



# MISSOURI VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# WHAT WE DO

The Missouri Veterans Commission is a state agency established by Missouri Statute to aid all Veterans, their dependents, and legal representatives by providing information regarding the rights of Veterans and their dependents and to assist Veterans accessing their available benefits through State and Federal Government.

- Missouri Veterans Service Program
- Missouri Veterans Cemeteries Program
- Missouri Veterans Homes Program



# VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM

Accredited Veterans Service Officers (VSO) provide counseling and assistance to thousands of Veterans and their dependents throughout the state. Some of these services include, but are not limited to the following:

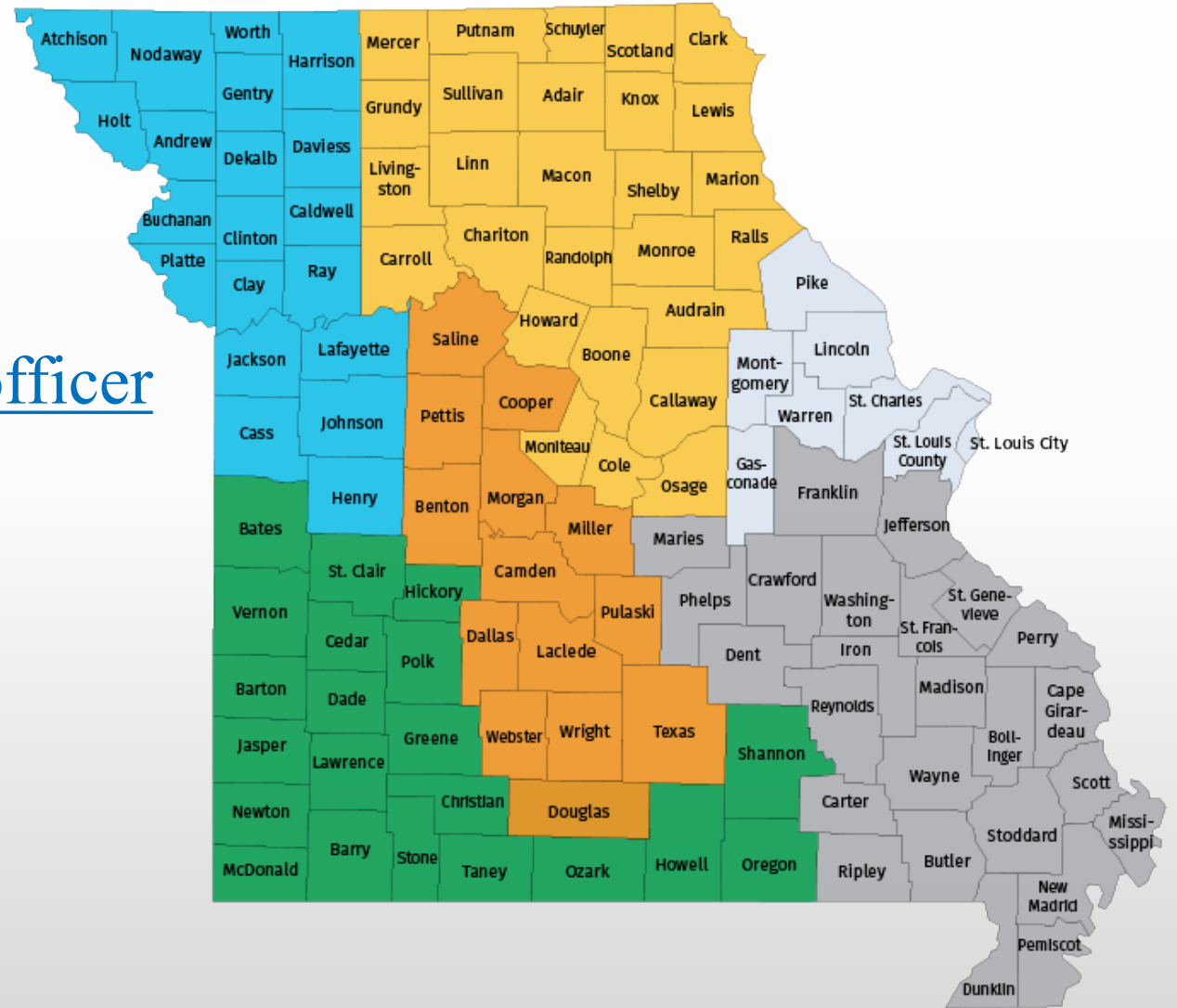
- Counsel on VA and state Veterans' benefits
- Complete and submit claims applications with all necessary documentation
- Assist in locating proof of service, military medical records, and birth and death records



# VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM

How to find your local VSO:

- Call: (573) 751-3779
- Visit: [veteranbenefits.mo.gov](http://veteranbenefits.mo.gov) or [mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/service\\_officer](http://mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/service_officer)



# VETERANS HOMES PROGRAM

The Missouri Veterans Homes manage a total of 1,238 beds that provide long-term skilled nursing care in compliance with Federal Department of Veterans Affairs regulations. The Homes are located in Cameron, Cape Girardeau, Mexico, Mount Vernon, St. James, St. Louis, and Warrensburg.



