

We Couldn't be Prouder of Our Virginia Veterans *Virginia becomes the fifth state to pass our Veterans Bill.*

Our nation is home to nearly 16 million veterans of the Armed Forces. Many have come home and entered the civilian workforce in a variety of occupations and industries. We're extra proud of those who are USW members and retirees.

That's why in early 2023, Rapid Response partnered with our union's Vets of Steel program to continue [the good work that began in New York](#), working with state legislators across the country to author and introduce legislation that would require a standardized workplace posting. This posting includes basic information about veterans' benefits and a way for veterans to learn more about the resources they are entitled to. These resources help to ease the transition back into civilian life and ensure that families and communities are supported after giving selflessly for our country.

We are so excited to pass along that Virginia has unanimously passed the bill in both chambers and it is onto the Governor to be signed into law. It is extremely rare for a bill to pass without any opposition, so we know we are working in the right direction to give our veterans the resources they need.

Thank you to each and every person that lobbied their legislator to make this happen. We did this together and will continue to work until this law has been passed in every state in the Nation. Well done, Virginia Steelworkers!



Honoring these courageous individuals should happen not only while they are actively serving, but also when they return home. Within our union, the "Veterans of Steel" program honors military service and identifies ways to assist veterans and their families in Steelworker-represented workplaces. If you are a veteran, and would like to join Veterans of Steel, click [HERE](#).

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