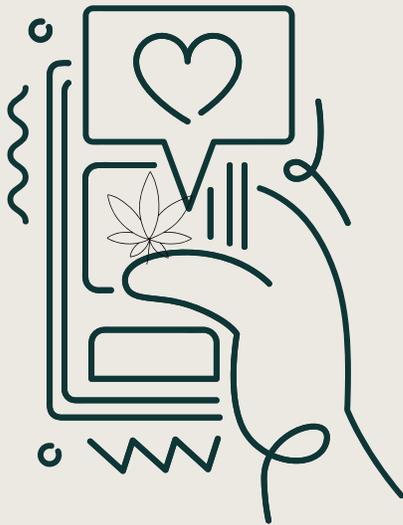


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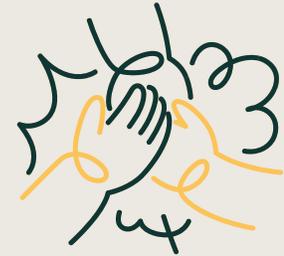
Florida is the most veteran-friendly state in the Union.

Support Florida Veterans



Make Medicine Affordable

Although Medical Marijuana is legal, the Veteran's Administration does not offer recommendations for medical marijuana forcing veterans to pay out of pocket for doctor visits. Doctors and non-profits provide free or reduced-cost visits for some veterans.



Mission:

Make a veteran's treatment just a little more affordable.

Eliminate the annual card renewal fee for qualified veterans.

Hear from a Vet...

"As a combat vet, cannabis has been a transformative force in my life. Transitioning from multiple pharmaceutical cocktails that left me disconnected from society, I have found solace in natural medication, allowing me to reclaim my true self." **Branden, US Army**



DOH collected more than **65 Million** in fees from patients and caregivers in fiscal year 22-23. DOH does not track the number of patients who are veterans.

<https://health.wusf.usf.edu/health-news-florida/2023-11-30/judge-backs-an-increased-license-fee-for-medical-marijuana-operators>

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Empowering Military Veterans: The Impact of Access to Medical Cannabis

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In a significant stride towards supporting veterans, in 2025, the Florida House of Representatives passed HB 555, a bill to provide complementary medical marijuana cards for veterans. This legislation introduced a financial waiver of issuance and renewal fees for Medical Marijuana Use Registry Identification Cards, acknowledging the unique needs of those who've served in the military. As a combat-wounded veteran, I am excited to explore the potential benefits that medical cannabis can bring to our community.

Understanding the Challenges:

Military Veterans often grapple with physical and mental health issues resulting from their service. Chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other ailments can persist long after deployment and extensive training, affecting the quality of life for those who have sacrificed so much.

The Role of Medical Cannabis:

Medical cannabis has shown promise in alleviating symptoms commonly experienced by Military Veterans. From managing chronic pain to mitigating the effects of PTSD, cannabis offers a holistic and alternative approach to traditional treatments. The active compounds in cannabis, particularly cannabinoids like CBD and THC, interact with the body's endocannabinoid system, providing relief and promoting overall well-being.

Benefits for Combat Veterans:

Pain Management: Combat injuries, along with just time served, often result in chronic pain. Medical cannabis, with its analgesic properties, can offer a safer and potentially more effective alternative to traditional pain medications.

PTSD Relief: PTSD is a prevalent challenge for Veterans, impacting mental health and daily functioning. Studies suggest that cannabis may help regulate emotional responses, offering relief from anxiety and nightmares associated with PTSD.

Improved Sleep: Many combat veterans struggle with insomnia. Certain strains of cannabis have sedative effects, promoting better sleep and aiding in the restoration of mental and physical health.

Reduced Dependency on Opioids: Given the opioid epidemic, medical cannabis presents an opportunity to reduce reliance on addictive medications. This can contribute to a decrease in opioid-related issues within the veteran community.

Florida's HB 555 was not just a legislative update; it was a lifeline for Military Veterans seeking alternative, effective healthcare solutions. As someone who has experienced the challenges firsthand, I am hopeful that this legislation sparks a new era of comprehensive care for Veterans. The recognition of medical cannabis as a valid option is a step towards providing relief and improving the overall well-being of those who have sacrificed so much for our country. Let's continue advocating for the well-deserved support our Veterans need and deserve.

Please Support this legislative change.