

# Message From Marsha



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## **MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND**

Colorado citizens honor the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces in many different ways. One of the ways citizens can offer their support for our Colorado National Guard, reservists and their families is by checking the Military Family Relief Fund box on your state income tax returns.

According to Ron Kirk, one of Colorado State's finest fiscal analysts, The Military Family Relief Fund has received donations for the 2005 and 2006 tax years totaling over \$436,374. Over 33,113 generous taxpayers contributed an average of \$13.18 to the fund over the past two years.

Money from the Military Family Relief Fund is used for financial hardships of the Colorado National Guard, reservists and their families when ordered to active military duty. Grants are awarded to active duty military personnel stationed in Colorado and their family members when the active duty military member is deployed to a declared hostile fire zone. HB1035 extends the period that state income tax returns will include a voluntary contribution designation benefiting the Military Family Relief Fund from tax year 2008 through tax year 2010.

As your ranking member on the State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, and one of the cosponsors to HB1035, I am committed to pursue legislation that will benefit the men and women of uniform and their families. If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 238-5600 or email [MarshaLooper@gmail.com](mailto:MarshaLooper@gmail.com). Visit [WWW.GOMARSHA.ORG](http://WWW.GOMARSHA.ORG) for more information on all issues, legislation, town hall schedules, voting information and more.

If you know any active National Guard, reservists or family members who are in need of financial assistance please refer them to [www.dmv.state.co.us](http://www.dmv.state.co.us) click on Military Family Relief and download the guidelines and applications for the funds.

Please join our team at our next town hall to discuss state policy that affects you and your family. Town Hall meetings are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>-Ramah Town Hall, 7:30 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Edison/Hanover School 7:00-9:00 PM, July 16<sup>th</sup> Falcon 7:00-9:00pm, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Fountain City Hall and July 26<sup>th</sup> for coffee, donuts and breakfast at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Ellicott. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Respectfully,

***Marsha Looper***

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