



**Williamson County Republican Party
Williamson County, Tennessee
October 14, 2024**

WCRP hereby petitions the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to draft and pass a Resolution urging the U.S. Defense Department to grant Honorable Discharges to those 8,000 service members who refused the COVID-19 vaccine, and to code those discharges as eligible for re-enlistment

WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense ordered the separation of approximately 8,000 members of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, and

WHEREAS, those 8,000 discharges were mandatory despite the fact the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had not given approval of the COVID -19 vaccines, and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Defense, under pressure from members of the U.S. House and Senate, withdrew the COVID-19 vaccination mandate on January 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 526 of the National Defense Authorization Act "DoD shall consider reinstating an individual who refused the COVID-19 vaccination and was involuntarily separated" and

WHEREAS, most of those 8,000 military members were given a General Discharge; further, by IAW Section 526, those separated under this provision were given only 24 months to apply for reinstatement and to have that character of discharge changed, and

NOW THEREFORE, The Veterans & Military Subcommittee of the Williamson County Republican Party and the Williamson County Republican Party Chair and Officers hereby urge the Legislature of the State of Tennessee to draft and pass a Resolution urging the U.S. Defense Department to grant Honorable Discharges to those 8,000 service members, and to code those discharges as eligible for re-enlistment.

Given under my hand on this 14th day of October in the County of Williamson, State of Tennessee.

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