

BATTLES WON AND LOST:

Reports from the Front Lines in the
Mission to Serve America's Bravest

7th Annual Veterans Clinic Symposium

October 30, 2020 | 09:00 a.m. - 03:30 p.m.

09:00 - 09:15 a.m. Virtual Check-in

09:15 - 09:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
Presented by MU Law Dean Lyrissa Lidsky.

09:30 - 10:30 a.m. VA's Victories in Serving POWs

Former POW Colonel (Ret.) John Clark will lead this discussion. He served in the 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron out of Thailand during the Vietnam War. His aircraft was shot down on March 12, 1967. He spent the next six years at the "Hanoi Hilton." John will share his experience as a Prisoner of War, as well as his journey in dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress. 2L Student John Middleton will provide a brief overview of the war, along with special benefits available to POWs.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Panel: A Briefing on Missouri's Mission to Help Its Veterans

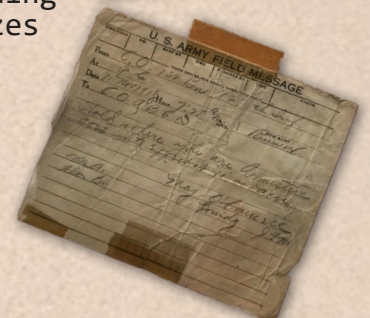
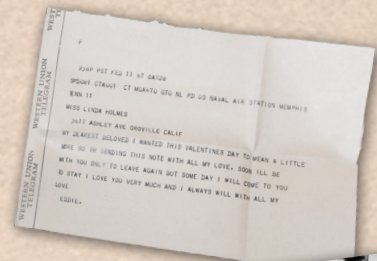
The panelists will address efforts and initiatives to assist veterans in Missouri. State Senator Wayne Wallingford will describe important General Assembly legislation impacting veterans in the Show Me State. Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) General Counsel Scotty Allen will describe MVC programs that provide meaningful assistance to Missouri's veterans. MU Law Professor Brent Filbert will present on what Mizzou Law's Veterans Clinic is doing to reach Missouri veterans and provide representation in VA disability compensation and discharge upgrade cases.

11:30 - 11:40 a.m. Presentation of Awards

The King Award is presented by Professor Angela K. Drake to outstanding students in the last academic year. Established in 2019, it recognizes kindness and competence in honor of Amy King.

The Bailey Award is presented by Professor Filbert and recognizes private practitioners' zealous advocacy in advancing the interests of Veterans. The award was established in honor of Assistant Dean Emeritus Bob Bailey in 2019.

11:40 - 12:10 p.m. Lunch



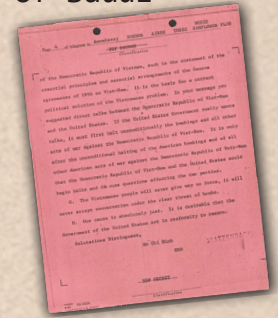
12:10 - 01:00 p.m. Keynote - Verdict from the Bench

Robert N. Davis, former Chief Judge and current Senior Judge of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, will provide his frank assessment of the VA disability compensation process, including the appeals process. He will identify where the system is flawed and the improvements he believes are needed to meet our nation's obligation to care for veterans and their families.

01:00 - 01:10 p.m. Break

01:10 - 02:30 p.m. Panel: Performance Review - Is VA Complying with Congressional Directives Relating to Gulf War Veterans?

Veterans who served in the Gulf War in 1990-91, and the military operations which followed, were exposed to many toxins. These toxins severely and negatively impacted service members' health in ways that are confounding to understand. For its part, Congress passed promising legislation that provided for several presumptions, in an effort to ease the disability process for these veterans. Veteran Greg Bier was one of the first to serve in the Gulf War, including with the 18th Airborne Corps for the defense of Saudi Arabia, as part of Operation Desert Shield, and with the 24th Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm. He will describe what his deployment looked like and its impact. Amy Odom, of Chisholm, Chisholm & Kilpatrick, is an expert in veterans benefits and will review the case law arising from Gulf War legislation. Professor Drake and Jim Binns, former Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illness, will discuss whether VA is properly implementing the Congressional mandates designed to help this group of veterans.



02:30 - 02:45 p.m. Break

02:45 - 03:15 p.m. VA Healthcare's Successes in Serving Veterans on Behalf of a Grateful Nation Amid a Deadly Pandemic

Randall Rogers, Ph.D., of Truman VA Behavioral Health and Heather Brown, Strategic Partnership Officer at Truman VA, will describe the hospital's recent programs, initiatives and improvements. The presenters will focus on efforts to care for veterans during the COVID pandemic.



03:15 - 03:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Presented by Professor Filbert.

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