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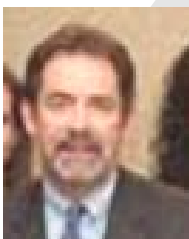
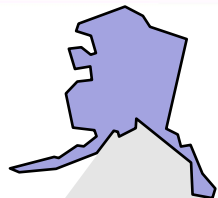
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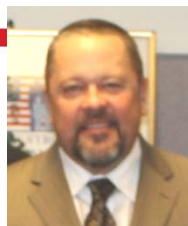
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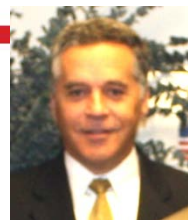
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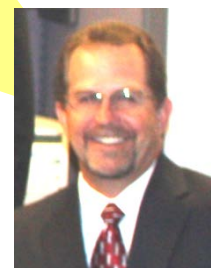
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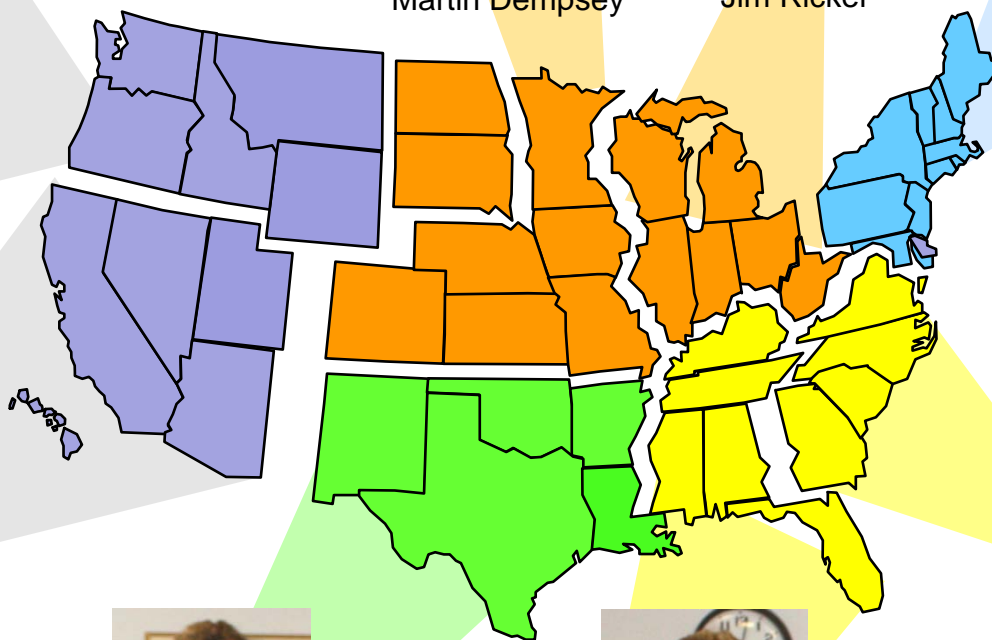
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Key Issues Impacting Service Members and Their Families (2013 – 2014)

Near Completion:

- ✓ Improve absentee voting for military members and their families
- ✓ Ensure Deployment Separation Does Not Determine Child Custody Decisions
- ✓ Minimize school disruption for military children during transition and deployment
- ✓ Eligibility for unemployment compensation
- ✓ Comport state laws with DoD rules on disposition

Active Issues:

- ✓ Facilitate licensure and academic credit for military education, training and experience
- ✓ Facilitate military spouse transition through licensure portability
- ✓ Increase access to quality, affordable childcare for military families
- ✓ Provide authority for establishing Veteran Treatment Courts (VTCs)
- ✓ Promote consumer protections and enforcement of the predatory lending regulation
- ✓ Waive time to establish residency for separating Service members for in-state tuition rates
- ✓ Assign an identifier for military children in education data systems
- ✓ Allow earned priority for receiving Medicaid home and community care waivers

Under Development:

- ✓ Create state-wide MoUs between the DoD and the state child welfare agency



Key Issue Visibility

- Congressional interest:
 - Predatory lending
 - Safe child care (background checks and inspections)
 - Child custody
 - Support for special needs family members (Medicaid waivers)
- White House interest:
 - Licensure/academic credit for separating Service members
 - Licensure for spouses
 - In-state tuition for separating Service members
 - Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- DoD priorities:
 - Suicide prevention (Veterans Treatment Courts)