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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

1 April 2018

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view on our website

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held every 3rd
Thursday in the Northland Elks
Lodge #2376, 7010 N. Cherry
St., at 1900 Hrs. (7 PM)
(Lower entrance on West side)

19 April 2018
17 May 2018
21 June 2018

Submit articles and pictures
for the Newsletter by email to
the Post (Subject: Newsletter)
two weeks prior to Quarterly
publishing. All submissions
subject to editing.

Commander Says:

Legionnaires;

I normally begin with an upbeat, positive attitude. This is not a normal situation. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our families and friends, causing the loss of life and livelihoods' in our community. Let us first and foremost think of and pray for those who are hurting more than ourselves, as we hope others do for us.

And while not upbeat, I do still have a positive attitude that we will recover and be able to move forward. We haven't yet gotten through the worst part of the pandemic, but the actions we have taken have certainly reduced the severity of its impact.

Volunteers from the Post have stepped up and initiated "Buddy Checks", calling our members to remind them that we are here to assist if necessary. These have been followed up by letters and emails with sources of help from United Way to the BBB. One couple in their 90's expressed concern over being able to shop for groceries and I was able to assure them that we have them covered.

We will get through this together, please just ask for help if you are in need.

Even now we must be thinking of ways we can contribute to the recovery of our community, and our nation. There are stimulus payments coming, and I hope that we will be able to use those funds to actually stimulate the local economy and get people back to work.

The Post Membership Meeting in March was cancelled, and as of now we will not hold the April Executive or Membership Meetings. However, there is still business to be conducted so please open your emails and give us your feedback. I will try my best to consolidate them as best I can to not flood your inbox, starting with this Newsletter which will get a bit long.

New Members

Adjutant

There are no new members to welcome this quarter.

Membership

SR Vice Cdr

As part of the post 626 response to the virus situation and the “stay at home” order the commander asked that I prepare call lists for “Buddy Check” calls. We had 5 members volunteer to make calls. The volunteers who have completed their list have reported that the calls were well received. As a result of the calls we have received information about post members that have passed and that have new phone and email addresses. If there is anyone who would like to make some calls, we still could use at least one or two more callers.

I have sent several emails to individuals that have not renewed and also called several. The post is renewing two individuals that are considered hardship cases. I have also mailed individual personal letters to several that we do not have phones or emails.

This year we are going to lose approximately 30 members, most are those are not renewing. We have 5 members who have passed and a couple who have transferred out. At the present time our percentage of renewal compared to our actual membership is 91%. I included the names of those who had not renewed in the “buddy Check” call list hoping it would trigger renewals. We need every active member to be a recruiter and active in getting the members they are aware of renewed.

Conference/Convention Notes

Commander

I attended the Spring DEC Meeting as District Commander on the 22nd of February in Ashland MO. There are no more “Spring Conference’s” as a money saving measure by Department, again driven by loss of membership.

The information that Post members might be interested in is:

- Membership renewals at Department are processed within 24 hours, the backlog is at National.
- National recommends that Posts do Buddy Checks in March and November to coincide with the Legion’s Birthday and Veterans Day.
- Department finance officer projects a \$150,000 shortfall on revenue for this year due to loss in membership.
- The American Legion Foundation of MO has a goal of \$1.2M which would produce income of \$36K annually to support Department Scholarships. They have been averaging

5% over 5 years in an account managed by Wells Fargo and currently have \$830K but are looking for donations. Go to <https://www.missourilegion.org/foundation-of-missouri>

- There is an amendment to the By-Laws in the works that would require Adjutants to process dues received from members within 30 days. See inserts...
- The NEC is (was?) expecting a decision on the 2025 National Convention location in May. If either KC or St. Louis is selected it could lead to as much as \$80K in the Departments coffers. If it is KC there will be a lot of work to do!
- Department and National is encouraging those going to conventions to use the facilities on site. Prices are going up because we cannot deliver as many room reservations and other profits for the hotels. Saving \$10 a night on another hotel can cost the organization sponsoring the event much more than that.
- The Departments golf tournament which benefits the Temporary Financial Assistance program, supporting minor children of Legionnaire's and Active Duty Service personnel will be on July 9th. Participants and Sponsors are needed. Details here: <https://www.missourilegion.org/ppcc-golf>
- Cut-off for reserving a room at Department Convention is 17 Jun. Here: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hi/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1

District Meeting Notes

Commander

A District Meeting was held on the 8th of March at Post 95 in Liberty. A reminder that anyone can come to these meetings, meet other Legionnaire's, learn something new, and have a good meal and comradery afterwards. Post 95 supplied the ham/bread/drinks and we brought the rest. Good eats!

Brad Gibson from Advocate Health Advisors was there to talk about health insurance and how maximize VA and Medicare benefits. See attachments for contact details.

The District Commander (me) reported on his activities over the last quarter, the need to communicate and participate across the area, not just at the home Post, and the importance of being online. Other Posts reported on their activities to include Boys/Girls State, and fundraising activities. Cadet Patrol Chair reported NO applications were submitted from any of the Posts in the District. Commander noted that this program that supports Law Enforcement through youth education and possible recruitment IS GOING TO DIE from lack of support at the school and Post level.

The Commander also expressed appreciation to Jeff Benes, Post 626, Post 95 and 3rd District Aux for their participation in, and support of, the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Because they cared, this program exists.

Post Business
Commander

I want to thank every member of the Post just for being members, and especially those that step up and do the work whether it is on a daily basis or mission specific. But what makes our programs work are the Chairpersons who gather the information and material, assemble and coordinate the teams, do the work and report back to the membership what has been accomplished in their names. So, for work conducted in the last quarter, a special Thank You to the following:

Jeff Benes, High School Oratorical Contests

Serves as Post and District Oratorical Chair, conducted School, County and Zone Contests, resulting in Staley HS Student making it to the Zone level contest.

Russ Dubuc, Boys State

7 students sponsored, 6 more submitted without sponsorship but will probably still be able to attend.

Gaila Sullivan, Girls State

Coordinated with Unit 61 to sponsor 3 students from Oak Park, and Unit 58 for a possible 2 from Staley (Alternates)

Phyllis Rosales, Honor Guard Cpt.

Ensuring every possible request for service is met.

Larry Ragan, Membership

Continuously working retention and recruitment as well as organizing Buddy Check calls to members during the COVID-19 stay at home order.

Gaila Sullivan, VA&R

Replying to VA's request for assistance during COVID-19 hospital lockdown.

Again, none of that would have happened without the membership stepping up to do the work. So thank you all!

