

# You can advocate for increased funding for the MS Research Program (MSRP) at the Department of Defense



## WOW: MY IMPACT STATEMENT

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### Examples:

- “Nearly 70,000 American veterans live with MS and around 2,400 active military service members and Reservists have been diagnosed with MS in the past decade.”
- “The MSRP is the **only** federal funding stream specifically for MS research.”
- “I served in the military and not long after was diagnosed with MS.”
- “**Over half** of the Veterans seen by the Veterans Health Administration have service-connected MS.”



## HOW: IMPACT ON THE MS COMMUNITY AND CONGRESS' ROLE IN THE SOLUTION

*(You do not have to use every point below, just pick what best supports your impact statement.)*

- Congress established the MSRP in 2009 to fund high-risk, high reward research based on input from people with MS.
- We owe it to armed service members and veterans whose MS is connected to their military service to expedite solutions and find a cure.
- Funding innovative research is the key to finding solutions and cures for people with MS. While progress has been made, additional funding will allow for more transformational grants and clinical trials to be supported.



## NOW: THE ASK FOR CONGRESS

- Will you support \$22 million in funding for the MS Research Program for fiscal year 2023.

Additional notes:

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