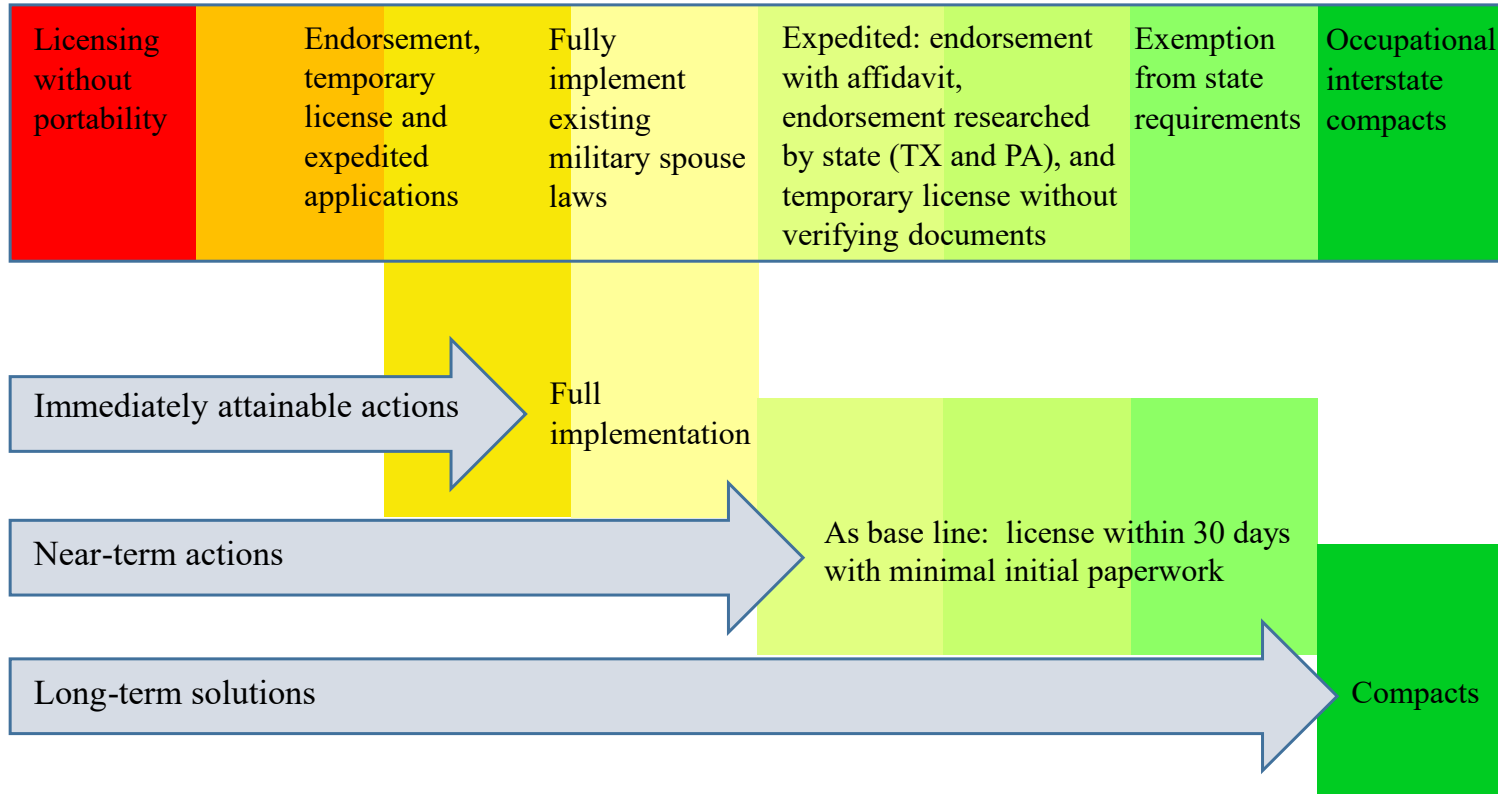
Who We Are and What We Do

- 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 800 bills that make life better for the military community.
- Issues are reviewed annually to bring most significant to states



2020 Sec Def Report on Licensure Portability:

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



Accountancy

Cosmetology

Dentistry

Massage Therapy

Education

Pharmacy

Required Document

Many boards met the DoD's goal of submitting minimal paperwork with an application.

Number of Supporting Documents

4-6

23%

1-3

47%

! The majority of boards indicated that application processing cannot be completed until all required paperwork has been received.

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Key Findings

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66%

of boards provided a pathway for military spouses to **begin working within 30 days**.

Over 60%

of boards met the DoD's goal of **submitting minimal paperwork** with an application.

35%

of occupational board websites **listed military spouse specific-licensing details**.

13%

had **unknown** processing times.

9%

did not meet the processing goal.

7%

had **variable** processing times.



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.



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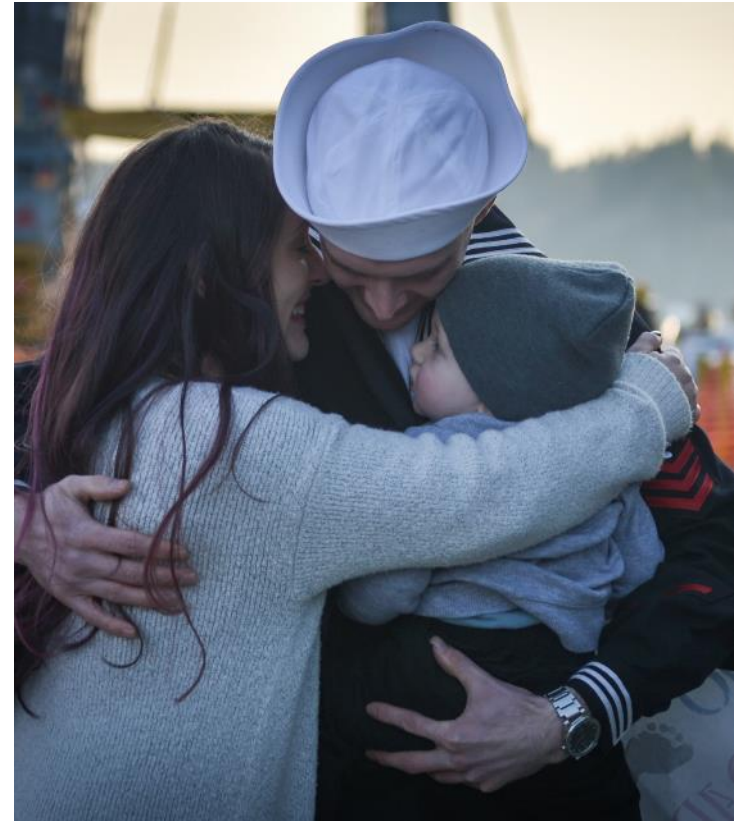


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