(Creating a list of names always makes me nervous, thinking I left someone out. I think I got them all...)

Larry Ragan has done a great job getting out there and doing all that he can to solicit new members and transfer existing members into the Post. The Department recognizes us with gaining 19 new members and 8 transfers as of March 26th. But with so many non-renewals for one reason or another we are still 4 members short of last year and 18 short of our actual target aimed toward growth.

What are YOU doing to help Larry out? Do you spread the word about all of the good that your Post is doing in the community, have an application form handy, know what the new requirements for membership under the Legion Act are, talk to veterans about how they can contribute either in action or just by being a member? Larry made us a tri-fold that we can use to explain the details of what the Post does and gives you the tools you need to recruit a member. See the inserts after

Upcoming Activities. Print it on both sides, fold into thirds, and keep it handy. We will also have some of these printed on good stock for you at our next meeting.

Every year the Post supports the local Rotary as they raise money for student scholarships. We do this simply by eating breakfast at their pancake fundraiser. I gotta say I was disappointed in this year's turnout. Thank you, Billy and Dave & family, for having breakfast with Michelle and I. Jane was sick but still came by to get some to go, and Doug R. who came earlier due to scheduling conflict.

We do the same for the Elks annually in May, can I count on you to show those in attendance that Post 626 supports the community in many ways? This event has been cancelled for this May but could be scheduled for later in the year.

Post officer and executive committee elections are coming up. The By-Laws state that elections must be held at the regularly scheduled meeting in May stemming from recommendations of the Nominating Committee appointed in April or nominations from the floor. In practice we have been announcing nominations at the April meeting after coordination with the commander, there has not been a committee, and completing the election with any last-minute nominations in May.

Due to the stay at home order and health concerns it is entirely possible that we will not have an April meeting unless the stay at home order is lifted. I intend to recommend to the Executive Committee that we announce any nominations by email/website/Facebook on or near the April meeting date, followed by the election in May.

With that in mind, do you want to stay where you are, or do you want a change? Any position is open to any member in good standing. Everyone is welcome to "test their metal" at an officer or Committee position. If you currently hold a position and do not wish to continue please let me know **NOW** so we can work on getting a replacement. I know of one so far.

We currently have 3 "At Large" positions on the Executive Committee that need to be filled, current members are welcome to stay but we will have at least one vacancy. - Monthly meeting confronting the business of the Post and representing the members.

We will need a VA&R Chairperson. - Conduct Poppy Donation Days, with poppy fluffing if possible; coordinate expenditure of funds to VAVS, Cameron Veterans Home, Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA); coordinate expenditure of funds for other veteran/service member support projects.

1st Vice/Membership Chair is in question. We either get Larry someone to share the load as Vice Chair who can take on a large portion of the membership work (more than just phone calls) or we may lose him altogether. I would recommend the 1st Vice to have oversight of Membership Vice Chair who would do most of the work in retention and recruiting with the possibility of taking

over the following year. This, Adjutant and Finance are positions we really don't want to be turning over frequently. If necessary, and with the Posts support, we could change the By-Laws so that the 1st Vice doesn't have to be Membership Chair as it is now.

Sgt-at-Arms nominations are being accepted. Dan would like a little more flexibility about which meetings he attends. – Set up meetings, man attendance roster, escort guests, keep good order.

In this community, we really need someone to take up National Security. – Coordinate the selection and funding of students to Cadet Patrol, submitting recommendations for Law Enforcement and EMT/Firefighter awards, other programs as deemed appropriate. This is only a few hours a year, add a day if you want to visit the CP course in progress.

This is all that I know of at this time. Like I said, if you currently hold a position and want out please let me know *now*. If you would like to participate, also let me know now.

I am willing to continue as your commander unless you have an alternative. But for the following year I do not believe I will be able to continue. I am taking on more responsibilities at higher levels and will not be able to continue in this capacity. I would retain the M&C Committee if needed, and participate in the usual committees. It's not that hard running the meeting's, and with more help on the Committee's (which we gain every year) things have the possibility of running themselves. The groundwork has been laid over our 45 years of history, just do what works, coordinate with the Chairpersons and keep notes for the next person.

Our Consolidated Post Report (CPR) is coming due. Please start consolidating your community service hours. We will be reporting hours for 1 June through 30 May. Hours count for any project you work, museum's, food banks, any hospital, scouting, etc. If it was part of the Volunteer Team, VA Hospital or at the WWI museum I can gather those hours from the volunteer coordinators *but I need to know that you do that*. Please let me know and I can add you to those lists. Committee Chairs are responsible for consolidating the hours of their members and reporting them as one. If you know that you won't have any more hours through May, or if you can estimate those hours please go ahead and submit them to the Post email.

Only 70% of Legion Posts complete their CPR's, effectively shortchanging the contributions we make to our communities when we report to Congress every year. As an organization, that can have a negative impact on or clout in DC when it comes to getting legislation passed, killed or modified. Go here: <https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> and then imagine what it would look like 30% greater. It is important that you report your accomplishments to make up for the 30% who don't care.

This year's National Oratorical Contest, Shooting Sports Competition, and Oratorical Contests have been cancelled along with the MO Cadet Patrol program due to health concerns. At this time Boys and Girls States are still a go.

The Finance Steering Committee Open Forum has been cancelled due to COVID. Probably a good thing considering only three members had signed up to attend. It is important for you to realize that the venue to ask questions, share your approval or disapproval, learn more about what we are trying to accomplish will be at this forum. There will not be time for any in-depth discussion at a regular meeting before the Executive Committee votes. The Edward Jones financial advisor will be there to discuss the managed account part of the plan and answer your questions. He can also explain why, even with big crashes like this year and 2008, that it is a sound investment for part of our savings in the long term where we can actually fund a couple of programs long term.

Media & Communications. Keep this Newsletter handy. You have no idea how many times I get asked for information that is readily available from page one. When's the next meeting? Where? What's the mailing address? Website or Facebook address? Officers and Committee Chairs, please help me out and submit something... You reach a lot more people here than you will at a meeting.

This and past NL's are also available on the website. "We have a website?" Yes, check out the calendar page for upcoming events while you're there.

For the Facebook users we have had: steps to follow if you get sick now; how to get help from the COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund; requests for letters from the Veterans Home in Cameron; community announcements from local businesses and organizations impacted by COVID-19; American Legion Baseball updates; announcements from the military branches, legion, city and county; cancellations of many events. And all that was just a short scroll down, mostly dealing with the current situation. If you're not seeing this, it is because you do not actually visit our page and/or interact with our posts. Visit/Like/SHARE, stay informed.

