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## 2025 National Legislative Conference




Washington DC, March 2-6, 2025

### Conference Details:

-  [2025 Washington DC Legislative Agenda](#)
-  [Housing Information](#)
-  [2024 Legislative Priority Goals](#)

## Missouri Association of Military Organizations (MAVO)

Legislative Priorities for the upcoming 2024-2025 Legislative Year

-  Fully fund the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC)
  - Yearly MVC must go back to general revenue to support the VSOs, state cemeteries and state veterans homes. \$50 million last year
-  Enhance real and personal property tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans. Currently there is a tax exemption for veterans that are 100% disabled **and** are former prisoners of war. This narrow exemption provides assistance to very few Missouri veterans, change **and** to **or**. This would be a constitutional change.
-  Support legislation that protects veterans from predatory actors who seek to profit from benefits that have been earned by those who serve our nation (Claim Sharks). MVC VSOs and their grant partners receive no payment taken from the veterans benefits.



## Missouri Association of Military Organizations (MAVO)

Prefiling of bills took place in December. House and Senate bills will obtain their assigned number; that information will be forthcoming.

### 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress

The 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will convene January 3, 2025.

District 1-US Congressman-Elect Lesley Bell  
District 3-US Congressman-Elect Bob Onder

### 103<sup>rd</sup> Missouri General Assembly

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Missouri General Assembly will convene on January 8, 2025.

Please see the MO House of Representatives and MO Senate websites to locate your elected official.



### Dates to Remember:

- January 1, 2025-New Year's Day
- January 6, 2025-Feast of the Epiphany
- January 20, 2025-Martin Luther King Day
- February 2, 20125-Groundhog Day
- February 3, 2025-MO Veterans Commission Mtg. 10:00
- February 14, 2025-Valentine's Day
- February 17, 2025-President's Day

## Item of Interest

VFW Action Alerts- Of the total number of VFW and Auxiliary, family, and friends, only 360,000 are signed up. Of those only 1% are responding to these “Alerts” and acting. This is Grassroots Advocacy, and you need to “Make Your Voices Heard on Capitol Hill” at the national level.

## Legislative Resources

VFW Website: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

MO VFW Auxiliary Website: [www.vfwauxmo.org](http://www.vfwauxmo.org)

VFW Legislative Priorities:

<https://www.vfw.org/legislativepriorities>

VFW Legislative Priorities including VFW 2024

Priority Goals:

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>

VFW Action Corps Weekly:

<https://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly>

All Federal Bills Currently Supported by VFW:

<https://ssl.capwiz.com/vfw/issues/bills/>

Federal Bills: <https://www.congress.gov>

US Senators: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

US Representatives: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

MO Senators:

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/Senators/Index>

MO Representatives: <https://house.mo.gov>

MAVO Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064617375512>



## Action Corps

Sign up for Action Corps so you stay current on key legislation.

Text “VFW” to 50457

Visit website: <https://voterveice.net/VFW/Register>

Scan the QR Code



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“From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending  
Service to Our Veterans”