



VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM Veterans of Foreign Wars

“No One Does More for Veterans”

Our mission continues today to assist veterans and their spouses in obtaining their well-deserved medical and pension benefits.

Please mail your donation today to:
VFW Department of Missouri
P.O. Box 26
Jefferson City, MO 65102

AID AND ATTENDANCE

“Aid and Attendance” is an under utilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes.

To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran’s benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually.

For more information, call your local VFW Veterans Service Office.

CONTACT A SERVICE OFFICER IN YOUR AREA

St. Louis

VA Regional Office
314-552-9886
400 S. 18th St., Room 105
St. Louis, MO 63103

Poplar Bluff

John J. Pershing VAMC
573-778-4614
Building 6, Room 1006
1500 NW Boulevard
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Columbia

Harry S. Truman Medical Ctr.
573-814-6007
800 Hospital Dr., Room 537
Columbia, MO 65201

St. Louis

John Cochran VAMC
314-289-6382
Jefferson Barracks (Wed.)
800-228-5459
915 N. Grand, Room A-339
St. Louis, MO 63106

Kansas City

Kansas City VAMC
816-922-2881
Room 1404
4801 E. Linwood Blvd.,
Kansas City, MO 64128

Mt. Vernon

Gene Taylor VACBOC
417-466-4000
600 N. Main, Room OM243
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Donation

I would like to support the important work of the VFW Service Officers by enclosing my gift of:

() \$25 () \$50 () \$75 () Other \$ _____

Please detach completed form and mail to: VFW Dept. of Missouri ♦ P.O. Box 26 ♦ Jefferson City, MO 65102

Credit Card Donation

Step 1: Complete Credit Card Information:

Please charge my: () MasterCard () VISA () AMEX () Discover Card No. _____

Expiration: _____ / _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

Step 2: Please choose one option:

() Option 1: Make a one-time donation by credit card of \$ _____.

() Option 2: Join the Partners in Veteran Service by donating the amount listed below from my credit card monthly:
* () \$10 per month - minimum () \$20 per month () \$30 per month () Other \$ _____ per month.
I authorize VFW to process my credit card on the _____ of each month.

By choosing option 2, I understand payments will continue automatically each month until I notify VFW Department Headquarters of any change or my credit card expires at which time I must reauthorize to continue my support.

(Please Print)
Donor Name: _____
Address: _____
Date: _____ Phone: _____



DID YOU KNOW?



- 1) The Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded in 1899 for the purpose of assisting veterans in obtaining medical and pension benefits from the federal government.
- 2) VFW Service Officers are successful in obtaining over 120 million dollars in VA benefits for Veterans in Missouri each year.
- 3) The VFW Service Officer Program is funded solely through VFW department membership dues, programs, and donations.
- 4) There is no charge to the veteran for their service.
- 5) Donations to the VFW Service Officer Program are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

PARTNERS IN VETERAN SERVICE

Become a continuous donor and receive a distinctive donor pin.

- Bronze - \$10.00/mo or \$120.00/year
- Silver - \$20.00/mo or \$240.00/year
- Gold - \$30.00/mo or \$360.00/year



Pins to be awarded at the time of receipt of donor card or payment

Veterans Service

Past, Present and Future

PAST: The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded a local organization to secure rights and benefits for their services. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.



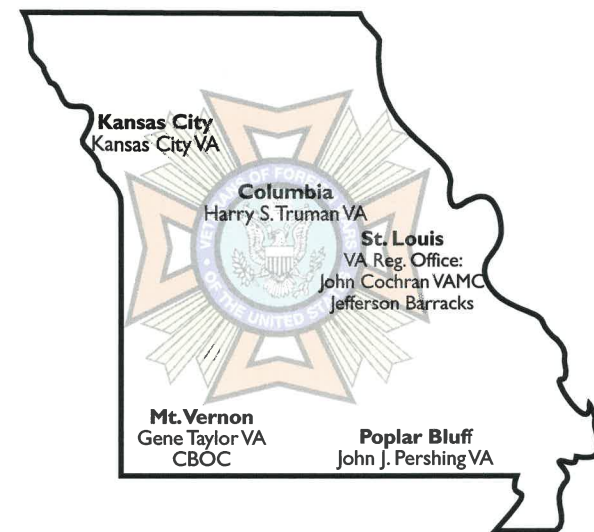
PRESENT: The VA currently has 8,864 pending claims at the VA Regional Office. The national average of claims handled by the VFW in a State is 12 percent of all cases. The VFW represents 31 percent of all cases pending with the VA. In the St. Louis Regional Office, we have 2,769 pending claims in our office at this time. Last month we filed 1,340 claims for benefits. Our recovery during the past year for our claimants is around 124 million dollars. The reason that we have so many claims pending is that we act as advocates for our veterans. They may file a claim for one benefit but, we will try to expand their claim to get them additional compensation. Example: WW II veteran files for a knee condition. His records were destroyed and his claim is denied. A review of his Discharge Document reveals that he served in the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge). We file for claim for cold injuries and he is granted a 100 percent evaluation. Besides getting \$2,823.00 in monthly benefits, he gets free medicine, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental, and nursing home care. We get an average of 15 veterans a 100 percent evaluation a week. We have a computer program where we have 17,000 cases, where we can review old claims, and given the time, I can get a lot of those veterans a 100 percent evaluation. 6,100 of our claimants are service-connected for hearing loss and tinnitus and 2,200 are service-connected for diabetes.

FUTURE: Our program is making a difference in the lives of our veterans and their dependents. We are always seeking to help as many veterans as we can and that is why we have over 2,700 pending claims. No Program in the VFW is more important than the Veterans Service Program.

If there were no Veterans Service Program (the reason the VFW was formed) what would be the reason for a veteran wanting to join the VFW? If we were not a Service Organization standing united to help our fellow veterans, then why would they want to join us?

Your Department Service Officers work hard to make sure our veterans are getting the maximum benefits under the law. You will not find any other organization that is more pro-active in veterans' claims than we are.

—Submitted by Dennis Flynn, Service Officer



Department of Missouri Veterans Service Officer Staff

Your contributions greatly enhance our ability to provide services to veterans in Missouri.