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**Military Friends Foundation Appoints  
District Attorney William Keating To Serve On Advisory Council**

BOSTON – The Military Friends Foundation, a non-profit proudly serving Massachusetts National Guard, Reserve and Gold Star Families, is pleased to announce that Norfolk County District Attorney William R. Keating is joining our State Advisory Council. Keating, whose father served in World War II, has continued his legacy of service by pioneering an innovative program that trained first responders and criminal justice professionals about the readjustment needs of Massachusetts service members and their families after a deployment and best practices for connecting service members with available services.

“Throughout his career as a legislator and as a district attorney, Bill Keating has stood up for veterans and their families,” said **SGM Jim Kelly (Ret.) of Stoughton, Military Friends Foundation President and Iraq Combat Veteran**. “Today, our troops in Massachusetts are facing their highest deployment levels since WWII and our military families are in need of support. We are proud to welcome Bill Keating to our Advisory Council.”

“I thank the Military Friends Foundation for inviting me to serve on its Advisory Council,” said **District Attorney William Keating**. “My grandmother was a Gold Star Mother, so the Foundation’s mission of supporting our Guard, Reserve and Gold Star Families in times of need is extremely personal to me,” added Keating. “I look forward to working with the other council members and the board to advance the Foundation’s goals and objectives.”

District Attorney Keating also served on the State Legislature’s Hidden Wounds Commission to study the needs of returning Massachusetts military personal and their families. Recently, the Boston Bar Association recognized DA Keating’s efforts in educating first responders to the needs of returning combat veterans by awarding a Public Service Award to the District Attorney’s Office. He was also recently given The Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense volunteer organization, in recognition as an outstanding employer for Reservist and National Guard personnel.

The Military Friends Foundation is a non-profit proudly serving Massachusetts National Guard, Reserve and Gold Star Families. We assist these families in times of need. The Foundation proudly administers the Massachusetts Military Family Relief Fund which was created by the State Legislature to recognize the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Citizen Service Members. Taxpayers can directly support the Mass. Military Family Relief Fund on their Massachusetts state income tax form under voluntary contribution check-off box Question 32E.

Through generous donations, the Foundation has given hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to Massachusetts military families. For more information on our grants and support programs, please visit [www.militaryfriends.org](http://www.militaryfriends.org) or call (617) 733-7994.

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