



STATE SENATOR

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## 2019 MEMORIAL DAY

# A Grateful Nation Remembers

### MacDONALD SUPPORTS SENATE RESOLUTION 9 TO HONOR BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Michigan Senate adopted a resolution to commemorate Feb. 1, 2019 as Blue Star Mother's Day in recognition of their service to our state and nation.

Blue Star Mothers of America was founded in Flint in 1942 to support the mothers of children in active service. Among their many patriotic contributions, Blue Star mothers welcome home returning veterans, visit wounded veterans in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, assist in veterans' ceremonies and perpetuate the memory of the men and women who have served our country.

### VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

Service members acquire a wide range of skills and experiences through their military service. Qualified veterans and their spouses looking for job opportunities in the workforce can find free career training and employment assistance at their local Michigan Works! One Stop Center. Veterans Career Advisors offer individualized services, including:



- Resume development;
- Interviewing skills; and
- Effective use of social networking.

Find more information at [www.mitalent.org/veteran](http://www.mitalent.org/veteran).



### SENATE REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN

I am honored to host this year's Senate Memorial Day service to pay tribute to the Michigan servicemen and servicewomen who have given their lives in service to our country. We owe so much to the patriots who answered our nation's call of duty to protect our lives at the cost of their own.

The solemn event, held Thursday, May 23, ensures our fallen heroes' legacy of honor and sacrifice is never taken for granted or forgotten. The special ceremony will stream live and be available for viewing later as well. Visit [www.senate.michigan.gov](http://www.senate.michigan.gov) to access Senate TV.



### SALUTING U.S. ARMED FORCES

Under Michigan law, the flag of each branch of service is flown over the state Capitol on the service founding date. The commemoration dates are:

- U.S. Army-June 14
- U.S. Navy-Oct. 13
- U.S. Coast Guard-Aug. 4
- U.S. Marine Corps-Nov. 10
- U.S. Air Force-Sept. 18

### MacDONALD GIVES UPDATE ON NEW LAWS

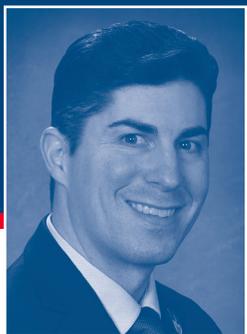
Public Acts 256 and 257 of 2018 allow taxpayers to

THE MICHIGAN WWII LEGACY *Memorial*

contribute to the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial Fund when filing their state income tax. Donations will be used to build a memorial that honors the Michigan residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and on the home front. Donors may also contribute to the Military Family Relief Fund on the same tax checkoff form.

**Public Act 669 of 2018** waives the fee for veterans who need a state-issued personal ID card. The card can help someone obtain discounts and other benefits that many businesses offer to veterans.

A state fund was created last year to help counties maintain veteran services offices. **Public Act 514 of 2018** expands access to ensure all counties qualify for grant funding, including those who don't have an established Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

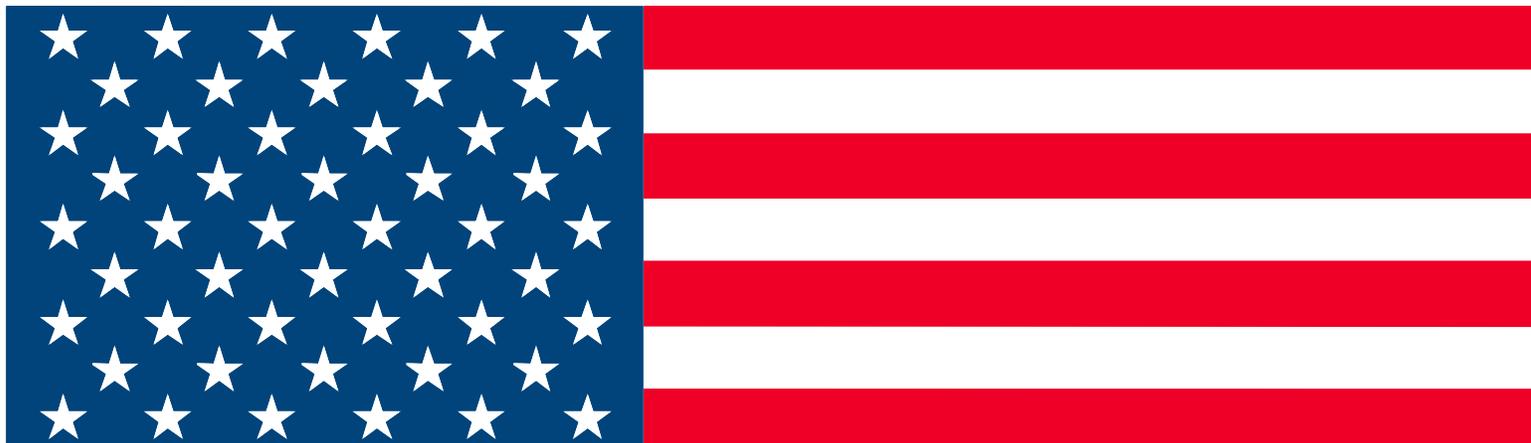


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