



# Missouri Women Veterans News



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**Editors Note:** I just wanted to share with all of my readers some exciting news I have received. On September 8<sup>th</sup> I received a letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki appointing me to the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, effective immediately through September 2011. This 12 member committee was established in 1983 to provide advice to the Secretary on the needs of Women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation benefits, compensation, outreach, and other relevant programs administered by the Department of VA. The Center for Women Veterans, under the direction of Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris, provides staff assistance to the Committee. As your state coordinator I look forward to the wonderful opportunity this appointment has bestowed upon me to represent a voice on the needs of not only the Women Veterans of Missouri, but all Women Veterans.

## AWARENESS ARISING FOR WOMEN VETERAN ISSUES



As your State Woman Veteran Coordinator, I am happy to report that I see an awareness of Women Veteran issues being brought to the attention of not only the VA but to the US House of Representatives in Washington DC. Testimony was given before the house on July 16, by several advocates, including our own National Association of State Woman Veteran Coordinators (NASWVC) President Delilah Washburn. Mrs. Washburn brought many of our issues to the forefront such as, the barriers Women Veterans (W/V) face in accessing VA healthcare across the country. Some of these barriers were lack of integrated primary care and mental health care; lack of gender sensitivity of healthcare providers and staff to address women specific issues; limited hours of W/V clinics, particularly for working women; Clinics that are difficult to locate and unsafe inpatient VA health facilities for W/V's. Mrs. Washburn also addressed several other concerns such as the greater burden of proof Women Veterans must have in establishing the link between PTSD and combat because females are officially excluded from "Combat roles"; the devastating effects of sexual trauma and the fact that there are insufficient therapists licensed and experienced in counseling sexual trauma victims in the VA system.

One would assume that as unique as the differences are between male and females, that our issues are just being taken care of. Wrong! As I travel across the state and attend events, I learn from Women Veterans some of the issues they encounter. For example, as I listened to a severely injured black hawk helicopter pilot discuss her journey through the VA medical care system, one of her issues was her hair. Yes it may seem to some as a trivial issue considering she had lost both legs and her arm was severely injured. She was in so much pain that she didn't think she could live another minute so she counted seconds. However, as she lay critically wounded at Walter Reed Hospital, she told Post 404 in St. Louis that her hair had not been washed since being shot down. The men all had buzz cuts so it was no big deal for them. It took another wounded female soldier to come to her aid and with only two working arms between them they washed her hair. Another situation was brought to my attention by one of the women team lionesses. She was attached to a marine unit in direct combat to search females they came into contact with. Engaged in a heated battle she had to take the lives of insurgents, in a kill or be killed situation. She was asked at our NASWVC conference in New Hampshire if she received combat pay and a combat action ribbon for her sacrifices in a war zone. As of June 2009 her answer was no—all the men had but the women had not. Also when she went to a mental health doctor about some issues she had as a result of being in combat the doctor did not believe her. I applaud these brave women for coming forth and telling their stories. It is opening doors to Women Veterans that were closed before.

I had a WWII reader of mine call and say she had read my April 2009 issue about Missouri's Women Veterans and only 10% of them drawing compensation or pension benefits. She said "Do you suppose I am one of those 90% not drawing benefits?" What a blessed phone call! We are ever so slowly reaching more and more Women Veterans, from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and our current OIF/OEF Veterans. Women are coming forward to claim their rightfully earned benefits. Benefits are including but not limited to: compensation, pension, health care, prescriptions, nursing home care, education, burial, home loans, and vocational rehabilitation.



## Women in Uniform PAST

### WILMA NATIONS



I joined the Marine Corp in September 1944 in St. Louis, MO and was sent to Camp Lejeune, NC for boot camp. After boot camp I was assigned to the Paymaster Corps there and stayed through the end of my duty in May 1946. At work I used a manual typewriter and an old time adding machine. I was often called on to do fill-in work for some of the men who didn't make it to work. One time I was asked to type the payroll check. That required accuracy! Toward the end of my duty, I was given the difficult assignment of contacting servicemen who had overdrawn accounts and asking them for payments. Warrant Officer, Howard, who worked across the hall from me was also from my part of Missouri. Upon my discharge as a Corporal, I returned to my hometown of Jackson, MO. I took the Civil Service Exam and was hired by the VA. While working for the VA in St. Louis, I was contacted by Howard. He was now stationed at the Army Ammunitions Plant in St. Louis. We started dating and were married in February 1949. Although it was many years ago, I still have many fond memories of my time in the Corps. And I have children who are very proud of their Mother the Marine. I recorded many moments and memories of my Marine experience in my memoir The Quilt of My Life, which I donated a copy of to the Women's History Project.



