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On August 26th, 2012, State Representative Terry Swinger had the privilege of attending the welcome home ceremony for troops of the 1137th Military Police Unit. Swinger felt much pride as they departed nearly a year ago. There was joy within everyone in attendance as the unit completed their mission and all returned back home safely.

Swinger notes that helping our military and veterans has generated the most support in his nine years of serving as a Missouri State Representative. Swinger also says, “We should make it our sacrifice and duty to help them from the time they accept this great responsibility to their final resting place.” The General Assembly exemplified this goal this past session.

Governor Jay Nixon has said while visiting troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and asking their greatest fear, many of them replied by saying their biggest fear was not finding a job when they return home.

In 2010 Governor Nixon announced the Show-Me Heroes program in his State speech. Under the program, employers can pledge to consider a Missouri Veteran for their hiring needs.

HB 1680 was renamed the Hero at Home Program, which originally assisted members of the National Guard and their families to the Show-Me Heroes Program.

As of now, 2,326 employers have taken the pledge for Show-Me Heroes.

In addition to HB 1680, it was very important during this legislative session to help find a funding stream for our Veteran's homes and programs to keep them sustainable. "I was very happy this year we found a dedicated funding source," notes Swinger.

HB 1731 provided funds for the Veteran's homes.

State Rep Terry Swinger says, "I cannot express enough gratitude for the 1137th and those who serve our country. If you see someone in uniform or know a veteran, I encourage you to thank them for their service."

Shown in the above photo is Terry Swinger and his cousin, Harry Swinger of Dexter at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Harry was a P.O.W in WWII.

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