



**VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
 “No One Does More for Veterans”

Our mission continues today to assist veterans and their spouses in obtaining their well-deserved medical and pension benefits.

Please mail your donation today to:  
**VFW Department of Missouri**  
 3401 Knipp Drive  
 Jefferson City, MO 65109

**Non-Service Connected Pension Benefits:**

There is a pension benefit available for all veterans and their surviving spouse if that claimant meets the following criteria for this need—based program.

1. The Veteran must have 90 days of service with at least one day during a wartime period.
2. The VA will determine whether you qualify for this benefit based on your income from all sources and your net worth. The Veteran must be considered totally disabled but the surviving spouse does not need to be. There are 3 levels of pension benefits, Basic, Housebound and the need for Aid and Attendance. The VA will determine your countable income after you report all your paid medical expenses to include in—home care and nursing home care.

**CONTACT A SERVICE OFFICER  
 IN YOUR AREA**

**St. Louis**  
 VA Regional Office  
**314-253-4470**  
 9700 Page Avenue,  
 Rm 1-027  
 St. Louis, MO 63132

**Poplar Bluff**  
 John J. Pershing VAMC  
**573-778-4614**  
 1500 N. Westwood Blvd,  
 Bldg. 1, Room 50,  
 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

**Columbia**  
 Harry S. Truman Medical Ctr  
**573-814-6007**  
 800 Hospital Drive,  
 Rooms A166 & A172  
 Columbia, MO 65201

**St. Louis**  
 John Cochran VAMC (MITIT)  
**314-289-6382**  
 915 N. Grand, Room  
 A-339, St. Louis

Jefferson Barracks (Wed/Fri)  
**800-228-5459**  
 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive,  
 Room 113C,  
 St. Louis, MO 63106

**Kansas City**  
 Kansas City VAMC  
**816-922-2881**  
 Rooms M1-568, 570 & 572  
 4801 E. Linwood Blvd.,  
 Kansas City, MO 64128

**Springfield**  
 Springfield VACBOC  
**417-891-4898**  
 1850 W. Republic Road,  
 Room 18106  
 Springfield, MO 65807

**Donation**

I would like to support the important work of the VFW Service Officers by enclosing my gift of:

( ) \$25 ( ) \$50 ( ) \$75 ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Donation**

Step 1: Complete Credit Card Information:

Please charge my: ( ) MasterCard ( ) VISA ( ) AMEX ( ) Discover Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Please choose one option:

- ( ) Option 1: Make a one-time donation by credit card of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Option 2: Join the Partners in Veteran Service by donating the amount listed below from my credit card monthly:  
 \* ( ) \$10 per month - **minimum** ( ) \$20 per month ( ) \$30 per month ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.  
 I authorize VFW to process my credit card on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month.

(Please Print)  
 Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**By choosing option 2, I understand payments will continue automatically each month until I notify VFW Department Headquarters of any change or my credit card expires at which time I must reauthorize to continue my support.**



## DID YOU KNOW?



- 1) The Veterans of Foreign Wars is the oldest Veterans Service Organization, founded in 1899.
- 2) The VFW Veterans Service Program was established in 1920 and ten years later in 1930 the Veterans Administration was established.
- 3) Our mission is to assist all veterans and their dependents in getting their benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. There is no charge for our services.
- 4) The VFW Service Officers in Missouri were successful in obtaining 327 million dollars in VA benefits for the Veterans in the State of Missouri last year.
- 5) The VFW is a non-profit Veteran Service Organization and we depend on donations to keep our program fully funded.

## PARTNERS IN VETERAN SERVICE

**Become a continuous donor and receive a distinctive donor pin.**

Bronze - \$10.00/mo or \$120.00/year  
Silver - \$20.00/mo or \$240.00/year  
Gold - \$30.00/mo or \$360.00/year



**Pins to be awarded at the time of receipt of donor card or payment**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### ABOUT COMPENSATION:

Disability compensation is awarded for an illness or injury caused by, or gotten worse because of your active military service. Compensation is a non-taxable income from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Depending on the amount of disability you are awarded you may receive additional benefits for dependents and on the healthcare side of the VA.



10% entitles a veteran to free inpatient and outpatient care. They are also entitled to appliances such as eye glasses and hearing aids. 30% you can add your eligible dependants to your monthly compensation award. You are also entitled to travel pay for your scheduled outpatient visits.

50% all medication for all conditions at a VA facility is free of charge.

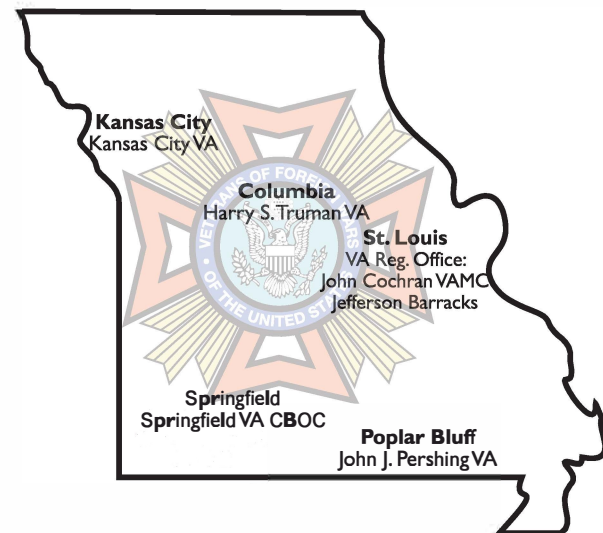
60% for on disability you meet schedular requirement for filing for individual unemployability if you are not able to work as a direct result of your service—connected disability.

70% to 100% you are entitled to the same benefit as 60% plus the veteran is entitled to free nursing home care if they apply through the VA. 100% all the benefits listed above plus education and medical benefits for eligible dependents if the veteran is permanently and totally disabled. The medical benefit is called ChampVA. It is a comprehensive health care program in which the VA shares the cost of covered health care services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries. Your spouse is entitled to some coverage for nursing home expenses. The veteran is also entitled to dental benefits.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** That service connection is automatically granted for any honorably discharge veteran who has Amyotrophic Lateral sclerosis (ALS). If you ever hear of someone who has or had this condition inquire whether or not they are a veteran. They or their surviving spouse can receive benefits.

The number one and two disabilities granted by the VA in the Country is hearing loss and tinnitus. If a veteran had an occupation in service that would have exposed them to hazardous noise and they feel their hearing loss and tinnitus is a result of that exposure then they should file a claim. The veteran did not have to be treated for these conditions in service.

The VA recently changed the law to make veterans who served off of the coast in Vietnam eligible for benefits based on their exposure to Agent Orange. These veterans were denied their benefits in the past and may not know of this change. There are also surviving spouse throughout the state of Missouri that are entitled to benefits and don't know it. If their spouse passed away because of a disability related to Agent Orange exposure they need to contact us immediately!



## Department of Missouri Veterans Service Officer Staff

Your contributions greatly enhance our ability to provide services to veterans in Missouri.