

American Legion Post 176 VSO Group Formation

The American Legion Post 176, Springfield Virginia is pleased to announce the formation of its own VA-recognized Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Group consisting of Kay Croll, veteran U.S. Marine Corp and Patrick Mills, retired U. S. Army.

Ali Nikolai has served Post 176 for many years as the Post's Service Officer and continues to do so. However, due to the retirement of the area's Veteran Service Officer, Ali needed some VSO assistance to process requests and claims from Veterans and their families in need. Consequently, Dennis Madtes, Commander of Post 176, put out a call for volunteers to serve as and become trained as VSOs.

In response, Post 176 members Kay Croll and Patrick Mills responded to the Commander's call and have recently completed the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs VSO training and have been designated as VA-recognized VSOs.

Most of the representation that is provided to claimants on initial benefit claims is performed by VA-recognized VSOs. They can help Veterans understand and apply for any VA benefits a Veteran or family member may be entitled to including: compensation, education, Veteran readiness and employment, home loans, life insurance, pension, health care, and burial benefits.

Specific information on how to contact Kay and Patrick is located on the Post 176 website at: <http://post176.org/veteran-service/>

Congratulations to Kay and Patrick for their willingness to volunteer their services and on completion of the VSO training program!