

Honoring All Who Served



Veterans Service Organizations

The Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations, or MAVO, is composed of federally chartered Veterans Organizations. MAVO is an organization that brings together the common interests and concerns of the many organizations to speak with one voice on issues that impact their fellow Veterans. While MAVO is an independent organization, they work closely with the Missouri Veterans Commission. Current Active and Inactive members of MAVO include:



American Veterans (AMVETS)

Phone: 1-877-726-8387
Website: www.amvets.org



Disabled American Veterans

Phone: 1-877-426-2838
Website: www.dav.org



Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Phone: 1-202-265-6280
Website: www.jwv.org



Fleet Reserve Association

Phone: 1-800-372-1924
Website: www.fra.org



United States Submarine Vets

Phone: 1-877-542-Dive
Website: www.ussvi.org



Military Order of the Purple Heart

Phone: 1-703-642-5360
Website: www.purpleheart.org



Vietnam Veterans of America

Phone: 1-800-882-1316
Website: www.vva.org

Including our Incarcerated Veterans

As the Publisher of Senior Moments Newspaper it is my goal to honor all Veterans who have served in the military—including our incarcerated Veterans.

Veterans, just like non-Veterans, can make bad choices that alter their lives forever. Some of these choices become issues with law enforcement and the criminal justice system resulting in incarceration. Veterans for Common Sense estimates 140,000 Veterans are held in federal and state prison nationwide.

It is important justice-involved Veterans are familiar with VA benefits including what VA benefits they may still eligible to receive, what happens to the VA benefits they are already receiving if they become incarcerated, and what programs are available to assist them with reintegrating back into the community once released from incarceration.

Despite the circumstances, some justice-involved Veterans may be eligible for VA benefits such as: Disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial.

Each VA Regional Office has a Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator who assists justice-involved Veterans. They are a direct point of contact for you to learn more about what benefits you qualify for, assist you with applying for those benefits, and refer you to other organizations and resources that will help you with your specific needs. To find your local Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator, please call VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at: 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).



Members of the Incarcerated Vietnam Veterans of America (IWA), (California), at the Correctional Training Facility salute before folding the U.S. Flag. The IWA Honor Guard conducted a presentation of their flag-folding skills in honor of all the military men and women and those who died in service to the United States. Warden Marion Spearman said, "I am truly blessed to have such a dignified professional prison Honor Guard."



No longer running deep but still running silent, the "sail" of the USS Lapon (SSN 661) appears to mysteriously surface from the ground at American Legion Post 639, 2660 South Scenic Avenue, Springfield. Preserved as a war memorial the sail was dedicated in 2005.

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