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## Missouri Veteran Stories Project Seeking Wentzille/O'Fallon Veterans for Veteran Interviews

Statewide Project Hosting Interviews Nov. 12 to Tape Stories of Area Veterans' Courage and Sacrifice

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Scott T. Rupp (R-Wentzville) is encouraging military veterans from the Wentzville/O'Fallon area to participate in the *Missouri Veteran Stories* project, a project that honors state veterans by capturing their stories on DVD to be preserved for future generations.

Veterans' interviews for this statewide project are being scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at Christian High School, 1145 Tom Ginnever Ave., in O'Fallon. For those interested in participating, interviews will be conducted in half-hour intervals throughout the day.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize our veterans, to provide an important resource for our students and teachers, and to build stronger communities through sharing the stories of these hometown heroes," Sen. Rupp said.

The *Missouri Veteran Stories* project is open to all men and women currently residing in Missouri who have served in any branch of the U.S. military. Five- to seven-minute fully edited stories will be produced from interviews and conversations with each veteran, to be part of the permanent *Missouri Veteran Stories* archive. The archive is available through <a href="www.missouriveteranstories.org">www.missouriveteranstories.org</a> and through touch-screen consoles in the State Capitol and elsewhere.

The Missouri Veterans Stories program has completed 1,200 interviews to date and is seeking a diverse range of veterans who can share stories about whatever they feel is significant about their military service. The project is seeking first-hand accounts that illustrate the courage and sacrifice of Missouri's veterans.

To set an appointment for Nov. 12 or to nominate a veteran, log on to www.missouriveteranstories.org or call 1-800-905-1536 for more information.

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