Nelson came up with a good point a while ago. Do your family members know you are a member of Post 626? Should something happen to you we stand ready to assist, but they will need to know to contact us. They can request our Honor Guard Team conduct the honors at your funeral service (just tell the Funeral home). Do they know some of them may be eligible for membership in the Auxiliary or Sons?

If you have not been to one of our meetings since we moved to the Elks you are in for a pleasant surprise. The community center rooms we used to use became way too small for our energized membership meetings of 20 – 25 members. It was hard to get to the seats, got hot and loud, now we could have a meeting of 100 members and still have room. So, come on out!
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The MCPL has approached us to create a display for the large case just inside the door of the Antioch Branch. We will have that space for the Month of May. We have some things in storage we can bring out, mostly awards, and can create some things for the outreach board. I think we could use some fillers of military memorabilia that you may have at home. If you have things that you would like to display, please contact me.

The Post has created a Handbook. I think that this will be a great tool to help members become acquainted with Post operations and the American Legion as a whole. It is not in print form at this time. I think we should let it ride unpublished for a year and look for feedback from the members. Is it understandable, is something left out, wrong? So please, check it out and give us your feedback. After corrections we can print a few for those who don't have emails. Available as an attachment in this email.

If you have any amount of time that you want to fill, please get involved. There are many things the Post does or can do that only take a few hours or a couple days a year. And some that could keep you very busy. What are your interests? Skills? Do you want to try something new? Give me a call and we'll sit down and talk about it when the lock-down is over. We can come up with some way, Large or small, that you can contribute.

Member Contribution

None (Sigh...)

Community Contact

Antioch Bible Baptist Church - Feed Northland Kids is an organization that works year-round to help provide food to school children in need, which continues especially now during our current epidemic. Antioch is partnering with Feed Northland Kids by providing a mobile distribution center, from which families in the North Kansas City School District can receive a bag of groceries weekly during this time of crisis. <http://antiochbbc.org/feed-northland-kids>

Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce - The U.S. Small Business Administration has just approved Missouri's COVID-19 disaster declaration, meaning assistance is now available for struggling small businesses across the state. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Synergy Services - As many of us shelter in our own homes, Synergy Services continues to provide care for those without a safe place to shelter. Our services, including our Domestic

Violence Center, Children's Center and Synergy House, remain open and our staff continues to provide 24-hour care and housing to the most vulnerable individuals, children and teens in our community through this crisis. Our dedicated staff needs your help more than ever. They are continuing to show up every day to care for those in need without homes and families to keep them safe in this turbulent time. <https://www.synergyservices.org/get-involved/COVID-19-Resource-Fund?bblinkid=210360334&bbemailid=19964754&bbejrid=1409383770>

In Closing
Commander

Back to where we started, the COVID-19 response. Most of us, if not all, will be receiving an economic “Stimulus” payment from the government. If you have not been seriously financially affected by the lock-down and/or market crash and are financially able, I hope you will join me in stimulating the local economy and supporting local charities that have had to change to carry-out only or have had to shut down altogether. We can actually stimulate a recovery, instead of throwing it in savings and earning .01% interest.

Please share your favorite place that is temporarily take-out. How do they operate, what do they serve, do you preorder online or call in? Use your cellphone to take a picture of the contacts and menu and share it on our Facebook page or email it to me. There are some on our Facebook page now from Dave and I. Share yours.

As M&C Chair I see an opportunity to do what we do and make a public relations impact. The Flashmob (light). We would still need to stay 6 ft apart for now, but what if 10 Legionnaire’s showed up to pick up their family’s dinners all at the same time? That would make an impression. Or after the restrictions are lifted, we all go and hit a restaurant at the same time. That would also make an impression. Just like at the Rotary or Elks breakfasts.

Keep an eye on Facebook and/or the Post calendar on the website and I will give that shot a couple of times, see if you are interested in participating. Come representing the Legion if you have the gear, or at least as a Veteran. I think we all have that gear!

An activity that you can do while spending extra time at home is the Legion’s **Basic Training Course**. Great opportunity to learn more about the Legion as a national organization. The Post will buy your hat pin when you show your completion certificate. Register here: <https://www.legion.org/alei> It only takes a few hours and you can start and stop as you wish.

Don’t forget to go past the Upcoming Events for inserts and to download the attachments, especially the Handbook!

Be Cautious, Stay Safe & Healthy



A special Thank You to Storage Mart for letting us use a 10X10 unit for our Post supplies again this year, saving us quite a bit and allowing us to use those funds elsewhere!

Inserts

Why 626? – Membership Tri-Fold
Department Bylaws Amendment
Flyers from Dist. Meeting
 Advocate Health Advisors
VAVS Report
Misc.
 Auxiliary
 HISA Grants
 KCVV Parking
 Poll Worker Applications
 Legislative News
 MAVO Agenda

Attachments

Handbook
Non-Partisanship Bulletin
District Newsletter
District Commanders Report

JOIN US IN OUR ACTIVITIES, WE'DE BE DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU!



Upcoming Events

Lined through means cancelled due to COVID-19

- Apr **Post Data Form** due to Dept.
- 2 Apr ~~**Finance Steering Committee Open Forum**, 1900 Hrs. MCPL Antioch Branch~~
- 11 Apr ~~**Post Executive Committee Meeting**, 1000 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch~~
- 16 Apr ~~**Post Membership Meeting**, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
Candidates for Post Officers and Committee Chairpersons for the next year are announced~~
- 21 Apr ~~**Caregivers on the Homefront Community Forum**, 1200—1430
Lunch Provided, RSVP required
Rockhurst University, 1100 Rockhurst Rd.
Kansas City MO. 64110~~
- 25 Apr ~~**Post 95 Spaghetti Dinner**, 1630—1900 (Meet at 1730?)
Our Lady of Mercy Country Home
2115 Maturana Dr. Liberty MO 64068~~
- May **Membership Recruiter Awards** due to Dept.
- 9 May? ~~**Elks Scholarship Breakfast**, 0900
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance~~
- 9 May **Post 58 Mental Health Stand Down**
Details TBD
- 16 May **Post Executive Committee Meeting**, 1000 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch
- 21 May **Post Membership Meeting**, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
Post Officers and Committee Chairpersons for the next year are elected
Certification of Officers due to Dept. immediately after elections
- 23 May **Put flags out at Big Shoal Cemetery**, 0800
- 25 May **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 1000 Hrs, Clay County Veterans Memorial
Annita B. Goreman Park on Vivian ad N. Oak.
- 26 May **Recover flags from Big Shoal Cemetery**, 0800

- Jun **Post Officer Certification, Department Convention Delegates Certification, Consolidated Post Report, Toot Our Horns Award** due to Dept.
- 5-6 Jun **Bluesfestfest**
Post Flags and Volunteers
Details TBD
- 14 Jun **District Meeting**, 1500, potluck meal follows
Post 216, 32932 w Hwy 13, Bethany, 64424
Presentation by R. ADM. Penfield (RET), Director of Friends of Fisher House for the new Fisher House being constructed at the KCVA
- 9-12 Jul **Department Convention**
Hilton St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63134

EVERYONE is more than welcome at any of these events! Please contact the Commander for any additional details.

