



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Veterans and Military Families Task Force
2016 Priorities & Activities**

The CCD Veterans and Military Families Task Force advocates for policies and follows issues of concern to veterans with disabilities and military family members with disabilities. The Task Force is open to all CCD members and meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

During 2016, the Task Force plans to focus on the following areas:

- Serve as a forum to learn from and share ideas with task force members and key stakeholders, including Administration officials, congressional leaders, and veteran organizations, on issues impacting veterans with disabilities and military family members with disabilities.
- Advocate for and monitor legislation, regulations, and other policy changes to improve and increase overall access of veterans with disabilities and military family members with disabilities to needed health care, housing, employment, and other services. In particular, the task force will focus on :
 - Expansion of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs comprehensive family caregiver program;
 - Toxic Exposure Research Act to examine the direct and long term effects of veterans' exposure to toxic chemicals and fumes;
 - Veterans Homebuyer Access Act to provide a tax credit to veterans with disabilities and their families to make their homes accessible; and
 - Proposals to improve access to services available to family members with disabilities through military health care programs.
- Monitor implementation of key employment policy and initiatives (such as Section 503/VEVRAA; WOTC) aimed at increasing employment of veterans with disabilities.
- Serve as a bridge to the broader veterans and military service organization community through invitations to task force meetings and forums and through collaborations on areas of shared interest.

In addition, the Task Force will plan for and engage in other activities as needs and opportunities arise.

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