### JEAN HUBBARD BONAR



I enlisted in the Army Air Force on July 21, 1944 in Fresno, CA. I was told that I would be sent to Fairbanks, Alaska and if I served there for two years, I could homestead a section of land in the Matanuska Valley. I was sworn in at San Francisco and was on my way to Des Moines, Iowa for training. We traveled on a train with MP's with rifles. Training was not a problem for me, as I grew up along the riverbank in Mark Twain National Forest and spent my time quail hunting with my father and his best friend. Climbing the hills of Ozarks kept me in shape for lots of walking and plenty of exercise. I was stationed with the Sq F, WAC Sec., 1455<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force Base Unit, Air Transport Command, East Base, Great Falls, MT. I was on the midnight shift and my job was keeping track of the planes and pilots taking the planes to Nome, Alaska for the Russian Pilots to pick up. My personal feelings about my job were that I loved it. The base was beautiful, our WAC section was nice, and we had everything to keep us comfortable. Our uniforms were attractive, and we were treated like ladies. We were doing our job to release the men to do what was necessary during the war years. If I had any advice to give a woman today who is considering joining the service it would be the following: Join the Air Force where the men are up in the air dropping bombs and you are doing the office work required. That work is necessary too and you can keep your ladylike image, and the respect it brings. I was discharged on June 7, 1945 and returned to California as my husband, a pilot on the B24's was returning from the South Pacific.



### SADIE McCAY 11/23/1922 - 08/31/2009



I enlisted in the WAVES in 1944 in New York, NY. After boot camp at Hunter College in NY, I was sent to St. Louis, MO to work the switchboard at Lambert Field Naval Base. I believe I was sent straight to Communications because of my previous work experience at Bell Telephone. While on my way to work, I was riding in a Navy shuttle that hauled personnel between the Naval Base and points around St. Louis. The bus had no inside lights. A Navy guy who had boarded the bus was feeling his way down the aisle asking if a seat was available. I told him the one next to me was. I didn't realize that I had just met my future husband! The bold young man told me I talked funny and I told him I was from NY, he said he was from De Soto, MO. We were married Sept. 2, 1944. The Navy promised to keep us stationed together, however, five days later I was transferred to Norman, OK and my husband eventually went to Olathe, KS. We didn't see each other for a year. At Norman I was assigned to a large building full of small airplanes. I was supposed to train as an Aviation Storekeeper. In reality, I was put in charge. One of my tasks was to issue parachutes. I served proudly in the WAVES during WWII in 1944 and 1945. The advice I would give young people today considering the military is it will give you more maturity and a wider understanding of life.



### NANETTE JACKSON



I joined the North Carolina Army National Guard on 15 July 1982. In September 1982, I went to Basic Training and to Advance Individual Training (AIT) where I learned the basic skills necessary to become a Soldier at Fort Jackson, SC. Additionally, I was trained to become an Administrative Clerk. I can remember my first formation back at my Rocky Mount, NC home unit in March 1983 when the First Sergeant called the rolls. I heard a familiar name and I thought nothing of it for a minute then my curiosity got the best of me so I stepped out of formation and as I was stepping out my best friend (Barbara) from grade school was stepping in my direction. The First Sergeant started yelling, "Don't you ever break my formation again without being excused, give me 10 (meaning 10 push-ups)." In June 1987 I started working full time for The Joint Forces Head Quarters, NC as a Personnel Records Sgt. and in Dec. 1990 I went to the National Guard Bureau where I was assigned numerous different assignments sending me to Aberdeen MD, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA, Fort Lee, VA, Fort McPherson, GA, Fort Lewis WA, and a final stop in Human Resources Command, St Louis, MO as a Human Resources Sgt. I believe St. Louis is where God had intended for me to be because I met my husband here and this is where I have decided to retire after 26 years of service. My advice for any young girl that wants to be a Soldier is to be **FOCUSED** on being a Leader that leads from the **FRONT**, taking care of all your Soldiers including the ones in the Middle and the Back with positive KARMA.







## Ask Karen



**Q.** I am a Woman Veteran who has been rated 100% service connected. One of my disabilities is for a hysterectomy and another is for breast removal. I read about special monthly compensation for these disabilities, can you tell me more?

