

Looking for ways to serve veterans

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Kansas State Treasurer
As we look back at the recently celebrated Memorial Day, and prepare ourselves for Independence Day, we as Americans must constantly look for ways in which we can serve our veterans who have given so much to our country in protecting the freedoms we hold so dear.

Honoring our veterans is what the patriots property unclaimed property program aims to do.

Upon taking office last year, I began an unprecedented move of forming a partnership between the Kansas State Treasurer's Office and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs in order to design several specific efforts to return unclaimed property to our Kansas veterans.

The patriots property program was created in November of 2009 and that first list contains the names of about 10,000 Kansas veterans with property totaling about \$4.5 million.

Recently we added over 1,400 new names to the list.

In addition to establishing the patriots property program website www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/patriotsproperty my staff recently attended the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars State Conventions providing onsite searches for veterans and their families.

Our top rate unclaimed property staff has also been searching for military organizations who might have unclaimed property and reach-

ing out to those entities in order to reunite this property with our nation's defenders.

With most surviving World War II veterans now in their eighties now is the time to redouble our efforts to put this money back to work for its owners.

The bottom line for the patriots property program is we want to put special emphasis on our veterans to make sure, that in some small way, we pay tribute to their service.

We are proud of them and we

want to ensure that we make every effort to return the favor of great personal sacrifice they have made for our country. It is simply the right thing to do.

I encourage all veterans and their families to visit www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/patriotsproperty. I would also encourage everyone to visit www.kansascash.com or call 1-800-432-0386 and search for their own unclaimed property.

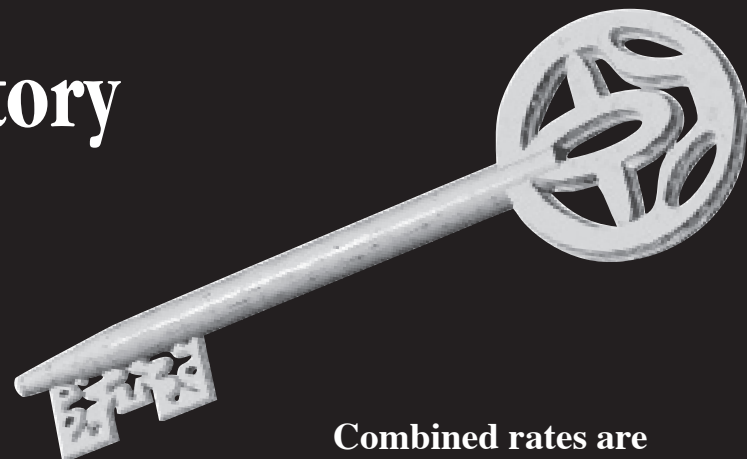
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