Inserts below

Content changes, so hold on to old Newsletters for reference!

Listed below are just a few of the many programs The American Legion sponsors. Please check the one(s) that are of interest to you. If the program you like is not listed, please indicate it in the "other" area.

- Volunteer work at VA Hospital.
 - Work with youth.
 - Help/participate in Post's social activities . . . dances, dinners, etc.
 - Participate in educational activities . . . (essay contests, oratorical contests, scholarships)
 - Work with sports teams.
 - Supervise groups (drill team, drum & bugle, scouts, etc.).
 - Post improvement projects.
 - Membership drives.
 - Community projects.
 - Other: _____
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- Spouse would be interested in the Auxiliary.
 - Son would be interested in the Sons of The American Legion.

Contact us and we will arrange to have one of our members meet you if at all possible. Dues are \$40 .



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WHY POST 626?

Veteran Services

The post has :

- A Veteran Service Officer
- A Military Funeral Honors Team
- Rendered financial aid
- Volunteered at local veteran activities
- Donated financial support to the VA programs
- Volunteers working in the VA system
- Visited the Veterans Home in Cameron for bingo and treats.

Community Services

The post:

- Attends and/or assists with community events
- Logs thousands of community service hours
- Participates as a member of the Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in Friday Fright Night
- Donated \$7,200 for the city to put a flagpole at Hobby Hill Park.

Youth Programs

High School

The post :

- Sponsors boys to American Legion Boys State
- Sponsors girls to American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State
- Sponsors a team on The American Legion Baseball circuit
- Sponsors the American Legion Oratorical Contest

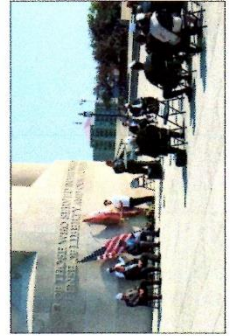
Middle School

The post has:

- Participates in the School Awards Program
- Participates in the Vets in the Classroom Program
- Attends the Veterans Day Program.

Supports City Wide Veteran Programs

- Post 626 participated during the Memorial Brick laying ceremony at the WWI Memorial.



Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626



Bennett Herrick



Dennis Herrick

**Why You Should Be
A Member of The
American Legion
Post 626
There Are Several**



Email us at [bennettherrick626@gmail.com]

or

contact us through Facebook.

Meeting Location

7010 N Cherry St, Gladstone MO



**Post 626 Supports the Veterans in
Community, State and Nation**

Honor Guard

Post 626 is proud to have an Honor Guard to represent our Post at public ceremonies, parades and other formal events where we represent the American Legion in the public's eye. However, our most important function is to render



Full Military Honors at the funerals of veterans. Not all American Legion Posts have this privilege. The only asset we are currently in need of is YOU! We would be pleased to have you join us.

Big Shoal Historical Cemetery

Post 626 has an agreement with the City of Gladstone where we will decorate the cemetery in a patriotic manner three times a year. Memorial Day, The 4th of July and Veteran's Day. In 2014 Post 626 along with VFW Post 10906 purchased and dedicated



a flag pole for the Cemetery which was installed by the city.

Veterans Memorial

Anita B. Gorman Park was dedicated Oct 30, 2005. The memorial was built with private funds from generous donors and recognizes and honors



county veterans from all branches of service whether they served in peace time or in war. Names of county residents who gave their lives in the service of their country are etched in granite monoliths surrounding a bronze sculpture of a bald eagle, "Sovereign Wings" by artist Sandy Scott.

Boys and Girls State

Boys and Girls State are independent programs of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. They are intensive week long training sessions in June that revolve around our system of government and civic responsibilities. Our Post has participated in many Boys State sessions and assists American Legion Auxiliary Units in sending students to Girls State.



Cadet Patrol Academy Law Enforcement
Every year the American Legion sponsors the Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy conducted at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in Jefferson City. The program provides firsthand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies. This program also affords these highly motivated young people an opportunity to consider law enforcement as a potential career choice. Recruitment of high school students, both male and female, representing all communities and backgrounds in the state, is one goal of the program.



High School Oratorical Scholarship
The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.




The American Legion Membership Application

(Name)		(Phone)	
(Mailing Address)			(Date)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	0626 (Post #)
(E-mail)			\$40.00 (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	



Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Cut Here - Mail Check for \$40 to Post Address on reverse Side or contact us info on reverse

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Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ 40.00 for 20 0626 Post #

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Proposed Department B-Laws change

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**
3341 American Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

22 January 2020

TO: District Commanders, District Adjutants, Post Commanders and Post Adjutants

FROM: Department of Missouri Judge Advocate *OWS*

SUBJ: Policy Letter Concerning Remittance of Post Member Dues to Department

1. **ISSUE:** When must a Post remit to Department that portion of a member's annual dues that is allocated to National and Department?
2. **BLUF:** The Department Constitution and Bylaws Committee has recommended to the Department Executive Committee (DEC) a change to the Department Constitution and Bylaws requiring Posts to remit the portion of Post member annual dues allocated to the Department and National within 30 days of receipt.
3. **DISCUSSION:** The American Legion Constitution, Article X, Section 3.2, states that the period transpiring between the receipt of annual dues by a Department and the remittance thereof to National may not exceed 30 days. Department Constitution and Bylaws should be aligned with the National Constitutions and Bylaws. As a result, Posts, like the Department, will be required to remit the portion of its member annual dues allocated to the Department and National within 30 days.
4. This change to the Department Constitution will be voted on at a DEC meeting scheduled for the Department Convention in July 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at cstrom126@gmail.com.

cc: Department Executive Committee

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- Find a VA facility
- Discover VA resources

Medicare Help

- Turning 65
- Relocating to a new area
- New plans after retirement

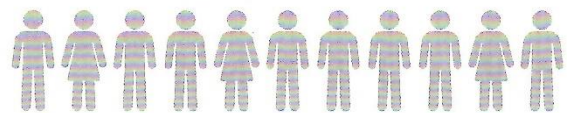
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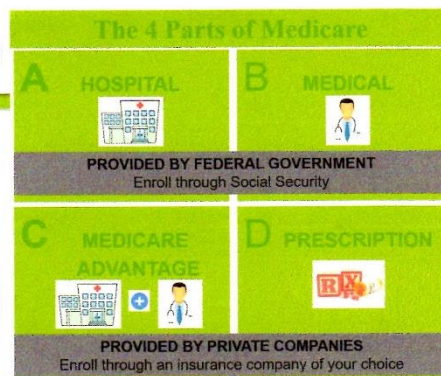


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Important Questions



for VA Benefits



COST

How much will you pay for premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and copayments?

