



Kaw Valley Chapter Military Officers Association of America 2021 Kansas Legislative Priorities



Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am Sheli Sweeney of the Kaw Valley Chapter (KVC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The KVC, MOAA actively serves as an advocate for proposed legislation affecting the military career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

To that end, the KVC Legislative Committee maintains coordination with local veteran service organizations (VSO), the Kansas State Legislature, and our Congressional delegation to advocate on behalf of military members and their families. To effectively do this, the KVC has been involved with development of common issues and recommendations at the local level. One of our legislative priorities this year is:

- Commit to fund and plan for new Veterans senior care facility in Kansas
- Rationale: The largest population of veterans reside in the Northeast quarter of the State. It would benefit veterans and families if long-term care was available in this section of the state particularly for veterans.

We support passage of HB 2021, a bill which would begin the process of planning for AND FUNDING a new veterans home in the part of the state where it would be move utilized.

Placing a veterans home close to veterans allows veterans to remain close to families and friends when long-term care is needed.

Please consider passage of HB 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Major (Ret) Sheli Sweeney, MOAA Legislative Chair at shelisweeney@hotmail.com / 785.213.9053.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR KANSAS MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES!