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Military Coalition Honors Legislative Champions

Representative Tim Walz, Professional Staff Members Jon Clark and David Shearman Receive TMC Merit and Freedom Awards

Washington, D.C. (September 27, 2018) — [The Military Coalition \(TMC\)](http://www.themilitarycoalition.org), an influential Washington, DC-based consortium of 33 military and veterans groups, presented its highest leadership awards on September 27, 2018 to Representative Tim Walz (D-MN) for his leadership in protecting the vital interests of service members, retirees, veterans, their families and survivors. The awards ceremony was held in Cannon House Office building on Capitol Hill.

Representative Walz was recognized for his leadership as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (HVAC) during the 115th Congress. His strident focus on ensuring the VA receives the resources it needs while also holding them accountable, his defense of the Post-9/11 GI Bill from cuts, his support for filling gaps in care for female veterans, and his commitment to combat the veteran suicide crisis are just a few reasons we are truly fortunate for his leadership in Congress.



The Coalition also presented its 2018 Freedom Award to Mr. Jon Clark, Staff Director for the HVAC Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, and Mr. David Shearman, Professional Staff Member with the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for their tireless work on the development and passage of the "Forever GI Bill."



"The legislators lead the way," Col. Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret.), TMC President and National Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States said. "Their staffs expend enormous energy and effort in crafting legislation, working with military associations and veterans organizations to fill in the details, and coordinating our mutual efforts to get other legislators and the public on board. If more on Capitol Hill demonstrated their level of commitment, we would be in a better place."

TMC represents the interests of more than 5.5 million members around the world, including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and retired members and veterans of the seven uniformed services, plus their families and survivors. For more information visit: www.themilitarycoalition.org.

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