BENEFITS

Are additional benefits included, such as prescription drug coverage?

CONVENIENCE

Are the plan's in-network providers conveniently located?

NEEDS

Have you needed care in the past few years? Do you anticipate your medicine needs will increase?

PROVIDERS

Do your doctors and preferred healthcare facilities accept the plan?

Where do I go?

- Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) in all 50 states and Washington D.C., including:
 - The VFW
 - AMVETS
 - The American Legion
 - DAV
- The National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (not in all 50 states)
- Your state's Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)—most have a representative in each county

Not all veterans are eligible for VA coverage. Consult a nationally accredited service officer.

For information regarding veteran benefits

Phone

Website

VA Health Care Benefits

1-877-222-8387

www.va.gov

National Association of County Veterans Service Officers

www.nacvso.org

For information regarding Medicare and other benefits

Medicare

1-800-MEDICARE
(1-800-633-4227)

www.medicare.gov

Your state Medicaid office

TTY: 1-877-486-2048
(24 hours day/7 days a week)

www.medicaid.gov

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov

VAVS Representative Report

Legionnaires,

15 March 2020

I have now been certified as the Medical Center VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative at the Kansas City VA Medical Center (VAMC). With that will come the need for information when our annual joint reviews are due, such as number of Posts with members using KC VAMC, concerns expressed by patients or patient's family members, volunteer activities conducted, and more.

With that in mind I hope you can gather some of that information from your Post visits and keep me informed on what is happening with your district's involvement at the KC VAMC.

The latest meeting of the KC VAMC VAVS Board was on March 12th and a summary report follows. Please pass this information on to the Posts who use the Kansas City area VA Hospital and related community-based outpatient clinics (CBOC's) and to VA Volunteers in your districts and Posts.

I have also scanned and included a brochure of good to know information about the Mission Act.

Respectfully;

Douglas W. Millison
Commander
3rd District, Dept. of MO

KC VAVS Board Meeting, 12 March 2020

Executive Briefing:

Angela Anthmann, Assistant Director

COVID-19

- Threat is being taken seriously and all areas are being exercised in proper response procedures
- Hospital is currently operating at a tier 1 status, all patients screened with questions first, more if positive answers are given
- Tier 2 will entail initial screening done outside of the hospital
- Patients refusing to cooperate by not answering the screening questions will be refused care
- Patients will be asked
 - Have you had contact with a confirmed infected person?
 - Do you have flu like symptoms?
 - Have you travelled or have had contact with someone who has travelled to a high-risk area?
- Volunteer access may be limited in the future if necessary

Volunteers—

To protect our Volunteers and Veteran patients, please self-screen for COVID-19 prior to reporting to your volunteer duties at KCVA.

If you can answer YES to any of these questions, do not report to KCVA and contact your primary care provider by phone for further direction.

1. Have you had contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Are you having flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath?
3. Have you or anyone close to you traveled to or had contact with someone who has traveled to a known high-risk area for transmission of COVID-19?

Please see below information regarding VA's response to COVID-19. As always, if you are sick or becoming sick, please stay home. If you have an event scheduled with us (Bingo, yoga, gift distribution, etc.) please call us a couple of days prior to the event for a status of operations. If you have any questions or concerns about volunteering, please call or email us!

Kansas City VA's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/VAKansasCity>) is also a great source for information!

Melissa and Monique: vhakanvolunteerservices@va.gov

816.922.2025 or 816.922.2026

(Since this report Volunteers have been instructed to stay away until called for)

CONSTRUCTION

- Fisher House groundbreaking is set for 21 July
- Behavior Health on first floor is renovating and expanding
- GI clinic is experiencing some delays and continues to operate on the 3rd floor for now
- The latest front entrance delay is due to adding heated sidewalks to keep area clear of ice in the winter. Currently expected to be completed in May

Caregiver Support:

Pamela Triplett, Caregiver Support Coordinator

- Tasked with giving comprehensive services, support and compensation to caregivers of Post 9/11 veterans, started in 2011
- The Mission Act has opened up the services to Vietnam era veterans also but the veteran must have a 70% or greater disability rating from the VA and won't be ready to start until the fall of 2020
- Benefits provided to the caregiver include
 - A financial stipend
 - Mental health services
 - Health care coverage
 - Monitoring of the Veteran and the Caregiver
- More information scanned and inserted at end.



Pamela Triplett, LCSW, BCD

Caregiver Support Coordinator
kansascitycaregiversupport@va.gov

4801 E Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64128

Phone: (816) 922-2035
Fax: (816) 922-4634

VAVS Staff:

Volunteer Opportunities (Orientation and interviews held Wednesdays at 9 AM)

- Reminder Phone Calls
- Standardized patients for Education Simulation Lab
- Pet Visitation Escort
- Mailroom help
- Red Coat Ambassadors
- Honor Annex Coffee
- Escort Volunteers late afternoon (2 – 4:30)

Volunteer recognition breakfast invitations will be mailed shortly.

Clothing distribution will be handled at the clinic level and the clothing closet will be repurposed, giving VAVS staff more storage room.