**A.** What you are reading about are special monthly compensation (SMC) ratings that the VA assigns by letters. We often hear about SMC for males for Erectile Dysfunction (ED), they are assigned the letter K for loss of use of a creative organ. Women can also be assigned SMC letter K for a hysterectomy and/or loss of a breast, if they are rated service connected for those disabilities. In fact the VA recently completed a special review of all records of Women Veterans granted service connection for injury or disease of the breast and/or reproductive system. The study completed on April 16, 2009 yielded the names of 1769 Women Veterans who were granted S/C for one of these disabilities, but were not granted the SMC. These findings were published in the VA's fast letter 09-25 dated June 4, 2009. Questions about the fast letter should be e-mailed to [VAVBAWAS/CO/21FL](mailto:VAVBAWAS/CO/21FL). If you are or know of a Woman Veteran who is service connected for either a hysterectomy and/or loss of a breast, please check to make sure the VA has reviewed the records for consideration of this SMC. You can also contact your veteran service officer or myself for more information.

**Q.** I have some concerns about using a male service officer to assist me with my VA benefits. Are female service officers available?

**A.** The Missouri Veteran's Commission is dedicated to serving all Veterans and is aware that women sometimes have sensitive issues. If you would feel more comfortable with a female service officer, arrangements can be made to have a female service officer nearest to you take your case. Please contact me directly and we can discuss what is best for you. My contact information is below.

If you would like to submit a question for Karen, please contact her at [Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov), (816)387-2841, or Missouri Veterans Commission, Women Veteran Coordinator, 525 Jules, Room 320, St. Joseph, MO 64501

## Did You Know?

> That there is a newly founded organization that was developed to answer the call of our nations women-in-arms called "Grace After Fire". Its founder is Stephanie Moles. This organization is working together with Women Veterans to overcome the multitude of issues and struggles associated with the gaps in services reported by the Government Accountability Office. To contact "Grace After Fire" go to [www.GraceAfterFire.org](http://www.GraceAfterFire.org) or you can contact Stephanie at [Stephanie@graceafterfire.org](mailto:Stephanie@graceafterfire.org).

> That there is a roster of names of Missouri Veterans who were Killed in Action (KIA) during WWII. This roster contains the service person's name/ service number and they are listed by counties. This information is needed mostly when WWII widow's 2<sup>nd</sup> spouse dies and she wants to reinstate DIC benefits. Sometimes VA has trouble locating the old file as social security numbers were not used at that time and the widow has no information on the service number. I obtained the roster from the Adjutant General's office years ago.

> That WWII honor flights are still available and are completely free to the veteran. Honor flights are 1- day flights taking our WWII veterans to Washington DC to visit their monument. If you know a WWII veteran who would like to see their monument or would like to more information about this wonderful program, contact Mary Ricker at 800-757-7504 or e-mail [Maryr@kendallwoodhospice.com](mailto:Maryr@kendallwoodhospice.com)

> That on Sept. 23, 2008 a law became effective stating that any Veteran with 90 days of service and an honorable discharge, can be considered for a service connected disability if they are diagnosed with ALS-(Lou Gehrig's disease). Accordingly any widow/widower of a Veteran who died from ALS, regardless of date of death, can file a claim for benefits. For more information contact your Veteran Service Officer.

> Green Vet is a new Female Veteran founded, not for profit organization, designed to assist all Veterans and American Indians training for Green Collar Careers. We are currently raising funds to develop dormitories to assist homeless Veterans, Veterans with families, and dislocated widows/widowers of fallen soldiers who seek housing while attending school. If you are a Veteran interested in learning more about this organization, please contact Tiki Denham at 816-525-9633 or check our web site [VeteransGoneGreen.com](http://VeteransGoneGreen.com).





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### St. Louis Events:

24th Annual Tribute to Women Veterans, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Saturday, November 21, 2009, Christy Banquet Center, 5856 Christy Blvd., St. Louis MO. The guest speaker is Brenda Newberry. She is currently The Newberry Group Chairman of the Board. The Newberry Group is a multi million dollar small business working in the IT arena with world wide contracts. She is an Air Force Veteran of six years and she was one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Air Force. The cost is \$22.50, reservations required no later than November 14. Make checks payable to: St. Louis Service Women's Post 404 and mail to Shirley Janes, 10903 Suanis Ct. St. Louis, MO 63123. For more Info: [sajanes@yahoo.com](mailto:sajanes@yahoo.com), 314-853-4746.

