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Supporting Our Troops

Making a Difference for Missouri's Veterans

Last week, I had the opportunity to participate in the Support Your Troops Event here at the Capitol where I was joined by military and state officials in expressing our appreciation of Missouri's military men and women. This touching and inspiring ceremony reminded me how valuable our veterans are and the many things we can do to support them.



Here in Jefferson City, I have the opportunity to serve as chair of the Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws Committee. While in this role, I have worked on legislation making a difference in the lives of those serving Missouri and our nation. Last year, the committee worked on and passed legislation that created the Vietnam War Medallion Program honoring Vietnam Veterans. This year, we have been working with legislation improving funding for veteran's benefits and providing for troops coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

One exciting program that is beginning this year is called Missouri Veteran Stories. The program gives Missouri's veterans a chance to tell their stories and record their histories, preserving them for future generations. There is so much dedication and courage in these stories, and the videos will be an invaluable part of Missouri's recorded history.

Many of these stories will be displayed in the History Hall of the Missouri State Museum on the first floor of the Capitol building. For more information or to nominate a veteran to tell their story call 1-888-FOREVER.

At the Support Your Troops Event last week, we also celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Missouri Veterans Commission. The state funded department helps veterans gain access to benefits and maintains Missouri's seven nursing home facilities for veterans.



Cape Girardeau Missouri Veterans Home

These facilities are an asset to our veterans and local volunteers can improve these homes by donating their time and volunteering. The people who are in these long term facilities have served and sacrificed for their country and still have so much wisdom and guidance to offer. One such facility is located in the 27th District in Cape Girardeau. In order to offer your time to volunteer, call 573-290-5870 or get information online at www.mvc.dps.mo.gov.

One of Missouri's greatest assets are our veterans and troops- men and women who have devoted their lives to defending our country. These people deserve recognition for their sacrifice and dedication, and I encourage every person in the 27th District to find their own way of supporting our troops.

Contact Me

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at <http://www.jasoncrowell.com>.

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