

Missouri's Veterans Service Officer Program

The VFW's mission is to serve all veterans and to advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The Service Officer Program realizes the VFW's mission every day by working directly with veterans to process referrals so that qualified veterans get the benefits they have earned.

This is Missouri's program. Therefore, it's our duty to care for it.

While some of the program's funding comes from the Missouri Veterans Commission, the program desperately needs funding annually from VFW posts within the Department. It is post and individual donations that directly impact a service officer's capacity to assist qualified veterans to get their benefits.

Here are four steps posts can take to support the program:

- ◆ Budget for a \$3 per member donation and mail check to Department
- ◆ Contact the Department Headquarters and become a sustain member of the Service Officer program
- ◆ Distribute Buddy poppies and donate the proceeds to the Service Officer Program
- ◆ Schedule and Advertise multiple events that include a post service officer to take Veterans referrals.

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits is **\$11.2 Billion!**

The impact these successful claims have had on veterans and their families is difficult to even express, but it's why the program exists.

Their work is your donation in action. Please support this program generously and often.

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