



# Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

*A Voice of the Veterans*

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## ***This-N-That***

Here we go again with continued failures on the part of the VA Healthcare system!

This time with the VA's Crisis Hotline location in Canandaigua, N.Y. with an average of 35-40 percent of the calls being automatically re-routed to a sub-contracted facility usually staffed with untrained volunteers.

That's consistent with the findings of the Government Accountability Office, which ran a covert test of the Veterans Crisis Line during the summer of 2015. Investigators determined that the suicide hotline met the VA's call response time goals — answering the phone within 30 seconds or sometimes 60 seconds — only 65 to 75 percent of the time. The rest of the calls were transferred to one of five backup call centers, where some callers were left on hold.

The VA's policy prohibits Veterans Crisis Line staffers from placing callers on hold without first completing a suicide assessment.

We also had reports come in where VA Crisis staffers were simply leaving work early and letting those calls go to voicemail in some locations and in others calls being automatically re-routed to sub-contracted call centers also with untrained volunteer staff.

And everyone wonders why we have so many suicides every day! This is just one more reason, and who in DC is doing anything about it, and do they even care?

There are just so many things that are wrong, still Veterans want to privatize medical care which on many occasions I've pointed out would make matters much worse than they are now.

The controls that would go into place would be the VA would have the power to decide if you could or could not be cared for in a private setting and it would all be based on costs involved. And private healthcare costs are still skyrocketing with no real signs of change there either and this is all due to the wonderful Obamacare program.

And it still in the air about the ability to terminate at will with any VA Employee which if we were to be able to clean house in the VA from the top on down would be a damn good start and being able to replace with

people who aren't tainted by bureaucracy in the VA Admin's mentality and their wanting to protect their bonuses which I also firmly believe need to stop.

If we had just 25-50% of the over four million Veterans burning up phone lines in DC and DEMANDING immediate corrective action being taken, we just might be able to see some improvement, better care, better staff and speedier service.

So when you stop and think about all those receiving sub-standard or less in medical care, please, take the 5 minutes and pick up that phone and call all three of your reps in DC and make your voice heard!

I know I ask often, but I am asking again. If you have an opinion on any of the issues discussed this week, please do write to me. Even if one of these issues affects you directly, I'd also like to hear how you were treated, etc.

On behalf of our Volunteers nationwide and myself, we wish you and your family good health!

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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### ***Report: Veterans Denied Benefits***

Stars and Stripes reports that roughly \$110 million in payments to thousands of housebound veterans was withheld from them by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), according to a new report from VA inspector general's office (IG). The IG report found approximately 186,000 veterans as of March 2015 were designated as housebound because of illness or injury with errors in payments to about 33,400 of them. Others did receive payments, but they were delayed anywhere from five days to six years. The report also found some veterans who were not designated as housebound received \$44.3 million in money meant for housebound veterans. The report is available on the [VA website](#).

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### ***Miller V. McDonald: Clash of Agendas and Legacies***

Republican Rep. Jeff Miller, the soon-to-retire chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, is a former deputy sheriff of Gilchrist County, Fla., who despises wrongdoing by VA department employees. While veteran service organizations largely praise VA Secretary Bob McDonald's actions, Miller isn't a fan. We asked for his reaction to McDonald's recent blasts at Congress for failing to pass "essential" legislation to sustain VA's transformation into a high performance organization and at Miller for an "against leadership" bent toward VA. For his response, see [this Military Advantage blog article](#).

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### ***Wells Fargo In Trouble Again – This Time for Violating Law that Protects Servicemembers***

One of the nation’s largest banks, Wells Fargo, has been in the news lately because of a scandal in which company employees created millions of phony bank accounts in reaction to company pressure to boost sales figures. The CEO of the company has been in the hot seat before investigating Congressional committees and thousands of employees have been fired.

Now we’ve just learned that Wells Fargo has also been violating the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice, between 2008 and 2015 “Wells Fargo Bank unlawfully repossessed hundreds of servicemembers’ cars without the proper process, and the bank will now rightfully pay for its violations.”

The bank has agreed to pay those who were affected \$4 million to compensate for the unlawful repossessions.

According to Bloomberg.com, “The Justice Department got a complaint that Wells Fargo grabbed the Ford from an Army National Guard soldier in North Carolina, according to court records and the department’s statement. The bank shed the vehicle in an auction before demanding \$10,000 in an unpaid balance from the soldier -- a situation that raised a red flag for a military lawyer helping with his debt counseling.