Wish List:

Note: We accept NEW items only. Starred items (*) indicate our greatest need as of March 2020

- *Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (NEW) (men's all sizes)
- *Coffee (large cans, regular)
- * Gift cards-Wal-Mart
- *Gift cards- Quik Trip (\$10)
- *Restaurant Gift Cards-for radiation therapy Veterans & who must stay in a hotel (Subway, Applebee's Panera, McDonald's, Wendy's, Denny's, IHOP, etc.)
- Oculus Quest All in One VR Gaming Headset 128GB (Walmart) \$799.98
- Nikon D3500 24.2MP Digital SLR Camera with AF-P DX 18-55mm, VR Lens & Ultimate Accessory Bundle (Walmart) \$434.99
- RCA Voyager 7" 16GB Tablet Android OS (Walmart) \$35.00
- Refurbished Apple iPad 2 MC769LL/A Tablet 16GB WiFi Black (Walmart) \$62.00
- Reading glasses (new) any power
- Baby Slings (for pregnant veterans)
- Weather Radios for Home Based Primary Care patients
- Microwave popcorn for Liberty building veterans
- Granola Bars (individually packaged)
- Socks, t-shirts, underwear (men's briefs-S,M,L and t-shirts-L,XL,XXL)
- Chapstick
- Crossword/Sudoku/word search books
- Disposable razors
- Denture cleaner
- Denture adhesive
- Combs

We cannot accept medical equipment, hardback books, hotel toiletries, items containing alcohol, household items, used clothing.

Monetary: Monetary donations are accepted to support general comfort and welfare, hygiene items, adaptive sports, coffee & refreshments, recreation and other general (non-medical) needs of KCVA Veterans. Please make checks payable to: KCVA

(Since this report all donations have to be delivered by mail, or monetary donations can be made so that the hospital can buy what it needs)

Stay in touch with the KCVA here: <https://www.kansascity.va.gov/>

Douglas W. Millison
KC VAMC VAVS Representative

You're taking care of the Veteran you love.



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can
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Call VA's Caregiver Support Line
toll-free today.

1-855-260-3274

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Do you care for a Veteran who is living with the effects of war, disabled, chronically ill, or aging?

Do you...

- Provide transportation?
- Prepare meals?
- Do household chores?
- Help with medication management?
- Manage appointments?
- Help with bathing and dressing?
- Transfer your Veteran from bed to chair and back again?
- Provide support and companionship?
- Help pay bills and manage finances?
- Make important decisions on behalf of your Veteran?



As a caregiver, you probably experience mixed emotions. Although you feel love and affection for the Veteran you care for, you may also feel angry, lonely, and exhausted at times.

It's also common to feel:

Overwhelmed

Isolated

Burned-out

Unprepared

Hopeful

Loved

Scared

Lucky

Not in control

Frustrated

We are here for you, whatever you are feeling right now.

www.caregiver.va.gov

We're Here to Support You.

Call **1-855-260-3274 toll-free** to reach VA's Caregiver Support Line and find out what we can do to help you stay strong while you care for your Veteran.

Family members and friends who care for Veterans spend, on average, more than 20 hours a week taking care of their loved ones. We can help you learn about resources that may be available to you and your Veteran. We also want you to know that we can help you with assistance specifically designed for you as a caregiver. VA's Caregiver Support Line can help you:

- **Take care of yourself** — by guiding you to a range of resources designed to help you take care of your own needs, so you can continue to provide your Veteran with the care he or she needs. This might mean helping you find "respite care" — basically, someone to step in and provide care for your Veteran on an interim basis so you can get a needed break. We're also here if you just need someone to talk to.
- **Be the best advocate you can be for your Veteran and yourself** — by connecting you with people, tools and resources that can answer your questions about the health care and benefits systems surrounding your Veteran, helping you navigate that system, and boosting your confidence in dealing with it.



Enhanced VA Options Under the MISSION Act:

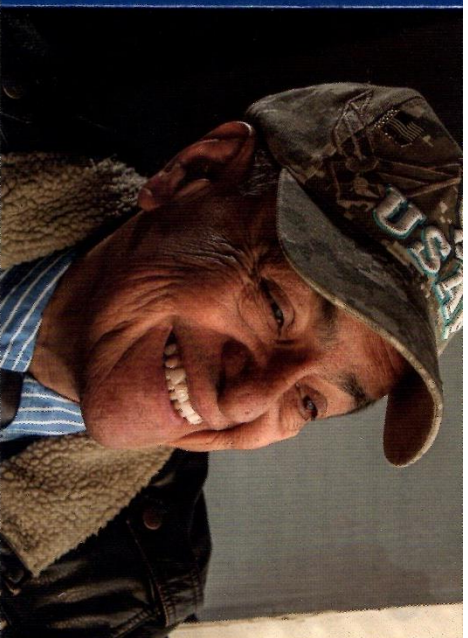
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR VETERANS



Choose **VA**

Your VA Health Care Options

At VA, Veterans are the center of everything we do. We are constantly working to make sure you know about the health care and benefits you have earned through your service to our country. A new law, called the MISSION Act, strengthens VA's ability to provide you with state-of-the-art care and services. The law makes several improvements to VA care that begin on June 6, 2019. To help you understand your health care options through VA, we are sharing the following educational material.



Improving Veteran Health Care

VA is devoted to providing an excellent experience for you and the important people in your life. We are strengthening our ability to deliver timely, high-quality health care through a network of providers and cutting-edge technology.

Under the VA MISSION Act, VA will:

- ▶ Continue to provide you with an excellent health care experience
- ▶ Deliver the right care, at the right time, at the right place
- ▶ Continue to offer care through telehealth in your home, in a VA facility, or in the community
- ▶ Provide more options for health care, including community care and urgent/walk-in care

For more information on the VA MISSION Act, please visit www.missionact.va.gov



This Brochure Covers Six Topics

- 1 HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY
- 2 COMMUNITY CARE ELIGIBILITY
- 3 URGENT/WALK-IN CARE
- 4 COPAYMENTS AND INSURANCE
- 5 ACCESS STANDARDS AND STANDARDS FOR QUALITY
- 6 COMPLAINT AND APPEALS PROCESS

2 COMMUNITY CARE ELIGIBILITY

You may be able to receive care from a provider in your local community if you meet specific criteria. Generally, Veterans must be enrolled with VA to receive care, although some Veterans are not required to enroll to receive care. Eligibility further depends upon your individual health care needs or circumstances. It is important to remember that under the Veterans Community Care Program, in most instances VA must authorize your care before you receive it.

Under the MISSION Act, there are six different eligibility criteria for community care. Meeting any one of these criteria for the specific care you need means you are eligible to elect to receive that care either through direct VA care or a community provider in VA's network:

- ▶ The specific care you need is not provided by VA at any facility
- ▶ You reside in a U.S. state (AK, HI, or NH) or territory (Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, or U.S. Virgin Islands) that does not have a full-service VA medical facility
- ▶ "Grandfathered" eligibility based on residence and the 40-mile eligibility criterion from the Choice program
- ▶ The specific care you need is not available within designated access standards
- ▶ You and your referring clinician decide it is in your best medical interest to receive the specific care you need in the community
- ▶ VA has designated the VA medical service line delivering the specific care you need as not providing care that complies with VA's standards for quality

3 URGENT/WALK-IN CARE

VA will offer an urgent/walk-in care benefit for minor injuries and illnesses, such as pink eye or ear infections. To be covered by this benefit, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from VA within the 24 months prior to seeking this care to be eligible for this benefit. Eligible Veterans can seek this care from an urgent care facility or walk-in retail health clinic that is part of VA's community provider network, but not all urgent care facilities or walk-in retail health clinics are in VA's network. VA will provide additional information on this benefit.

