



Kaw Valley Chapter Military Officers Association of America FY 2014 Kansas Legislative Priorities



Dear Senator Ostmeyer and Members of the Committee,

I am Major (Retired) Sheli Sweeney, Legislative Liaison of the Kaw Valley Chapter (KVC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The KVC, MOAA actively serves as an advocate for proposed legislation affecting the military career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

To that end, the KVC Legislative Committee maintains coordination with local veteran service organizations (VSO), the Kansas State Legislature, and our Congressional delegation to advocate on behalf of military members and their families. To effectively do this, the KVC has been involved with development of common issues and recommendations at the local level. One of our legislative priorities this year is:

- *Allow reciprocal licensure for military members and spouses unless license doesn't meet Kansas requirements, then allows for temporary license until requirements are met.*

- *Rationale: Makes it easier for military families to begin employment in Kansas upon their move here, with no delay to wait for state licensure before beginning work.*

We support passage of HB 2077, a bill which amends the state statute to allow not only military spouses from out of state to obtain licensure in Kansas under the same profession, but would also allow military members that same privilege.

This bill, we believe, increases the opportunities for our service members and spouses to maintain their professional licensure under a temporary permit, until it is established that the requirements between Kansas and their former state are compatible. This means that more military families will come to Kansas and remain in Kansas to work with no break in work time or income for the military family while waiting for a license application.

Please consider passage of HB 2077. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself at rhoddril@aol.com / 785-640-8751 or Major (Ret) Sheli Sweeney, MOAA Legislative Chair at shelisweeney@hotmail.com / 785.213.9053.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR KANSAS MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES!