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# **Barnitz: Missouri troops need Missouri ingenuity**

## **Live-fire demonstration of new, safer armor plating made here**

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JEFFERSON CITY – Saying Missouri troops should be using Missouri ingenuity to save lives, State Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced a live-fire demonstration of a new armor plating designed and manufactured by Missouri-owned Def Bar Systems, LLC. Senator Barnitz has encouraged Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Army National Guard to jointly recommend a proposal that would detail how to quickly acquire the product for use by Missouri troops serving our country.

Def Bar will conduct the live-fire demonstration of its new armor plating on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Corrections firing range in Jefferson City. The plating will be subjected to .50 caliber armor piercing rounds as part of the demonstration. The armor can be fitted on troop transport carriers and other vehicles to protect soldiers from many threats such as ambushes and improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, as well as personal protection from many threat acts.

“Clearly, this has tremendous potential to save lives,” said Senator Barnitz. “At the very least, we should be doing all we can to get this Missouri product into the hands of our Missouri troops serving in hostile areas like Iraq and Afghanistan.”

To that end, Senator Barnitz wants to speed up the development phase of this armor. So the manufacturing phase of this state of the art armor can be started in Missouri as well. To know that a Missouri developed product will soon be saving lives of our military men and women as well as future law enforcement officers is very exciting.

WHO: Senator Frank Barnitz, Def Bar Systems, LLC  
WHAT: Live-fire test of new armor plating  
WHEN: March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm  
WHERE: Firing range on Highway 179 near Jefferson City