

# Frank Burns

State Representative

72nd Legislative District



## HONORING OUR VETERANS

As child growing up in Cambria County, Rep. Burns' parents instilled in him appreciation and respect for those who defend our country – lessons he's carried into adulthood and his decision-making in Harrisburg.

**DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IS WHY REP. BURNS:**



Authored a bill that guarantees continued in-state tuition to college students whose active-duty parents are reassigned to another state.



Supported property tax relief for veterans who are disabled outside of a combat zone, or for the spouse of a veteran killed in action.



Voted to provide higher education benefits to the spouse and children of PA National Guard members who re-enlist for another six-year stint.



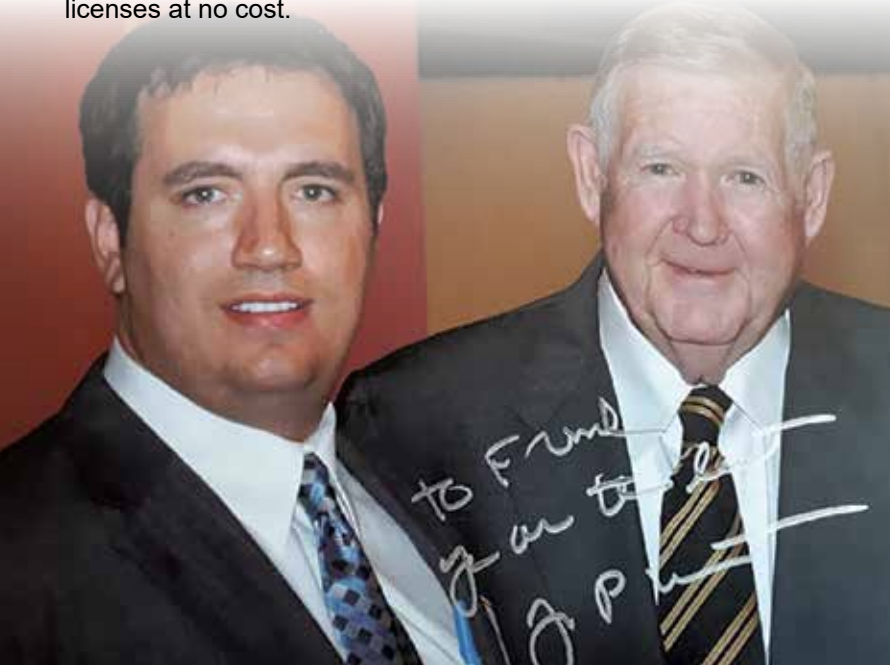
Helped pass Pennsylvania's "Stolen Valor Act," which makes it a crime to impersonate a member or veteran of the U.S. military for profit, with all fines collected going to programs that assist veterans and their families.

# Burns: Disabled veterans deserve elk hunting license lottery

When Cambria County hunter and retired corrections officer Tim Seymore contacted Rep. Burns' office to voice frustration over not being selected in the elk hunting license drawing, despite applying for 12 consecutive years, he didn't expect what happened next.

Rep. Burns proposed legislation that would dedicate two elk license tags per year – one antlered, one antlerless – in a special drawing open to 100% service-connected disabled veterans.

Under Rep. Burns' bill, the veterans selected would also get the licenses at no cost.



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**There has only been one PA representative I ever thought did anything for veterans and that was the late Mr. Murtha. Now there is someone I think is respectfully as good and that is Representative Frank Burns.**

– Timothy Seymore, disabled veteran and retired corrections officer.

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# Burns votes to end Inheritance Tax when military member dies while on duty

Rep. Burns supported a bill, which became law July 14, that removes a tax burden from the family of any military member who dies as a result of an injury or illness sustained while on active duty.

The measure Rep. Burns backed exempts from the state Inheritance Tax any property that is transferred after such a death. It applies to members of the United States armed forces, a reserve component, and the National Guard.

His affirmative vote was part of Rep. Burns' continued commitment to do all he can to help veterans, their spouses and their families.

“ *If a military person dies while serving our country, the last thing their family needs is to worry about how to pay their estate taxes.* ”

– Rep. Burns

# Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge

Members of Steve Klosz VFW Post #7605 joined Rep. Burns to dedicate a bridge on State Route 3041 in Jackson Township in honor of Mike Capelli, a Cambria County serviceman shot and killed in World War II while organizing his men during an attack by a reinforced band of German SS Troopers. Rep. Burns sponsored the legislation to memorialize Capelli, who died in France while serving in the U.S. Army.



**“He stepped up to defend our great nation – and made the ultimate sacrifice.” – Rep. Burns**

# Burns fights for veterans' benefits, career opportunities

## ENCOURAGES APPLICATIONS FOR \$800,000 STATE GRANT PROGRAM

Rep. Burns knows that veterans can face employment challenges once their service ends, so he's made it a point to inform everyone of state grant opportunities that could benefit veterans.

One of those is an \$800,000 program available to fund projects to help connect veterans with career opportunities – and help remove barriers they face.

Eligible applicants include local workforce development boards, nonprofit and non-governmental entities, community-based organizations, education and post-secondary organizations, labor organizations, business associations and economic development entities.

Rep. Burns' office always stands ready to assist grant applicants interested in this or other state funding streams.

**“Since Day One I've been working to make sure our veterans have access to the programs and benefits they not only were promised but deserve.”**

**– Rep. Burns**



# Burns helps expand Military Family Relief Assistance Program

Rep. Burns works hard to make sure veterans and active-duty military members have access to programs they need – during and after their service to our nation.

As part of that commitment, Rep. Burns supported an expansion in the Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program, which provides grants of up to \$3,500 to service members and eligible family members, based on documented financial needs such as:

- A sudden or unexpected loss of income directly related to military service.
- Emergency need for child care for which the applicant lacks financial resources.
- Natural or man-made disasters resulting in a need for food, shelter or other necessities.
- The death or critical illness of a parent, spouse, sibling or child resulting in immediate need for travel, lodging or subsistence for which the applicant lacks financial resources.



# Burns gets \$17,400 grant for Cambria Co. Office of Veterans Affairs

Rep. Burns announced that \$17,400 from the Pennsylvania Veterans Trust Fund was awarded to the Cambria County Office of Veterans to help with the digitization of veterans' records.

The local award was one of 30 handed out and will help the county defray costs while modernizing its Veterans Office.

Rep. Burns always strives to make sure Cambria County gets its fair share of state funding, from all programs.

“They were there for us, provided for us, sacrificed for us, but today our veterans are not getting the benefits they deserve. It’s time we take care of our veterans to let them know we are there for them.”  
– Rep. Frank Burns



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**Always fighting for those who defended our freedoms.**

# Burns sworn in as major in Pa. Civil Air Patrol

Rep. Burns is proud to be one of the legislators sworn into the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol with the rank of major.

In a ceremony that took place in the Capitol, Rep. Burns gladly accepted this honorary rank in an organization that stands for volunteer service, sacrifice and love of country.

The Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is headquartered at Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center. It carries out air and ground sorties in support of disaster relief, missing persons, or search and rescue within the commonwealth – and thousands of counterdrug missions.





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# *Veterans Appreciation Dinner*

*Sunday, August 28, 2022*  
*11 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

**Jackson Township Fire Hall**  
**176 Adams Ave, Mineral Point, PA 15942**

**PROOF OF  
SERVICE IS  
REQUIRED\***

*\*Guests can participate  
for a \$5 donation.*

**All veterans are invited to a free spaghetti lunch as our way of saying thank you. You must RSVP at (814) 736-7339 by August 19.**