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### Was Your Veteran .... Edition

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## MAVO Veterans' Rally 1/24/2023

(Missouri Association of Veterans Organization)

The **MAVO Veterans' Rally** will be **January 24, 2023, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am** in the **State of Missouri Capitol Rotunda** located at **201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101**. After the Rally in the Rotunda, **we will then break out into groups and visit our respective legislators to present MAVO's Legislative Agenda and ask for their support**. If you have never been, our experienced members will help guide you in this **vitaly important event!** We need **all our Auxiliary Members and their Veterans to go talk to our Legislators and Gain their Support for MAVO's Legislative Agenda:**

- **Fully Funding** our Missouri Veterans Commission (**MVC**)
- **Eliminate Personal Property Taxes** for **100% Disabled Veterans**
- More Information will be handed out that day!

## Was your Veteran at Camp Lejeune?

Section 804 of the VFW-championed **Honoring our PACT Act of 2022** authorizes veterans and military families who were exposed to toxic water **at Camp Lejeune from August 1953 to December 1987** to file a federal tort claim for harm caused by such exposure. Since the PACT Act added another recourse for veterans and their families suffering the effects **of toxic exposure** at Camp Lejeune.

Talk to a **Veterans Service Officer**.

## **Getting the right legal advice is crucial!**

The VFW encourages anyone who wishes to join the Camp Lejeune Justice Act lawsuit to visit <https://www.vfw.org/CampLejeuneHelp>

or call 800.898.9450.

## **New Website to Assist with Pact Act Benefit Eligibility**

The Action Corps Weekly announced the launch of the new VFW website for the Pact Act <https://www.PACTActInfo.org> that allows veterans to enter certain military service details and medical information to determine eligibility for compensation benefits on a presumptive basis as a result of exposure to toxins. The site will then provide referrals to VFW Service Officers in their state of residence to assist with their claims. The site also warns veterans about claim sharks and non-accredited entities that may try to exploit them for financial gain.

## **Have you Reported Your Legislative Activities on the Auxiliary Website?**

Go to [www.vfwauxmo.org](http://www.vfwauxmo.org) , Login and go to **Members Only- Program Reporting** and then **Fill out the Report and Submit report!** Please **Report** as soon as you complete the event.

## **Continuing Political Relationships**

Are you continuing your relationship with **Political Groups** that are made up of **Young American Voters**? Don't forget to tell them about **the 2023 Priority Goals**, will be out this month. **Young Voters are our future!**