

Military, Veterans, and First Responders

The Augusta County Democratic Committee believes America must continue to maintain the strongest military in the world, allowing all of us to continue to enjoy the liberties and freedoms we so cherish. Since the end of the Second World War, the United States has provided political and economic stability to the rest of the world allowing for the blossoming of our democratic principles of liberty and freedom under the protective umbrella of our military. Here at home, we cherish our first responders and their selfless dedication to keeping us safe in our daily lives.

- We support a smart, predictable defense budget that meets the strategic challenges we face as a nation.
- Weapons systems procurement must be based on military need not political influence and must be closely monitored to eliminate wasteful spending.
- We honor those active duty personnel that perform admirably while sacrificing immeasurably
- Our country has a sacred, moral responsibility to keep faith with all our veterans and wounded warriors.
- More educational benefits and job training, an end to chronic homelessness and PTSD related suicide, and protection of the GI Bill must be priorities.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs must be made to run more efficiently and effectively.
- We honor the sacrifice and dedication of military families who serve alongside our service members.
- As Democrats we welcome and honor ALL Americans who want to serve regardless of sexual orientation or identity.
- Sexual harassment, assault, and rape in the military ranks must be stopped.
- While we support a strong military, we are committed to a foreign policy that gives priority to diplomacy.
- We are committed to a foreign policy of standing with our allies and confronting our adversaries.
- We support and honor the dedication and sacrifice of those that protect and come to our aid in our daily lives: EMTs, firefighters both professional and volunteer, and law enforcement.

- We understand the way to honor our local Augusta County first responders is to provide adequate funding for staff and equipment to support this dangerous work over such a large geographic area.