“The OCC said the duration and frequency of violations contributed to its action, which also requires the bank to repair deficiencies in its compliance with the servicemembers law. ‘In those instances where some servicemembers did not receive the appropriate benefits and protections, we did not live up to our commitment and we apologize,’” Catherine Pulley, a spokeswoman for Wells Fargo, said in an e-mailed statement. She said the company has been notifying and compensating customers and has “enhanced our efforts to identify eligible service members.”

Strengthening both the SCRA law and the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act (USERRA) have been efforts that TREA has been involved in this year.

Source: TREA

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***Legality of Law Used to Fire Abusive Administrators in Question***

NAUS and eleven veteran and military groups have entered the legal fight with former Department of Veterans Affairs executive Sharon Helman in hopes they can salvage a law allowing the department to fire top managers more quickly.

A federal appeals court has allowed NAUS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and eight other groups to join the lawsuit between Helman and the VA. They argue the law used to fire her is constitutional and should be upheld.

Helman was director of the scandal-ridden Phoenix VA hospital where veterans died waiting for care. Federal audits found secret wait lists were kept there and at VA health care facilities across the country to hide long delays in care for sick and disabled veterans.

The outcome will determine the future of the 2014 law that allows VA to root out a “corrosive” management culture after the national wait-time scandal. The VA announced it would abandon the law in June — potentially handing Helman a win in court — because the Justice Department decided it violated the rights of the roughly 300 executives employed by the sprawling department.

“This ruling is an important win for us,” the attorney for the veteran and military groups, Michael Morley, wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes. “Most basically, it shows that the court takes our arguments seriously and will not invalidate the [law] without considering them.”

The ruling allows the court to hear our argument that the streamlined firings are constitutional. Over the coming weeks, responses will be presented to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and there could be oral arguments heard in December or January.

Source: NAUS

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### ***Report Finds Many Vets Lack Health Insurance***

A projected 604,000 US veterans will not have health insurance in 2017, according to a new report by the Urban Institute. About 327,000 of those live in states that have not expanded Medicaid in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). “Some uninsured veterans may qualify for [Department of Veterans Affairs] care, but not all take up the available coverage or meet the eligibility requirements, which are based on service-connected disability status, veteran discharge status, income, and other factors,” the report said. The report is available in .PDF format on the Urban Institute [website](#).

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### ***CalVet Opens Veterans Cemetery in Monterey County***

Seaside, CA -- The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) today hosted the opening of our new California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) in Seaside. Situated on the former Fort Ord Army Post, the cemetery both honors Veterans and memorializes the Monterey Bay area’s rich military history.

“Our new California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is truly sacred ground where, for generations to come, people can remember and honor the brave men and women who answered our nation’s call,” said Dr. Vito

Imbasciani, CalVet Secretary. "The collaborative effort to make the cemetery a reality stands as a permanent reminder of the Monterey Bay Area's commitment to honoring our Veterans."

As part of the opening ceremony, CalVet conducted an interment with military funeral honors for Major Bill Williams, U.S. Army (Retired) and his wife Maria Williams.

"This is truly a celebration because it gives us the ability to grant our parents' final wish thanks to the hard work and effort by so many people in support of our Veterans," said Deborah Page, one of the Williams' daughters.

Maj. Williams was one of five members of the United Veterans Council of Monterey who were charged in 1992 to create a Veterans cemetery on the grounds of Fort Ord Army Post, which was slated for closure. The others were Jack McDonough, Charles Hopper, Malcolm Giblin, and Jack Stewart, who alone survived to see the cemetery open.

"Thanks to the profound and continuing resolve by local Veterans, a legacy is bestowed to honor past, present, and future Veterans and their families with a place of enshrinement they so richly deserve," said Stewart. "It is sad indeed, that the four other assigned committee members are not here to celebrate this legacy. May my friends rest in peace knowing they completed their task."

Also in attendance were former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, U.S. Representative Sam Farr of Carmel, State Senator Bill Monning of Carmel, State Assemblymember Mark Stone of Santa Cruz, George Eisenbach from the National Cemetery Administration, and Michael Houlemard from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, all of whom were instrumental in securing federal, state, and local support for the cemetery.

For more information about CCCVC, please contact Daria Maher, Cemetery Director, at [Daria.Maher@calvet.ca.gov](mailto:Daria.Maher@calvet.ca.gov), call the Cemetery at (831) 393-9371, or visit [www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/State-Veterans-Cemeteries.aspx](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/State-Veterans-Cemeteries.aspx).