American Legion Annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
Christy Banquet Center, 5856 Christy Blvd., St. Louis, MO. More Info: [gonzo2256@yahoo.com](mailto:gonzo2256@yahoo.com), 636-485-9772.

### Branson Events:

Join us Monday November 9, 2009 for the first ever Women Veterans Mini Reunion. It will take place at the Starlite Theatre, 3115 W. Hwy. 76, Branson dinner 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Free to all Women Veterans and a guest, additional guest \$10.00 each. Pay at the door. All Veterans are welcome to attend the Rankin Brothers Show free of charge. \$22.50 for nonmilitary. Please RSVP to Branson Veterans Task Force, e-mail: [bvtf1@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:bvtf1@suddenlinkmail.com) or phone: 1-417-337-8387 by noon November 6, 2009.

Join the Women Veterans and ride a duck in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2009. We will meet at the Ducks on Hwy 76 at 9:00 am. Fun time to be had by all. This is a free event.

Rose Petal Ceremony and Luncheon will be November 10, 2009 at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. Rose Petal Ceremony will be at 10:30 am and lunch at 11:30 am. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Send reservations to Women Veterans Committee/BVTF, Attn. Barb Riggle, PO Box 128, Branson, MO 65615  
Make checks out to Women Veterans Committee/BVTF.

### Kansas City Events:

100 Flags being displayed during November in honor of our veterans and an informational table about Veterans benefits on November, 10 will be manned at the State Building, 615 E. 13th Street, Kansas City, MO. For more information contact Rebecca Bradley, Missouri Minority Outreach Coordinator at 816 889-3081.

### Columbia Events:

2009 Women Veterans Health Fair in the Auditorium of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital, 800 Hospital Drive, Columbia, MO, Oct. 27 - 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. There will be speakers on women's health topics, health screenings, meet several Primary Care staff, Prizes, games and more! To Register call Amanda Barnes 573-814-6457 or e-mail [Amanda.Barnes@va.gov](mailto:Amanda.Barnes@va.gov).

Woman Veteran is interested in contacting other Women Veterans in the Columbia area to possibly start a Women Veteran group. If you are interested please contact Deborah Williams at [shirley3117@mchsi.com](mailto:shirley3117@mchsi.com).

### *Friends, please share this invitation with others!*

The Missouri Veterans Commission along with AMVETS, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans and Marine Parents will hold 21 Listening posts across Missouri from September 14<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a joint effort aimed at assessing the needs of Missouri's Veterans. What a wonderful opportunity not only for Women Veterans, but all Veterans to share their questions and concerns. Questions will be asked via note cards to assure your confidentiality. The listening posts have been endorsed by the Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission, the Missouri National Guard, the Veterans Administration and the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations. See page 6 for scheduled times and locations.



## VSO Success Story- Lost but now found

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Regional Office (STL231)  
Post Office Box 6888  
St. Louis MO 63160-6888

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In Reply Refer To

ST JOSEPH MO 64504

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

We made a decision on your claim for reinstatement of service connected compensation received on January 18, 2006.

This letter tells you about your entitlement amount and payment start date and what we decided. We have also included information about additional benefits, what to do if you disagree with our decision, and who to contact if you have questions or need assistance.

### What Is Your Entitlement Amount And Payment Start Date?

Your monthly entitlement amount is shown below:

Monthly Entitlement Amount	Payment Start Date	Reason For Change
\$15.00	Mar 1, 1951	Restarted Award
15.75	July 1, 1952	Legislative Increase
17.00	Oct 1, 1954	Legislative Increase
19.00	Oct 1, 1957	Legislative Increase
23.00	Oct 1, 1962	Legislative Increase (Temporary)
20.00	Nov 1, 1962	Legislative Increase
21.00	Dec 1, 1965	Legislative Increase
23.00	Jan 1, 1969	Legislative Increase
25.00	Jul 1, 1970	Legislative Increase
28.00	Aug 1, 1972	Legislative Increase
32.00	May 1, 1974	Legislative Increase
35.00	Aug 1, 1975	Legislative Increase
38.00	Oct 1, 1976	Legislative Increase
41.00	Oct 1, 1977	Legislative Increase
44.00	Oct 1, 1978	Legislative Increase
48.00	Oct 1, 1979	Legislative Increase
54.00	Oct 1, 1980	Legislative Increase
58.00	Oct 1, 1981	Legislative Increase
62.00	Oct 1, 1982	Legislative Increase
64.00	Apr 1, 1984	Legislative Increase
66.00	Dec 1, 1984	Legislative Increase
68.00	Dec 1, 1985	Legislative Increase
69.00	Dec 1, 1986	Legislative Increase
71.00	Dec 1, 1987	Legislative Increase
73.00	Dec 1, 1988	Legislative Increase
76.00	Dec 1, 1989	Legislative Increase
80.00	Jan 1, 1991	Legislative Increase
83.00	Dec 1, 1991	Legislative Increase
87.00	Mar 1, 1992	Legislative Increase (Temporary)
83.00	Apr 1, 1992	Legislative Increase
85.00	Dec 1, 1992	Legislative Increase
87.00	Dec 1, 1993	Legislative Increase
89.00	Dec 1, 1994	Legislative Increase
91.00	Dec 1, 1995	Legislative Increase
94.00	Dec 1, 1996	Legislative Increase
95.00	Dec 1, 1997	Legislative Increase
96.00	Dec 1, 1998	Legislative Increase
98.00	Dec 1, 1999	Legislative Increase
101.00	Dec 1, 2000	Legislative Increase
103.00	Dec 1, 2001	Legislative Increase
104.00	Dec 1, 2002	Legislative Increase
106.00	Dec 1, 2003	Legislative Increase
108.00	Dec 1, 2004	Legislative Increase
112.00	Dec 1, 2005	Legislative Increase

On January 13, 2006 I was working as a veteran service officer when an 85 year old Veteran came in to see me. He wanted to start seeing a VA doctor again. I asked him if he was service connected (S/C) for any disabilities. He said that he was 10% S/C. So I asked him if he was getting \$112.00 a month from the VA. He said no he wasn't. I told him that can't be, if you are 10% S/C that is a compensable rating so you should be receiving \$112.00 a month. I made a phone call to the VA Regional Office, gave them his name and social security number, they could not locate a file on him. Next I contacted the VA Medical Center and they had him in their records, he was 10% S/C. Perplexed now, I wondered how can that be. My co-worker, Lloyd Knox suggested that I call back the VA Medical Center and ask if they had a Claim file number on him. They did! With the Claim file number in hand, I called back the VA Regional Office and asked them to look him up under the Claim file number. The response was--Oh my gosh, we have been looking for this Veteran for a long, long time. Well he is alive and well and sitting right next to me. I immediately completed a form requesting that his 10% S/C disability be reinstated. Apparently back in 1951 the rating for 10% S/C was only \$15.00. He moved a couple of times, was working full time and just forgot about it until I asked him if he was service connected for anything. This Veteran received several thousands of dollars in back pay and started receiving his regular monthly benefit once again. What an awesome exciting day that was for me! See a copy of the award letter he received in the mail.

Karen S. Etzler, VSO, Woman Veteran Coordinator.

## *The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) assists another Missouri Veteran*

The Woman State Coordinator was contacted by a Woman Veteran who had lost her job in January 2009 and consequently lost her home in March 2009 and had to put all of her possessions in a storage unit. She had been living at homeless shelters with two children to worry about. She was about to lose all of her worldly possessions in a storage unit sale as she was behind on her payment. She was also in danger of losing her car as she was delinquent in making her car payment as well. The DVNF was able to pay the storage unit, thereby stopping the sale of her possessions and also was able to bring her car payments current. This Veteran can now focus on maintaining an apartment, concentrate on her new job and know that her children are safe. For information about the DVNF contact your Woman Veteran State Coordinator at [Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov) or call 816 387-2841. If you reside in another state locate your coordinator at [naswvc.com](http://naswvc.com).