1 HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

VA provides a comprehensive medical benefits package to all Veterans who are enrolled through an annual patient enrollment system that categorizes Veterans based on different priority groups. Eligible Veterans can use VA health care services nationwide, including through mobile health clinics that serve rural areas and via telehealth (care through a phone or computer) in your home or on the go.

4 COPAYMENTS AND INSURANCE

Like other health care providers, VA may charge a copayment for health care. The copayment amount may be based on your enrollment priority group, the type of health care service you receive, and your financial situation. If a VA copayment applies, you are responsible for that amount whether your care is furnished directly by VA or through a community provider.

VA may bill your health insurance for medical care, supplies, and prescriptions. As a result of the MISSION Act, VA no longer requires your permission to bill your health insurance carrier for health care related to a sensitive diagnosis. If you would like to submit a request to restrict this process, please contact your local VA facility's privacy officer.

If you have other forms of health care coverage (such as Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, Indian Health Service, and tribal health), you can use VA health care benefits along with these plans.

To learn more, contact your local VA medical center or visit www.missionact.VA.gov and click:

- ▶ VA Health Care and Other Insurance
- ▶ Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program (IHS/THP)

5 ACCESS STANDARDS AND STANDARDS FOR QUALITY

VA is establishing designated access standards based on the type of care you need, how long you have to wait to receive that care, and your average driving time to receive that care. We are also establishing standards for quality that focus on domains such as timely care, effective care, safe care, and Veteran-centered care. Within each of these domains are specific quality measures. VA is applying both access standards and standards for quality of care it furnishes in VA facilities and is working to ensure care in the community also meets applicable standards. As VA continues to develop and refine these standards, we will provide additional information.



6 COMPLAINT AND APPEALS PROCESS

VA is committed to delivering an excellent care experience every time. We know that concerns arise, and we're here for you. Patient advocates at your facility can assist with almost any problem you may experience. VA has different processes for clinical and non-clinical appeals, and the patient advocate can ensure your concern is handled appropriately.



More Information

- ▶ **MISSION ACT** – Visit www.missionact.VA.gov.
- ▶ **APPLYING FOR VA CARE** – Visit VA.gov or contact your local VA medical facility to apply for VA care.
- ▶ **VA BENEFITS & SERVICES** – Visit VA.gov/welcome-kit or contact your local VA medical facility for a VA Welcome Kit that provides a broad overview of services VA can offer you.
- ▶ **VETERANS IN CRISIS** – If you are or if you know a Veteran in crisis, visit veteranscrisisline.net or text 838255.

If you do not have access to the internet, contact your local VA medical center for more information.

Miscellaneous

Department of Missouri Welcomes National President Nicole Clapp



National President Nicole Clapp will visit Missouri April 27-29th

April 27th volunteers needed to pack meal boxes for Veterans. Time is TBD

Basic pantry items needed:

Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Spam)	Instant Potatoes
Pasta/Noodles	Canned Fruit/Applesauce
Spaghetti Sauce	Peanut Butter
Mac & Cheese	Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles
Canned Vegetables	Breakfast Bars
Canned/Dried Beans	Instant Oatmeal
Rice	

You may bring your donations to the department office if you can not make it.
No time for shopping-Home Depot Gift Cards are needed.
Mail gift cards to Department office.

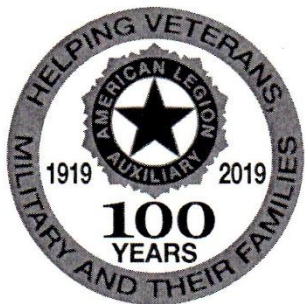
April 28th 10:00AM - Tour Veterans Community Tiny Homes
8900 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO

2:00PM Tour—KCVMC

3:30PM visit St Michaels Veterans Center Apartments
Dinner at Post 21-Time & Cost to be Determined

April 29th 10:00AM Tour and Activities at MVH-Warrensburg
Post 131 will host a dinner in the evening.
Doors open at 5:00PM Cash Bar
Dinner at 6:00PM Cost \$15 per ticket
RSVP Deadline April 20th to Belva Farnsworth at
209 Seliman St, Warrensburg, MO 64093
660-422-1147

For more information contact Rosemarie W. Hauck at 314-355-4675
Or Department Office at 573-636-9133



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Names of attendees _____

Mail check and form to: American Legion Auxiliary
600 Ellis Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Deadline is June 30, 2020

HISA Grants (Home Improvement and Structural Alterations)

Details:

These are total lifetime amount grants of either \$2,000 or \$6,800 to any veteran who qualifies for modifying the home for disability. They are awarded through the local Regional Medical Center Prosthetics Department. The veteran must be enrolled in VA health care and receive a prescription from the VA primary health care provider for this grant. The grant money comes from the veteran's local regional medical center budget.

HISA Grant Amounts

Total lifetime amount HISA benefit up to \$6,800 may be provided for veterans and service members who have a service connected condition rated 50% or more service connected

Lifetime benefit up to \$2,000 may be provided for Veterans who have a non-service connected condition under certain criteria or who are eligible for aid and attendance or housebound benefits

Applying for a HISA Grant

The veteran must be registered with VA health care. In order to receive a HISA grant, the Veteran must first have a prescription from a VA physician in the VA health care system. This must include:

- The diagnosis with medical justification
- The Veteran's name, address, SSN, and phone number(s)

To apply, the Veteran must first provide:

- A completed VA Form 10-0103
- If a leased or rented property, written permission from the owner
- Quotes from at least 1 licensed contractor (if required by state law), to include:
 - The contractors name, address, telephone, and Federal tax ID number or social security number
 - The Veteran's name, address, and telephone number
 - Plans and drawings
 - An itemized list of estimated materials, cost, and labor cost
 - All permits required (it is the contractors responsibility to obtain these)
 - A picture of the work site prior to construction

Following are the types of projects that HISA grants will pay for. This is not all inclusive and other appropriate projects may be approved.

