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## The Dogwood Dispatch Department of Missouri Legislative 2023-2024 Promotional Material Online Reporting & Hashtag Edition

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### Legislative Online Reporting

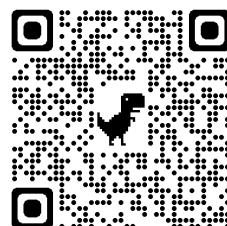
Please Report each event when it has been completed. Mark the correct category and be sure you tell me in the description box what you did. For example: We worked with the VFW to host a Town Hall on 7/22/23. All the candidates for the August Election participated, we held this event during our Monthly Breakfast. Patty oversaw advertising on Facebook, she used the hashtag [#ElectProVeteranGovernment](#), [#MissouriVFWandAuxiliary](#) and [#ShowMeTeamworkMo](#) in all 5 of the posts. We also advertised in the local paper. We handed out the priority goals and info on current VFW endorsed bills. If you Utilized the Materials from the National website, please tell me what you did with them. The more you tell me the better your chances for Awards, this is how we determine who gets Awards.

### Why are Hashtags Important?

Hashtags are important on social media as they allow people to easily find your content. They can increase the amount of likes and shares which will increase your audience. I have created a Legislative Program hashtag, please use them when you post on Facebook, I will be able to search for [#ElectProVeteranGovernment](#), [#MissouriVFWandAuxiliary](#) and [#ShowMeTeamworkMo](#), to see every post that has been made using that particular #.

### Why High School Students and the VFW Action Corps Weekly?

Who better to help us with our legislative goals than the youth! They are old enough to understand the issues and young enough to take advantage of the use of technology and Social Media. Contact your local High School for permission and a date for the event. Be creative on the promotions you take to the youth. Create QR Code posters! Ask a young person to share the sign up link for Action Corps Weekly <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register> on Snapchat. Be sure and have plenty of forms with you just in case they chose to sign up old school. You should also ask if you can also register students to Vote. The Student must be at least 17½ years of age and will be 18 years of age on or before election day. [Missouri Voter Registration](#) This should increase the number of Voters educated on VFW endorsed Veteran issues and letters generated to our Legislators thru the VFW Action Corps Weekly. Try the QR Code for Missouri Voters Registration



## Missouri Legislation Updates

So what is going on at the State level? All things Veteran! Just a few of the bills that have been introduced, some made the calendar and some did not. Please use the Missouri Bill Tracking site for more information about Veterans Legislation <https://house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx>

**HJR11:** An Amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to Property Tax Exemption for Veterans.

**HB579:** Tax credit for Veterans surviving spouse of a veteran is allowed to claim a nonrefundable tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to \$5,000 or an amount up to the aggregate amount of the taxpayer's real estate and personal property tax burden, whichever is greater.

**HB836:** Establishes the Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Allies Refuge Program which authorizes the issuance of a medallion, medal, and certificate to certain veterans who served in specified conflicts.

**HB132:** Tasks the Missouri Veterans Commission with expanding its efforts to prevent veteran suicide

**HB1313:** "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act". This bill allows the Veterans Commission to contract with public or private institutions of higher education in this state, or public or private clinics or hospitals, to furnish alternative treatment options for veterans

**SB654:** Establishes a pilot program for certain medical services for veterans and other first responders

**SB611:** Establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program," which provides recognition medals for certain veterans

**HB129:** Establishes the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act

## Missouri Veterans Commission

You can see all of the reports about our Veterans Homes and Cemeteries at this link <https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/> we need to look at how the fall rates are increasing at some of our homes. We need to increase funding! We Must Pay Attention to all the Legislation tied to our Veterans and their needs.

Missouri Veterans Commission Meeting

**Monday, the 24th of July at 10:00 AM at: Missouri Veterans Home – St. Louis 10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd St Louis, MO 63136**  
To join the meeting remotely via phone, please dial: 650-479-3207  
Once connected, please enter access code: 2456 964 3137.

To join by computer from the meeting link <https://stateofmo.webex.com/stateofmo/j.php?MTID=m3fca336c839611c756bf8ba4c1a02c50>.

Please check back to this site: <https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/about/> during the week of July 17-21 for the Agenda and presentation. So you can follow along.

## Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) Meeting September 18th, 2023 at 10 am

**DAV Disabled American Veterans Post #17**  
**5054 Monticello Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109**  
Election will be held at this meeting.

Please come and sit in on the Meetings of: (MVC) Missouri Veterans Commission and (MAVO) Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations, both of the meetings were enlightening, overwhelming, and exciting all at the same time. Plan a trip with your VFW and Auxiliary members to attend one or all.  
**There is Power in Numbers and Unity!**