



MAVO

Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - 2021

- (Priority) As revenues from gaming continue to decline, it is imperative for the state to ensure veterans commission funding remains a top priority through maintenance of existing revenue sources with inclusion of general revenue to make up for fiscal shortfalls. Maintain the necessary level of funding for the operation and maintenance of State Veterans Homes, State Veterans Cemeteries, Veterans Service Officers Program, Veterans Grant Program and other needs of Missouri Veterans. MVC is funded by three major sources: Dept of Veteran Affairs and Missouri Gaming Commission and the Missouri Veterans Health and Care Fund.
- Advocate to maximize allocation of funds from the MO Veterans Health and Care Fund (medical marijuana) to the Missouri Veterans Commission, and emphasize MVC funding on any future recreational marijuana legislation.
- Maintain the 9-person Missouri Veterans Commission with 1 Ex-Officio member from the MMPEC AS STATED IN Chapter 42 RsMO and maintain the governance of Missouri Veterans Commission as stated in Chapter 42 RsMO with NO MERGER WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY; MVC Shall remain under the Department of Public Safety.
- Advocate for additional veterans service officers to help ensure Missouri's veterans receive the benefits they have earned and, given that the state's economy receives an influx of \$156 for every dollar spent on a veterans service officer, that Missouri enjoys the healthiest economy possible.
- Implement plans to introduce Adult Day Health Care in our state veteran homes
- Support Veterans Treatment Courts Statewide.
- Support implementation of new VA Home model in ALL HOMES of our state veteran homes to include construction of private rooms and restrooms for our veterans.
- Support the creation of a state-wide Prescription Drug Monitoring program.
- Support the concept of the "Missouri Veterans' Heritage Protection Act" to protect memorials of historic military significance in Missouri.
- Support any other legislation introduced in the legislature determined by the MAVO Legislative Committee to be in the interest of veterans.