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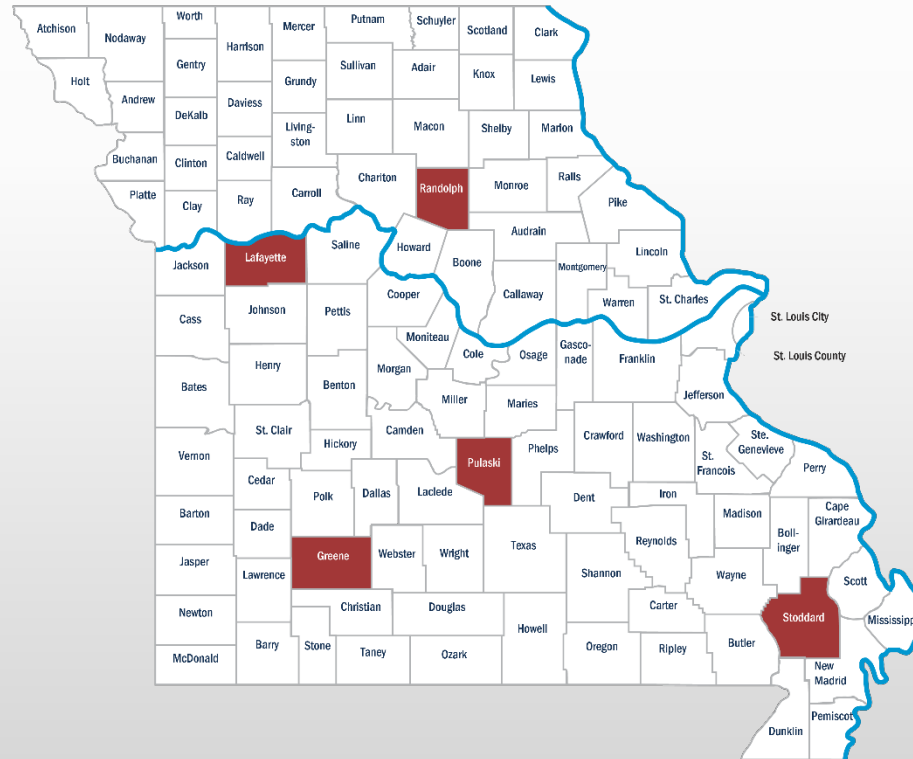
The following are criteria for admission eligibility to a Missouri Veterans Home:

- Meet criteria established by the VA for Veterans status
- Be a citizen of Missouri who has maintained a physical residency in Missouri for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days immediately prior to placement
- Not appear on any sex offender registry
- Not have a criminal history including conviction or guilty plea/nolo contendere in any state (which if committed in Missouri would be) a Class A or B felony violation
- The Veteran must have documentation from a physician requiring 24-hour skilled nursing care
- The Veteran's condition must be such that the Home has the resources available for care



# VETERANS CEMETERIES PROGRAM

MVC has created a network of cemeteries ensuring every Missouri Veteran has access to a burial plot. Five cemeteries are in operation at this time: Bloomfield, Ft. Leonard Wood, Higginsville, Jacksonville, and Springfield.



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The following is eligibility criteria:

- The Veteran must have been discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and have completed the required period of service as required by law
- Death occurred while on active duty
- After Sept. 7, 1980 for enlisted and after Oct. 16, 1981 for officers, the individual must have served 24 consecutive months on active duty or the full period for which called to active duty
- Reservists or members of the National Guard who are eligible for retired pay as a result of 20 years creditable service are entitled to interment in a Missouri State Veterans Cemetery. Reservists and members of the National Guard who are called to active duty by Presidential Executive Order and who satisfactorily complete the period for which they are called to duty
- There is no residency requirement for interment in a Missouri Veterans Cemetery
- U.S. Citizens who served in the armed forces of a government allied with the United States during wartime





# MISSOURI BENEFITS AND RESOURCE PORTAL

The Missouri Benefits and Resource Portal for Veterans and Military and their families is an informational tool and service guide to help veterans discover and access benefits at all times.

The screenshot shows the Missouri Veterans Commission website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Missouri Veterans Commission logo and name. Below this is an orange banner with the text "Missouri Benefits and Resource Portal FOR VETERANS & MILITARY". To the right of the banner are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Email, and RSS. Below the banner is a paragraph of text: "The Missouri Veterans Commission works with Missouri Military Veterans and their families to secure benefits. This portal serves as an informational tool and service guide to help Veterans discover possible benefits. Click [HERE](#) for the printable guide." Below this is another line of text: "Use the [Veterans Service Officer Locator](#) to get help with filing for benefits." The main content area features a grid of 17 buttons, each with an icon and a label: MENTAL HEALTH (first aid kit), BUSINESS (briefcase), CLOTHING (t-shirt), EDUCATION (book), EMPLOYMENT (person icon), EVENTS (calendar), FINANCIAL (dollar sign), FOOD (apple), HEALTHCARE (crosses), HOMELESSNESS (bed), LEGAL (gavel), MISCELLANEOUS (info icon), STATE BENEFITS (house), TRANSPORT (car), VA CLAIMS (box), VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (group of people), and WOMEN VETERANS (person icon).



# QUESTIONS

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