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KOVS Veterans' Services has recently added two new programs that bring information to Kansas Veterans. They are Remote Claims Assistance and Topics for Today videos.



**Remote-Virtual Claims Assistance**

KOVS is ready to provide prompt virtual claims assistance through our trained/accredited Veteran Service Representatives (VSR). Our VSRs stand ready to aid Veterans with uploading documents and can even assist with remote signatures on documents to help facilitate in claims submissions.

VSRs are available daily between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and all services are provided for NO CHARGE.

**HOW TO CONNECT:** Joe Allen, Heather Dixon, and Steven Moushey are available on the phone or via TEAMS virtually from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

Contact any of these three VSRs and start your benefits today at <https://www.kovs.ks.gov>

**Forward March—Topics for Today**

KOVS' new video series that briefs the most requested benefits questions from Veterans.

Every other Monday you can watch a video on topics like "What is a Veteran?", "What if I already have benefits?", and "Am I eligible for any benefits as a Surviving Spouse?"

These are short videos (3-5 minutes) that are intended to help inform Veterans on VA related processes and encourage follow on discussions with our Veteran Service Representatives.

If you have a topic for a segment, please contact [Michelle.Sweeney@ks.gov](mailto:Michelle.Sweeney@ks.gov) / 785.940.1221.

**TUNE IN every other Monday**

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**2026 Legislature KOVS Bill Tracker**  
 The Kansas Legislature has adjourned for 2026. KOVS has published the Session Outcomes for Veteran legislation on our BILL UPDATE PAGE at [www.kovs.ks.gov/about-kovs/legislative-update](http://www.kovs.ks.gov/about-kovs/legislative-update)



# SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE

## Molly Weaver-Barry

**Office location:** Wichita Mobile

**Role at KOVS:** Mobile Veterans Service Representative

**When did you start at KOVS:** October 2023

**What branch of service were you:** Air Force

**When did you serve in the military:** 1987-2010

**Where did you serve and why:** I served All over the states and many locations overseas. I served 24 years and moved every two years to new assignments. I joined to seek a better life, grew up on a small farm and there was not much to do in the area. I stayed in and retired because I enjoyed it so much that I didn't want to ever leave!

**Did anyone in your family serve:** My father served four years in the Navy.



### PRATT VETERANS OUTREACH

KOVS and Pratt Public Library have partnered to reach Veterans in the Pratt community.

Library Director Eric Scott Killough has offered KOVS to host scheduled outreach hours inside the library. He is committed to making the library a community service hub, and this connection makes it easier for Veterans to get assistance with benefits and services.

**Thank you, Pratt!**



### CONNECTING WITH VETS

[April 24](#)—Veterans Claims & Benefits, Wichita

[April 24-26](#)—Wichita Women's Fair

[April 28](#)—Jobs Fair, Junction City

[May 14](#)—AMVETS Suicide Awareness Tour, Salina

[May 16](#)—Butler Co. Veterans Resource Fair, El Dorado

[May 30](#)—Women Veterans-Engage, Leavenworth

[June 6](#)—250th Celebration, Topeka

[June 13](#)—American Legion 80th anniversary, Spring Hill

[June 19](#)—Kansas Veterans Festival, El Dorado Lake

[June 20](#)—Wichita WindSurge Military Day, Wichita

[June 24](#)—Fort Dodge Car Show, Kansas Soldier's Home

**\*\*Each event is supported by KOVS Veterans Service Representatives**



### Kansas is a Purple Heart state!

Governor Laura Kelly signed House Bill 2274, which designates Kansas as a Purple Heart State.

Kansas recognizes Kansans who have earned the Purple Heart medal which is awarded to those wounded or killed by enemy action while serving.

Each year on August 7, the Governor will issue a proclamation recognizing Purple Heart Day, with supporting observance activities facilitated by KOVS and Veterans Service Organizations.

More at <https://www.governor.ks.gov/newsroom/press-releases>