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Senator David Pearce Meets With MVC Executive Director at Warrensburg Veterans Home

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce, R-Warrensburg, who was appointed last month to the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC), recently met with MVC Executive Director Larry Kay at the Warrensburg Veterans Home to discuss issues affecting Missouri's veterans.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Larry and discuss some of the obstacles and opportunities facing our veterans," Sen. Pearce said. "I look forward to working with him and other leaders in the community during my tenure on the Missouri Veterans Commission so I can better understand our veterans concerns and the issues that affect them."

To further assess the needs of Missouri's veterans, the Missouri Veterans Commission, along with AMVETS, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans and Marine Parents will hold 21 listening posts across Missouri from Sept. 14 through Oct. 28. All those who served in the military, regardless of belonging to an organization, are invited to attend. Listening posts scheduled for the 31st Senatorial District include:

- Warrensburg, Mon. Sept. 21 (Host: American Legion); Meet & Greet 5:30-6 p.m., Listening Post 6-8 p.m.
- Nevada/Camp Clark, Mon. Oct. 26 (Host: AMVETS); Meet & Greet 6-6:30 p.m.; Listening Post 6:30-8 p.m.

This year's passage of House Bill 427 allowed for the addition of lawmakers to the <u>Missouri</u> <u>Veterans Commission</u>—two members from the Senate and two members from the House of Representatives, one each chosen by majority and minority leadership. Senator Pearce will serve a two-year term on the commission.

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.



Missouri Veterans Commission Executive Director Larry Kay with Senator David Pearce (right) at the Warrensburg Veterans Home.

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