



UVC 2017 Session Summary

The UVC watched 44 bills and resolutions in the 2017 session of the General Assembly – 10 House Bills, 19 Senate Bills, and 15 House and Senate Resolutions and Memorials. The UVC took a “Support” position on 8 House Bills and 15 Senate Bills, an “Oppose” position on 2 Senate Bills, and a “Monitor” position on 4 bills – two in each house. The UVC supported all 15 of the Resolutions and Memorials. So how did we do?

- *Both of the bills we opposed (SBs17-053 and 054) were defeated*
- *Fourteen of the seventeen Senate Bills we supported passed and either have been signed into law or are awaiting the Governor’s signature. SB17-075, our priority bill that would have exempted military retirement pay from state income tax, made it all the way to the last committee in the legislative process and unfortunately sat in that committee the last week of the session without being brought up for a vote – and therefore was deemed lost. We already plan to bring it back in 2018.*
- *Seven of the eight House Bills we supported passed and have been signed into law, or soon will be signed*
- *One House Bill we supported was “postponed indefinitely” (HB17-1168 concerning veterans courts). We agreed with the sponsor’s decision to “PI” her own bill to allow work this summer for a better bill in 2018. The UVC is part of a task force that will start working soon. Additionally, the UVC supported and lobbied successfully for significant funding for veterans courts that was added in the “Long Bill” – plus several other major funding increases in the Long Bill for veterans issues.*
- *All fifteen of the House and Senate Resolutions and Memorials we supported were passed.*

In summary, on bills where the UVC took a support or oppose position, our position prevailed on 23 bills, and we did not prevail on 4 bills. We ended up 23-4 on the bills, and 15-0 on the resolutions. Overall, an excellent session!

Below is a quick summary of the bills the UVC has watched:

BILL HB17-1004

Short Title: College Credit For Military Education And Training
Sponsors: D. Michaelson Jenet | J. Danielson / L. Garcia | O. Hill
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL HB17-1054

Short Title: Community-military Cooperation
Sponsors: T. Carver | D. Nordberg / N. Todd

Status: 3/16/17 Governor signed

BILL HB17-1056

Short Title: Criminal Sentencing Community Service Veterans Organizations
Sponsors: M. Weissman / B. Gardner | J. Kefalas
Status: 3/20/2017 Governor Signed

BILL HB17-1057

Short Title: Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact
Sponsors: F. Winter | L. Liston / B. Gardner | A. Kerr
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL HB17-1149

Short Title: Army Special Forces License Plate
Sponsors: T. Exum | D. Michaelson Jenet / B. Gardner
Status: 4/4/2017 Governor Signed

BILL HB17-1168

Short Title: Criminal Court Procedures For Military Defendants
Sponsors: P. Lee | L. Landgraf
Status: 3/14/2017 House Committee on Judiciary Postpone Indefinitely

BILL HB17-1255

Short Title: Reporting Requirements By State Veterans Military Affairs To General Assembly
Sponsors: D. Nordberg / A. Kerr
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL HB17-1305

Short Title: Limits On Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries
Sponsors: J. Melton | M. Foote / L. Guzman
Status: 5/1/2017 Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

BILL HB17-1346

Short Title: Land Sale To Fort Logan Cemetery
Sponsors: S. Lontine / O. Hill
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL HB17-1374

Short Title: Colorado Heroes Hunting & Fishing Act
Sponsors: J. Danielson | B. McLachlan
Status: 5/8/17 Referred by State, Veterans and Military Affairs to Appropriations; Lost due to lack of time left in session

BILL HJR17-1006

Short Title: U.S.S. Pueblo
Sponsors: D. Esgar | C. Navarro / L. Garcia | B. Gardner
Status: 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1008](#)

Short Title: Recognizing Canada's Sesquicentennial And NORAD

Sponsors: P. Lee | J. Wilson / M. Merrifield | K. Lambert

Status 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1009](#)

Short Title: 75th Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor

Sponsors: D. Michaelson Jenet | D. Williams / R. Zenzinger | C. Holbert

Status 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1010](#)

Short Title: Colorado Defense Industry

Sponsors: S. Lontine | Y. Willett / N. Todd | O. Hill

Status 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1011](#)

Short Title: 35th Anniversary Of US Air Force Space Command

Sponsors: T. Carver | M. Weissman / K. Lambert | R. Fields

Status 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1012](#)

Short Title: Fallen Soldiers 2017

Sponsors: S. Lebsack | L. Sias / K. Donovan | K. Grantham

Status 2/2/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1014](#)

Short Title: Update Name Of Policy Services For Persons With Disabilities

Sponsors: K. Becker | P. Neville / L. Guzman | C. Holbert

Status 3/14/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [HJR17-1028](#)

Short Title: Honoring Gold Star Families

Sponsors: L. Saine | J. Danielson / V. Marble

Status 4/24/2017 House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

BILL [HJR17-1030](#)

Short Title: Children Of Fallen Military Service Members

Sponsors: L. Landgraf | M. Weissman / B. Gardner | R. Fields

Status 5/1/2017 House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

BILL [HJR17-1031](#)

Short Title: Designate The Lieutenant Jim Downing Bridge

Sponsors: D. Nordberg | T. Exum / M. Merrifield | B. Gardner

Status 5/4/2017 House Third Reading Laid Over to 05/09/2017 - No Amendments

BILL [SB17-006](#)

Short Title: Concealed Carry For Military Under Twenty-one Years Of Age

Sponsors: J. Cooke / L. Sias | D. Nordberg

Status 3/22/2017 House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

BILL [SB17-028](#)

Short Title: Healthy Families And Military Preparedness Act

Sponsors: B. Gardner / T. Exum | D. Nordberg

Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SB17-053](#)**Short Title:** Asbestos Litigation Trust Transparency Priorities**Sponsors:** J. Sonnenberg**Status** 2/22/2017 Senate Second Reading Lost - No Amendments**BILL [SB17-054](#)****Short Title:** Create Rotation Schedule For Tax Checkoff Programs**Sponsors:** L. Court / J. Wilson**Status** 2/14/2017 Senate Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely**BILL [SB17-075](#)****Short Title:** Income Tax Deduction For Military Retirement Benefits**Sponsors:** L. Crowder / L. Landgraf | J. Danielson**Status:** Lost in House Appropriations without a hearing or vote**BILL [SB17-081](#)****Short Title:** Rural Broadband Deployment**Sponsors:** K. Donovan / K. Becker | J. Arndt**Status** 2/22/2017 Senate Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology Postpone Indefinitely**BILL [SB17-118](#)****Short Title:** Information On Private Occupational Schools**Sponsors:** R. Fields / M. Weissman**Status** 2/13/2017 Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely**BILL [SB17-122](#)****Short Title:** Repeal Fallen Heroes Memorial Commission**Sponsors:** J. Tate / J. Danielson | T. Carver**Status** 3/30/2017 Governor Signed**BILL [SB17-174](#)****Short Title:** Allocation Of Money For National Guard Tuition**Sponsors:** K. Lambert / M. Hamner**Status** 3/1/2017 Governor Signed**BILL [SB17-183](#)****Short Title:** Support USS Colorado Commissioning**Sponsors:** B. Gardner**Status:** To be signed by the Governor**BILL [SB17-193](#)****Short Title:** Research Center Prevention Substance Abuse Addiction**Sponsors:** C. Jahn | K. Lundberg / B. Pettersen | B. Rankin**Status** 5/18/2017 Governor Signed**BILL [SB17-212](#)****Short Title:** Sunset Board Of Veterans Affairs**Sponsors:** L. Crowder / M. Weissman**Status:** To be signed by the Governor**BILL [SB17-217](#)****Short Title:** Sunset Board Of Veterans Community Living Centers**Sponsors:** L. Garcia / D. Michaelson Jenet**Status:** To be signed by the Governor**BILL [SB17-219](#)**

Short Title: Sunset Local Boards Veterans Community Living Centers
Sponsors: L. Garcia | O. Hill / S. Lontine
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SB17-232](#)

Short Title: Sunset Bingo-raffle Advisory Board
Sponsors: S. Fenberg / P. Rosenthal
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SB17-234](#)

Short Title: Reporting Requirements By Department Human Services To General Assembly
Sponsors: A. Kerr / D. Thurlow
Status: 4/28/2017 Governor Signed

BILL [SB17-245](#)

Short Title: Tenancies One Month To One Year Notice
Sponsors: K. Priola / D. Pabon
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SB17-254](#)

Short Title: 2017-18 Long Appropriations Bill
Sponsors: K. Lambert / M. Hamner
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SB17-264](#)

Short Title: Funding For Behavioral Mental Health Disorder Services
Sponsors: D. Moreno / D. Young
Status: To be signed by the Governor

BILL [SJR17-008](#)

Short Title: Jordan Bear Bridge
Sponsors: I. Aguilar / S. Lontine
Status: 3/2/2017 Signed by the Speaker of the House

BILL [SJR17-019](#)

Short Title: Colorado Aerospace Day
Sponsors: R. Baumgardner | N. Todd / P. Rosenthal | B. Rankin
Status: 3/21/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [SJR17-020](#)

Short Title: Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day
Sponsors: A. Williams / D. Jackson
Status: 3/24/2017 Signed by the Speaker of the House

BILL [SJR17-028](#)

Short Title: Space Symposium
Sponsors: B. Gardner / M. Weissman | T. Carver

BILL [SJR17-039](#)

Short Title: Commemorate 50th Anniversary Vietnam War
Sponsors: A. Kerr | L. Crowder / S. Lebsock | T. Carver
Status: 5/1/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [SM17-001](#)

Short Title: Legal Resident Military Veteran Deportation
Sponsors: L. Crowder
Status 3/28/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [SM17-002](#)

Short Title: Department Of Veterans Affairs Accountability
Sponsors: L. Garcia | O. Hill
Status 4/27/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate

BILL [SM17-003](#)

Short Title: Camp Hale National Historic Landscape
Sponsors: K. Donovan
Status 4/27/2017 Signed by the President of the Senate