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**Mon Sep 14- Raytown** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: MVC, KC VA, VBA. DAV Chapter 2, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, MO 64138. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Sep 16 - Kirksville** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: MVC, Col VA, VBA. Kirksville Primary School, 1815 East Hamilton, Kirksville, MO 63501. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Thu Sep 17 - Hannibal** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: MVC, Col VA, VBA. Cave Hollow Campsite, 300 Cave Hollow Road, Hannibal, MO. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Mon Sep 21 - Warrensburg** - (Host: **American Legion**) - Supporters: MVC, KC VA, VBA. Matthews Crawford American Legion Post 131, 733 East Young, Warrensburg, MO. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Sep 23 - Maryville** - (Host: **American Legion**) - Supporters: MVC, Topeka VA, VBA. James Edward Gray American Legion Post 100, 1104 East 5th Street, Maryville, MO 64464. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Thu Sep 24 - Chillicothe** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: MVC, VFW, KC VA, VBA. Elks Lodge, 401 Harvester Road, Chillicothe, MO 64601. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Mon Sep 28 - St. Roberts/Waynesville** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: MVC, Col VA, VBA. City of St. Roberts Community Center, 114 Williamson Jr. Drive, St. Roberts, MO 65584. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Sep 30 - St. Joseph** - (Host: **MoNG**) - Supporters: MVC, MoAG, Topeka VA, VBA. MoNG Armory, 301 North Woodbine, St. Joseph, MO 64506. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Thu Oct 1 - Mexico** - (Host: **DAV**) - Supporters: Marine Parents, MVC, Col VA, VBA. St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Dorcas, Mexico, MO. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Mon Oct 5 - Columbia** - (Host: **Marine Parents**) - Supporters: American Legion, MVC, Col VA, VBA. American Legion Post 202, 600 South Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Oct 7 - Sikeston** - (Host: **VFW**) - Supporters: MVC, Poplar Bluff VA, VBA. VFW Post 3174, 709 Smith Avenue, Sikeston, MO. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Thu Oct 8 - Cape Girardeau** - (Host: **American Legion**) - Supporters: MVC, Poplar Bluff VA, VBA. Louis K. Juden American Legion Post 63, 2731 Thomas Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Mon Oct 12 - St. Genevieve** - (Host: **VFW**) - Supporters: MVC, Poplar Bluff VA, VBA. VFW Post 2210, 852 Memorial Drive, St. Genevieve, MO. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Tue Oct 13 - DeSoto/Farmington** - (Host: **AmVets**) - Supporters: MVC, Poplar Bluff VA, VBA. AmVets Post 48, Hwy. 21 & Amvets Dr., DeSoto, MO 63020. 6:00pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Oct 14 - St. Louis City** - (Host: **VFW**) - Supporters: MVC, St. Louis Regional Medical (JB & JC) VA, VBA. To be Announced.

**Tue Oct 20 - West Plains** - (Host: **AmVets**) - Supporters: MVC, Poplar Bluff VA, VBA. AmVets Post 98, PO Box 945, West Plains, MO 65775. 6:00 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Oct 21 - Branson** - (Host: **AmVets**) - Supporters: MVC, American Legion, VISN 16 (Birch) VA, VBA. American Legion Post 220, Hwy. T and Hwy. 76, Branson, MO 65615. 5:00 pm - 8 pm.

**Thu Oct 22 - Springfield** - (Host: **AmVets**) - Supporters: MVC, VISN 16 (Birch) VA, VBA. American Legion Post 639, 2660 South Scenic Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807. 6:00 pm - 8 pm.

**Mon Oct 26 - Nevada/Camp Clark** - (Host: **AmVets**) - Supporters: MVC, KC VA, VBA. MoNG Camp Clark Community Building 475 (Tentative Bldg. Number), Nevada, MO. 6:00 pm - 8 pm.

**Tue Oct 27 - Joplin/Mt. Vernon** - (Host: **American Legion**) - Supporters: MVC, VISN Birch VA, VBA. Robert S. Thurman American Legion Post 13, 413 Schifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO 64801. 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Wed Oct 28 - St. Charles** - (Host: **VFW, VVA**) - Supporters: MVC, St. Louis Regional, Medical (JB & JC) VA, VBA. St. Charles VFW, 2866 66 VFW Lane ( off Old Hwy. 94), St. Charles, MO. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Contact Information: Missouri Veterans Commission  
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**Senior Advisor on Veterans Outreach, Pat Rowe Kerr**  
[pat.kerr@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:pat.kerr@mvc.dps.mo.gov)  
573-751-3779



## State of Missouri Women Veterans

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you served under (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State

Service (Circle one) USA USMC USN USAF OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Service dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Receiving VA or Medical Benefits: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what benefit: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. pension, comp., medical, etc.)

Have received benefits in the past: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like contact information and a schedule for a Veteran's Service Officer in your local area to explain your potential benefits? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to share this information with WIMSA (Women in Military Service for America Memorial) in Arlington VA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

To receive your free Woman Veteran State Sticker

Return this to: Missouri Veterans Commission/Karen Etzler

Women Veterans Coordinator/VSO

525 Jules, Room 320

St. Joseph, MO 64501

816/387-2841

or send a request via email to: [Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov)