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# CDCA Newsletter

### CDCA and Military Spouse Licensing

Working on behalf of our California's defense installations, military members and local communities is critically important this year as we all face the current challenges. CDCA is pursuing actions that can help our communities and military families by pursuing reciprocal licensing for those already licensed by other state's licensing or certifying agencies. Improving license practices has become an expeditious way of meeting skilled labor needs during the shortages occurring now. The state's interest is strongly aligning with CDCA's interest in removing obstacles to spouse employment. How far legislation can proceed as a permanent solution is unknown due to the limitations on legislative meetings and actions at this time. However, we will persevere.

With regard to employment licensing matters, there are four general types of proposed legislation:

- Creation of a Licensure "Compact" to work out the details with other states and presumably deal with varying state license standards to a point where all compact member states are happy with the requirements. (SB1053 applies to Nurses) (SB1054 applies to Physical Therapists).
- Shall issue reciprocal licenses (AB2185 applies to all fields not now issuing reciprocal licenses except nurses and fields not in a compact)
- Shall issue temporary licenses (AB2549 includes many fields including veterinary medicine, cosmetology, reciprocity) (AB3045 includes all fields not subject to temporary licensing provisions)
- Administrative matters (SB1324 adds icon to web sites as link for more information) (AB2631 prohibits fees) (AB2708 extends teacher requirement one year).

CDCA endorsed the current active legislative bill proposals, and will continue to support legislative actions aligned with support for military members and spouses.

Of course, data you may hold or be able to obtain including anecdotal experiences help build the arguments in favor of legislative actions. Licensing and certifying agencies need to know that lengthy procedures, arbitrary requirements and yet more duplicative testing has a negative impact on families but also state readiness and response in emergency situations. If you can, request current data from your local military facility.

# **The Positive Impact of a Stable Military on Our Communities in Crisis: A Constant and Central Pillar**

Your local community organization can communicate an effective message about the value of military salaries and spending on your community in a time when economic activity is being challenged. Travis Community Consortium published this information to their local community:

## **TEAM TRAVIS STRONG**

National Military Appreciation Month is celebrated every May. During this time of uncertainty and troublesome COVID-19 impacts, it's a powerful declaration for us reflect on our proud heritage of American freedom and honor all those who serve and have served as a symbol of our unity.

And, as our communities continue to adapt to a challenging and changing economy, it's an opportune time to reflect on the nearly eight decades of Travis Air Force being the constant and central pillar of Solano County. All of the military members and civilian employees, their families, and the many military retirees, past and present, are valued members of our region!

Known around the world as the "Gateway to the Pacific," Travis Air Force Base is home to the largest Air Mobility Wing and Air Force Reserve Associate Wing in the country. Its expansive global reach has ensured that the base has been an essential part of the American military since World War II. But did you know Travis Air Force Base also fuels the local and regional economy?

Today, Team Travis handles more cargo and passenger traffic than any other military installation in the United States, is home to Air Mobility Command's preeminent weapon systems, and is home to the Air Force's largest hospital, David Grant Medical Center, which serves over 750,000 military personnel, their families and retirees ever year. And, with over 13,000 men and women working at Travis, it's the largest employer in Solano County with an annual economic impact of \$1.69 Billion which represents nearly 10% of our County's economy.

Travis is often referred to as 'America's First Choice' and for good reason – it's a lynch pin of global power and global reach, 24/7, 365 days a year. Over the past 76 plus years Travis AFB has established a long and distinguished legacy of leading the way, leveraging innovation and projecting airpower to answer our Nation's demands with gusto and excellence. It's what our Airmen do - exceptionally well!! It's up to us to ensure that these Airmen and their families enjoy a better quality of life and are able to focus on the mission at hand.

As you can see, Travis AFB is a vital part of what makes Solano County so special. Through the years, Travis Airman serve with gusto and excellence in defense of our freedom globally. They are also our neighbors, our friends, co-workers, classmates, and much more. All of which has shaped the history and culture of our region – we would not be what we are with YOU Travis AFB! You are appreciated! You are valued!

We stand together, a united front and our collective strategic partnership provides the strong foundation for our proud defense communities to survive, and thrive, regardless of what comes around the bend!

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