



**United Veterans Coalition of Colorado**

***2019 Final Legislative Summary***

The specific UVC legislative goals for 2019 were modest, but significant: Funding for Veterans Courts, increased wages for staff at Veterans Community Living Centers (VCLCs), funding for the Veterans “One Stop” in Grand Junction and creation of a Women’s Veterans License Plate.

Funding for Veterans Courts was continued and there was legislative interest in expanding the program to other districts. The wages for direct care staff at the VCLCs were raised to the midpoint of the salary range effective 1 July and importantly, the increase will be done in one year rather than the two years proposed by the Department of Human Services. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs received the requested funding for an additional employee and utility expenses at the Veterans “One Stop” in Grand Junction as well as funding for additional columbarium space at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, located in Grand Junction. Finally, we now have a Women’s Veterans License Plate.

In addition to these specific goals, we took positions on several other issues: opposing the Military and Veteran Green Alert Program, supporting the Income Tax Residency Presumption for Military, supporting a resolution honoring Gold Star Families and supporting Veterans Employment Preference by Private Employers (defeated).

The detailed summary follows:

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<b>SB19-205</b>	<b>Women Veterans License Plate (Honor Service Of Women Veterans)</b>
	<b>Support Passed</b>

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<b>SB19-207</b>	<b>Long Appropriation Bill (Funds for Direct Care Staff Salaries at Veterans Community Living Centers)</b>
	<b>Support Passed</b>
	<b>(With One Year Phase In)</b>

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<b>HB19-1025</b>	<b>Limits On Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries</b>
	<b>Monitor Passed</b>

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<b>HB19-1126</b>	<b>Veteran And Military Green Alert Program</b>
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	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>HB19-1141</b>	<b>Preserve Senior And Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>HB19-1156</b>	<b>Proof Of Citizenship To Register To Vote</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>HB19-1177</b>	<b>Extreme Risk Protection Orders</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>HB19-1252</b>	<b>College Credit For Work Experience</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>HJR19-1011</b>	<b>Honoring Gold Star Families</b>	
	<b>Support</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>SB19-029</b>	<b>Income Tax Residency Presumption For Military</b>	
	<b>Support</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>SB19-042</b>	<b>National Popular Vote</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>SB19-054</b>	<b>Military Vehicle Motor Vehicle Regulation</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>SB19-056</b>	<b>Veterans Employment Preference By Private Employer</b>	
	<b>Support</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>SB19-118</b>	<b>Supplemental Appropriation Dept Military Affairs</b>	
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Passed</b>

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