

Supporting Veterans



About Having grown up in a military family and having served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1984 to 1991, rising to the rank of Captain, U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. is committed to assisting the nearly 200,000 veterans who call Kansas home. Senator Marshall has a dedicated team available to help with congressional inquiries including VA health appointments and benefits, medical record recovery, replacement medals, and more.

Select Highlights

PACT Act The Pact Act is the largest and most comprehensive expansion to toxic exposure care, and Senator Marshall was proud to be one of its first supporters. This bill expands VA health care eligibility to more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans, strengthens federal research on toxic exposure, and adds 23 burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to VA's list of service presumptions.

Reforming the VA to Better Serve Veterans During his time in Congress, Senator Marshall helped sign into law over 60 bills that made changes to the VA including streamlining the VA's appeals process, extending benefits for Agent Orange exposure for Navy veterans, expanding mental health care counseling, addressing veteran suicide rates, protecting veteran benefits, and ensuring access to care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The historic VA MISSION Act provides options for care coordination for veterans at their local hospital or other health care provider using one consolidated program. A key champion of the VA Mission Act's Community Care Program, Senator Marshall spent the last few years helping onboard local hospitals and other health care providers across the state. He has also met regularly with federal agencies on meeting benchmarks in rolling out the law.

Helping Veterans Pursue Careers in Science Senator Marshall's bipartisan legislation, the Supporting Veterans in STEM Act, promotes veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research. Now launched, the National Science Foundation is actively working in coordination with multiple federal agencies to improve their job counseling, training, and other internal advancement opportunities for veterans.

Recent Actions

Community Support

- Organized a series of town halls at VFW posts in Kansas City, Topeka, Leavenworth, and more.
- Visited with leadership at Leavenworth and Kansas City VA centers early in the pandemic about their COVID-19 vaccine strategies and access to care via telehealth.
- Met with VA leadership in Topeka, Leavenworth and Wichita to learn about veteran needs and priorities in this Congress.

Cosponsored Bipartisan Legislation

- Helping to increase access to mental health care including crisis response.
- Supported a pilot program that was signed into law which pairs veterans with therapy dogs to help treat PTSD.
- Supporting Housing Credit developments for veterans.
- Helping to increase the age threshold from 26 to 46 for tax-favored ABLE accounts, further supporting the one million veterans living with disabilities.

FY2022 Federal Funding

- Joined a bipartisan group of members in requesting funding for various VA programs including funds that support the Kansas Soldier's Home in Fort Dodge and the Kansas Veterans' Home in Winfield.
- Advocated funding for Supportive Services such as Veteran Families Program, the Grant and Per Diem Program, case management, a health navigator test program for rural areas, and more.



Military Highlights

National Defense

Authorization Act: Senator Marshall supported the NDAA which provided \$4 million in funding for Fort Leavenworth Child Development Center and \$17.1 million in funding for the Kansas National Guard Nickell Memorial Armory.

FY23 Appropriations:

Advocated for multiple projects and procurements to keep funding in Kansas and enhance our nation's defense. Projects included the Civil Air Patrol, the Abrams Upgrade Program, and Air Force Manufacturing among others.

Stopping Dishonorable

Discharges: President Biden signed into law our bill to prevent servicemembers from receiving a dishonorable discharge for choosing to not get the COVID vaccine.

Ukraine Military Aid: Worked with Kansas law enforcement to ship protective equipment to Poland in order to get it in the hands of Ukrainian military forces. Among the protective equipment donated were approximately 300 vests and 50 helmets. The equipment varied in size and level of protection but was distributed to both military and law enforcement officials within Ukraine.

Defending Freedom of Conscience for Cadets and Midshipman Act:

Senator Marshall supports this legislation which would protect cadets and midshipmen at the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy from being punished for their choice to not receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Visiting Kansas Troops

Deployed Overseas: In March, Senator Marshall visited Kansans deployed to Germany and Poland including troops from Fort Riley.

Afghanistan Evacuation

Assistance: Senator Marshall's staff assisted numerous families and servicemembers with evacuation assistance following the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan. In one instance, a family of U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents was safely evacuated out of Afghanistan. A member of this family worked alongside the U.S. Military and had close ties to a Kansas service member who reached out on their behalf for assistance.

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