
 <p><b>"Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today" by "Having a Heart For Hospitalized Veterans."</b></p> <p><b>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services Representatives and Deputies Promotional Material</b></p>	<p><b>The Brick Road to the Department of Missouri Hospital Program</b></p>  <p><b>January/February 2025-2026</b></p>	<p><b>Karen Cypret</b> 22222 Whiplash Lane Washburn, Mo. 65772 417-342-7652 <a href="mailto:mohospitalvavs.kcypret@gmail.com">mohospitalvavs.kcypret@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans – Who Keeps Us Free" we should be "Caring For Our Veterans Like the Ocean Caring For the Waves."</b></p>
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### The Criteria for the Missouri Veterans Homes.

The Missouri Veterans Homes Program offers high-quality, compassionate care to Veterans who are in need of 24-hour long-term nursing care. Each of our Veterans Homes, are just that, the home of our nation's heroes. We pride ourselves on serving the Veterans by creating a community of care in a safe and dignified environment.

The 2025 monthly rate for residency is \$2,697. This rate is adjusted each year with an expected COLA increase each January.

To be eligible for admission into a Missouri Veterans Home an individual must:

- Meet criteria established by the VA for Veterans status
- Be a citizen of Missouri who has maintained a physical residency in Missouri for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days immediately before application
- Physically living in the state of Missouri or proof of ownership of a residential home in the State of Missouri meets the eligibility requirements for the establishment of residency
- Not appear on any sex offender registry
- Not have a criminal history, including conviction or guilty plea/nolo contendere in any state (which, if committed in Missouri, would be) a Class A or B felony violation
- The Veteran must have documentation from a physician that he/she requires 24-hour skilled nursing care
- The Veteran's condition must be such that the Home has the resources to care for him/her

Eligibility and admission decisions are made by a team comprised of the Administrator, Physician, Director of Nursing, Social Worker, Veterans Service Officer, and other professionals as needed.



Reporting your hard work is essential for the organization to prosper.

As we walk this yellow brick road toward veterans' healthcare needs, let us be ever mindful that they are more than deserving of our time and efforts by "having a heart for hospitalized veterans." Until next time... Let us keep our hearts turned toward our veterans. Karen

