



MAVO

Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - 2018

- **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;**
- **Extend the state income tax exemption of military pay to fully cover Traditional/Drill Status (i.e., part-time) Reserve and National Guard income;**
- **Urge the Missouri legislature to license privately-funded medical marijuana production operations to enable safe and efficient cannabis drug development research and distribution and establish an education program to enhance the knowledge of the public;**
- **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;**
- **Support the execution of the Missouri Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Budget to include the replacement of the Mexico Veterans Home;**
- **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;**
- **Urge public recognition of the University of Missouri Veterans Clinic and provide appropriate budget consideration.**
- **Support any other legislation introduced in the legislature determined by the MAVO Legislative Committee to be in the interest of veterans.**