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## News Release

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder Accepts Donation for Missouri Military Family Relief Fund**

*Dr Pepper / Snapple nets over \$37,000 in annual fundraising drive*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder joined officials from the Dr Pepper / Snapple Bottling Group today to accept a check on behalf of the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund (MMFRF) for \$37,548.25.

The funds were raised in grocery and convenience stores across the state by Dr Pepper / Snapple Group retailers.

“I am proud to once again commend the leadership of the Dr Pepper / Snapple Group in supporting our service men and women,” said Lt. Governor Kinder. “When families of our armed forces face financial hardship, these funds will help them in their hour of need.”

The MMFRF was created and signed into law by Lt. Governor Kinder in 2005. There is no state funding for the program. All support comes from individuals and businesses. The legislation also created a tax check-off, of at least \$1, for Missourians to contribute on their state income tax return.

Since the inception of this program, the MMFRF has raised nearly \$500,000 for the families of Missouri’s military men and women. Over the past three years, the fund has provided 214 grants between \$500 and \$3000 for families, service members and new veterans from Missouri’s Reserve and National Guard components.

Eligible military personnel in need of financial assistance are encouraged to find out more about the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund online at; [www.mmfrf.mo.gov](http://www.mmfrf.mo.gov).

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