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## Governor Christie Reaffirms Commitment to New Jersey Military Members Past and Present

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**Trenton, NJ** – Taking action to further strengthen support for New Jersey's military members, veterans and their families, Governor Chris Christie today signed several measures designed to encourage entrepreneurship, provide educational opportunity assistance and protect the honor of the service of New Jersey's military men and women.

"The service and sacrifice of our current military members and veterans to New Jersey and the nation is unequalled," said Governor Christie. "This administration's commitment to these brave men and women has never been stronger. By signing these three measures, we are not only reaffirming a pledge to those who serve, we are providing important opportunities for educational access and business development, and upholding the integrity and dignity of their service by punishing those who misrepresent themselves as serving in the military."

Governor Christie signed the following legislation:

**A976/S1353** (Assemblymembers Spencer and Schepisi/Senators Bateman and Smith): Creates State Contract Set-Aside programs for businesses owned and operated by disabled veterans;

**A2849/S1812** (Assemblymembers Mazzeo, Eustace, Johnson, Wilson, Brown, Moriarty/Senators Whelan, Beach): Creates the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund Act to provide college scholarships to the spouses and children of those killed, missing in action or disabled in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn;

**A4104/S2704** (Assemblymembers Andzejczak, Garcia, Lagana, Mazzeo, Mukherji, Tucker/Senators Cruz-Perez Van Drew): Creates the Stolen Valor Act, which makes unauthorized use of military uniforms, medals, or insignias to obtain benefit a third degree crime.

Throughout his term in office, Governor Christie has supported New Jersey's veterans and their families through increased funding and support for various veterans-based housing, employment, and educational services and programs. Additional information for veterans programs and services is available on DMAVA's website [here](#).

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