

## ***SUPPORT FOR TROOPS & VETERANS***

While many Americans have lost faith in many of the nation's institutions, confidence in and support for the men and women who serve in the U.S. military continues to remain sky high. And for good reason. Day after day, Soldiers, Sailors, Aviators, Marines and Guardsmen put their lives on the line to protect the country's safety, freedom and national interests. Where would America be without the professionalism and courage of those who serve in the military?

The MTD is proud of these brave men and women, many of whom are our own Union Brothers and Sisters. A number of MTD affiliates actively support the nation's troops every day on the hob, both at home and around the globe. We also salute those who have served and earned the title of Veteran. The MTD is a proud member of the AFL-CIO Union Veterans Council.

However, those who are serving or have served on the front lines face a different battle – finding a job. America must not and cannot turn its back on those who answered the call to duty.

Never in the history of this nation have so many owed so much to so few. These people deserve more than mere lip service. They need concrete actions. These men and women, both retired and active, deserve the best. That has been the MTD's belief since our inception in 1946.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO, its affiliates and Port Maritime Councils salute and thank the members of the United States Armed Forces past and present for their dedication to country and devotion to duty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MTD, its affiliates and Port Maritime Councils continue to work to ensure those who served have decent, good-paying jobs and proper benefits when they are home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MTD, its affiliates and Port Maritime Councils pray for the safe return of those in uniform stationed around world.