

THEY ALSO SERVE

Why Legislators Must Step Up To The Plate

The Why

- More than 1.3 million active service members are working to keep America safe
- Only 55% of Americans have a friend or relative serving
- As Legislators, we are tasked with educating the public
- Part of that education must be the message that "they also serve"

The How

- Few states can deny the military's impact on local economies
- The DOD contributes billions of dollars each year to state economies through the operation of military installations
- In Nebraska that impact is estimated to be 1.7 billion on the local economies of the surrounding communities
- We want/need to keep Offutt AFB open. We MUST support those who serve and our families, because it is the right thing to do

My Strategy

- Low Hanging Fruit
- Expedited licenses, temporary licenses, licenses by endorsement and interstate compacts
- Licensure issues are not always about legislation
- Licensure issues benefit not only the military, but others looking to work in our state or wanting to work in a participating state
- Easy to push. No brainer. Need to not address scope of practice, whenever possible