- (1) Roll-in showers
- (2) Construction of wooden or concrete, permanent ramping to provide access to the home
- (3) Widening doorways to bedroom, bathroom, etc., to achieve wheelchair access
- (4) Lowering of kitchen or bathroom counters and sinks
- (5) Improving entrance paths and driveways in immediate area of home to facilitate access to the home
- (6) Construction of concrete pads and installation of exterior types of wheelchair lift mechanisms if the installation cost exceeds \$500.00
- (7) Interior and exterior railing deemed necessary for patients with ambulatory capability or for veterans rated legally blind if the installation cost is over \$500.00
- (8) Improvements to plumbing or electrical systems made necessary due to the installation of dialysis equipment in the home
- (9) Any cost associated with permits, inspection fees, etc., that are required by local ordinances.

HISA will not pay for:

- Walkways to exterior buildings
- Widening of driveways (in excess of a 7ft x 6ft area)
- Spa, hot tub, or Jacuzzi
- Exterior decking (in excess of 8ft x 8ft)

Sincerely,

The Staff at the Senior Veterans Service Alliance

KANSAS CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER

KCVA



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration

Clay County Poll Worker Application

Complete form and forward to Clay County Board of Elections at 100 W Mississippi St, Liberty, MO 64068.

Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Mailing Address: (if different)

Phone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred contact method: **Home** _____ **Work** _____ **E-mail** _____ **Cell** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Registered voter in Clay County? **YES** _____ **NO** _____

I have the following abilities that may be useful at the polls (check all that apply)

- Comfortable with computers
- Good customer service skills
- Reliable car to drive to polling place
- Willing to serve in any precinct in Clay County

Poll Workers Requirements

Must be a registered voter in the state of Missouri
Must attend a 3 hour paid training class
Arrive at polls by 5 a.m. to help set up for voting
Check in and issue ballots to voters
Close the polls (7 p.m.)
Account for ballots and pack up supplies

Poll Worker Pay

Election Judges are compensated **\$125-\$140** per day depending on position and duties
Training Class **\$40**
Refresher Training **\$25**

Missouri State Statute requires that there is an equal representation of Democrat and Republican poll workers at each polling place. Please indicate your political party preference below.

Democrat _____

Republican _____

Sheena Fox
Democrat Deputy Clerk
(816)407-9516
sheenafox@claycoelections.com

Terrie Uhlmann
Republican Deputy Clerk
(816)415-1718
terrie.uhlmann@claycoelections.com

LEGISLATIVE NEWS!!!!

Charles Goodin- Legislative Chairman

Legion Family Members there is a need for ACTION! There are two bills in the **Missouri Legislature** the will adversely affect the Missouri Veterans Commission's ability to carry out its mission to maintain our Veterans Home and Cemeteries. To provide skilled nursing care for all our home residents and provide accredited Service Officers for Missouri Veterans to gain benefits. There are two bills that have cleared the House Veterans Committee.

HJR 72: This bill upon voter approval is a proposed constitutional amendment that requires beginning January 1, 2021 an amount equal to 10% of the total annual revenue collected up to \$2 million dollars, of The Missouri Veterans' Health and Care Fund. (The fund made up of fees and taxes resulting from the sale of medical marijuana be appropriated to the University of Missouri School of Law Veterans Clinic (a law clinic). The \$2 million year cap will be adjusted every three years for inflation.

We are in opposition of the bill because the revenue from medical marijuana was earmarked for funding services the Missouri Veterans Commission provides veterans throughout the state and that this resolution would divert funding from those services provided by the commission.

HB 1485: This bill authorizes any veteran who is approved for admission into the Missouri veterans' home nearest to the veteran's residence but who has not been admitted to a Missouri veterans' home due to a lack of vacancy, resides at a location where there are no vacancies at a care facility that has contracted with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans within 50 miles, meets the requirements for admission to a skilled nursing facility, and has not been notified by the Missouri Veterans Commission of a relevant vacancy, to receive a voucher from the state for an amount that is equal to the average cost to the state to house one veteran for one month in a Missouri veterans home. The voucher will be used to pay for the costs of being housed at a skilled nursing facility. The voucher will be issued on a monthly basis by the Missouri Veterans Commission as long as the veteran can pay for room and board at a facility in a timely manner. Issuance of a voucher will not affect any eligible veteran's position for placement in a Missouri Veterans Home.

We are in **opposition** because this bill will take funding from the Missouri Veterans Commission and that it also takes some authority away from the commission.

The Department of Missouri does not support passage of these two bills. The Department asks that all American Legion Family members call or email their Representatives and Senators and express our non-support of this legislation. HJR 72 and HB 1485. Please go to www.house.mo.gov and www.senate.mo.gov and search for your Representative and Senator and find their contact information.

On the National Level:

Contact your Senators and ask that they bring the "Coast Guard Authorization Act" to the floor for a vote as soon as possible. Additionally, ask that they support Section 221 provision within the authorization act to ensure that our Coast Guard does not go without pay ever again. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard should never again find their pay jeopardized **because** of partisan unrest in Washington DC. With the looming threat of yet another government shutdown, there is a real threat that without action in Congress, the Coast Guard may not be able to pay their members.

PLEASE ACT NOW!!!!

MAVO
Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2020

- Maintain the 9-person Missouri Veterans Commission with 1 Ex-Officio member from the MMPEC AS STATED IN Chapter 42 RsMO and maintain the governance of Missouri Veterans Commission as stated in Chapter 42 RsMO with NO MERGER WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY; MVC Shall remain under the Department of Public Safety**

- Maintain the necessary level of funding for the operation and maintenance of State Veterans Homes, State Veterans Cemeteries, Veterans Service Officers Program, Veterans Grant Program and other needs of Missouri Veterans. MVC is funded by two major sources: Dept of Veteran Affairs and Missouri Gaming Commission. As revenues from gaming continue to decline, it is imperative for the state to ensure veterans commission funding remains a top priority.**

- Support the execution of the Missouri Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Budget including construction of new Columbarium Wall at the Jacksonville Cemetery.**

- PRIORITY: Implement plans to introduce Adult Day Health Care in our state veteran homes**

- Support implementation of new VA Home model in ALL HOMES of our state veterans homes to include construction of private rooms and restrooms for our veterans**

- Support the creation of a state-wide Prescription Drug Monitoring program**

- Support the concept of the “Missouri Veterans’ Heritage Protection Act” to protect memorials of historic military significance in Missouri**

- Support any other legislation introduced in the legislature determined by the MAVO Legislative Committee to be in the interest of veterans.**

- Support Veterans Treatment Courts Statewide**