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Missouri Veteran Stories Project Seeking Southeast Missouri Veterans for Veteran Interviews Statewide Project Hosting Interviews Oct. 21 in Dexter to Tape Stories of Area Veterans' Courage and Sacrifice

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, is encouraging military veterans from southeast Missouri 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 Wed., Oct. 21, at the Kenady-Hanks Legion Post 59, 620 W. Oak St., Dexter. 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. Mayer 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 www.missouriveteranstories.org and through touch-screen consoles in the State Capitol and elsewhere.

The *Missouri Veterans Stories* project 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 Oct. 21 or to nominate a veteran, log on to www.missouriveteranstories.org or call 1-800-905-1536 for more information.

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