

# 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.

Dr. Marshall has a dedicated team available to help with congressional inquiries including VA health appointments and benefits, medical record recovery, replacement medals, and more. His office also works closely with all three VA regional hospitals and their respective community-based outpatient centers to keep veterans up to speed on benefits and available care. Currently, Dr. Marshall has offices in Overland Park, Wichita, Salina, and Washington, D.C. — and will soon open locations in Pittsburg, Garden City, and Topeka. If you need assistance, please call (785) 829-9000.

## Select Highlights

### COVID-19

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Marshall organized roundtables and met regularly with veteran community leaders and groups to discuss their needs. Under his leadership, he helped resolve local issues Kansan veterans and their caregivers faced throughout the pandemic including getting a vaccine and receiving urgent care.

### Reforming the VA to Better Serve Veterans

During his time in Congress, Dr. 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 robust 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, Dr. Marshall spent the last few years helping to 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

Dr. 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. To learn more, visit [beta.nsf.gov/careers/job-types/programs-veterans](https://beta.nsf.gov/careers/job-types/programs-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 on their COVID-19 vaccine strategies and access to care via telehealth.
- Met with VA leadership in Topeka, Leavenworth, and Wichita to learn about veterans' needs and priorities in this Congress.

### Cosponsored Bipartisan Legislation

- Helping to increase access to mental health care including crisis response.
- Working to expand presumptive benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances including burn pits.
- 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 bipartisan group of members in requesting robust funding for various VA programs including funds that support the Kansas Soldiers' 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, veteran drug treatment courts, and more.

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