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Senator David Pearce Appointed to Missouri Veterans Commission

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) was recently appointed to serve on the Missouri Veterans Commission by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph).

This year's passage of House Bill 427 allowed for the addition of lawmakers to the [Missouri Veterans Commission](#)—two members from the Senate and two members from the House of Representatives, one each chosen by majority and minority leadership.

Sen. Pearce played a key role in advancing legislation addressing veterans' issues in the Legislature this year. As the Senate handler of a pair of military-related bills, Sen. Pearce worked to exempt military pensions from state income tax upon retirement ([HB 82](#)) and make changes to the law that will benefit military members, veterans and their families ([HB 427](#)). He was also recently honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Missouri, as 2008–2009 Legislator of the Year.

“Senator Pearce has a proven track record as a tireless advocate for Missouri's military members, veterans and their families,” Sen. Shields said. “I'm confident his service on the Missouri Veterans Commission will ensure that any issues concerning the military or veterans' affairs will be addressed thoroughly and with great consideration for these brave patriots.”

The Missouri Veterans Commission is charged with managing the state's veterans homes and making them safe, comfortable living environments for Missouri veterans; providing timely and compassionate benefit services to veterans and dependents; and maintaining state veterans cemeteries, ensuring honorable resting places for deceased veterans.

“I am honored Senator Shields chose me for this position and I am looking forward to working directly on behalf of Missouri's veterans,” Sen. Pearce said. “The Missouri Veterans Commission ensures that our veterans are well taken care of and that their sacrifices for our freedom are never forgotten. I hope my presence on the commission contributes to this very important mission.”

Senator Pearce will serve a two-year term on the commission.

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Official photo of Senator David Pearce

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