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Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)  
Bulletin  
Department of MO Legislative  
2024-2025 Promotional Material


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## National Legislative Priorities


 **HR 8371** – Senator Elizabeth Dole 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. So Veterans, caregivers, and survivors can receive the life-altering and life-saving care and benefits they have earned and deserve.

 **Unaddressed Toxic Exposures** – Require VA to publicly post announcements, updates, and current statuses of research pertaining to presumptive conditions from service-connected exposures.

- Conduct oversight hearing to ensure VA’s compliance with the PACT Act for the ongoing evaluation of conditions associated with toxic exposures.


 **Exploring Alternative PTSD Treatments** – Provide funding to the Department of Defense and VA for innovative PTSD treatments currently used in the private sector.

- Direct VA to perform studies on alternative PTSD and other mental health care treatments.

 **Pass S 740/HR 1139 – Guard VA Benefits Act** – to reinstate penalties for charging veterans and survivors unauthorized fees relating to claims for VA benefits.

## 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

## Missouri Association of Military Organizations (MAVO)

Legislative Priorities for the upcoming 2024-2025 Legislative 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.

 Support voting “no” on Amendment 2, which would allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to regulate licensed sports wagering. The reason is this will decline the revenue generated by the riverboat gaming and our posts gambling machines.



### Dates to Remember:

November 1, 2024 – All Saints Day  
November 2, 2024 – All Souls Day  
**November 5, 2024 – Election Day**  
November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day  
November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving  
November 29, 2024 – Black Friday  
December 2, 2024 – Cyber Monday  
December 7, 2024 – Pear Harbor Remembrance Day  
December 21, 2024 – Winter Solstice  
December 25, 2024 - Christmas  
December 31, 2024 – New Year’s Eve

## 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.

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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”