CCCVC is the third California Veterans Cemetery, joining our Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo and our Yountville Veterans Cemetery near Napa. In addition, there are nine National Veterans Cemeteries in California operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**To Contact your Members of Congress**

To Call your Representative: 202-225-2305

To call your Senator: 202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call different members of Congress: 202-224-3121

Toll FREE Number: 866-272-6622

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***TRICARE Expands Substance Use Treatment***

TRICARE is implementing significant improvements to its mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) benefits. Beginning Oct. 3, 2016, non-active duty dependent beneficiaries, retirees, their family members and

survivors will generally pay lower co-payments and cost-shares for mental health care, such as \$12 for outpatient mental health and SUD visits rather than the current rate of \$25 per visit. Additional day limits for services such as partial hospitalization, residential substance use disorder care, smoking cessation counseling, and other mental health treatment will also be removed. TRICARE will expand its coverage of treatment options for substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder. Gender identity conflicts may be treated non-surgically by TRICARE-authorized providers effective Oct. 3.

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### ***Dogs for Veterans***

The nonprofit organization Rebuilding Warriors provides highly trained and socialized Service/companion Dogs to honorably discharged veterans diagnosed as amputees as well as those with PTSD, (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). The organization has given dozens of dogs to veterans in seven states. The organization also needs people willing to raise puppies that will eventually become service dogs. For more information, visit the Rebuilding Warriors [website](#).

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### ***Conference Quiet on Fiscal 2017 National Defense Authorization Act***

Though Congress is out and work on the NDAA is quiet, NAUS continues its involvement in urging Congress to use caution and carefully consider potential reforms in health care, housing, commissaries, salaries and related quality-of-life matters. Steep increases in TRICARE fees and copays, for instance, could devastate young families back home and burden retirees because of financial hardships.

NAUS supports passage of a well-considered annual defense authorization. It is one of the most critical bills Congress considers, providing the resources and tools to meet any threat our military faces.

As the service member's voice in government, NAUS members believe America has a responsibility, indeed a moral contract, to keep its promises to those who have served and sacrificed to protect our country.

House and Senate lawmakers intend to complete the fiscal 2017 NDAA when they return after the November elections.

Source: NAUS

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### ***Operation Mail Call***

*Troops resting on long deployments  
- your support matters*



**Veterans-For-Change - Operation Mail Call**

Operation Mail Call needs your help! We need cards and letters to send to our troops currently serving on foreign soil.

Our men and women in uniform often go months without hugging their children, walking through the park with a significant other or enjoying Mom's home-cooked Sunday dinners.

Ask them where they'd go if they had a free plane ticket anywhere in the world, and the overwhelming majority would say, "home."

Of course, we can't replace the hugs, the love or the secret family chili recipe – but with your help, we can provide them a connection to their fellow Americans who are grateful for their service.

Now, we're hoping you'll take your support to the next level by sending more cards and letters. Hand made cards by your children, or class mates are a terrific means of putting smiles on their faces even if only for a moment.

Cards and Letters of encouragement to help boost moral and let them know we sincerely appreciate the job they are doing and look forward to they day they are all brought home. Your card or letter will show your appreciation and help thousands more American heroes feel connected to the people they love and the country they serve.

Please help us to make a powerful expression of how much their fellow Americans care about them.

Thank you so much for all you're doing to show our service men and women they are appreciated missed and loved.

If you're a school teacher, please contact me at my E-Mail address at the top, our troops love to hear from kids too!

For more information, visit: <http://veterans-for-change.org/5439-operation-mail-call-2>

Child Care: Information on Integrating Early Care and Education Funding.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-775R>

Environmental Protection: Information on Federal Agencies' Expenditures and Coordination Related to Harmful Algae. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-119>

Health Care Quality: HHS Should Set Priorities and Comprehensively Plan Its Efforts to Better Align Health Quality Measures. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-5>

Open Innovation: Practices to Engage Citizens and Effectively Implement Federal Initiatives.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-14>

DOD Civilian and Contractor Workforces: Additional Cost Savings Data and Efficiencies Plan Are Needed.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-128>

Train Braking: DOT's Rulemaking on Electronically Controlled Pneumatic Brakes Could Benefit from Additional Data and Transparency. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-122>

U.S. Postal Service: Information on How Broadband Affects Postal Use and the Communications Options for Rural Residents. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-811>

Countering ISIS: DOD Should Develop Plans for Responding to Risks and for Using Stockpiled Equipment No Longer Intended for Syria Train and Equip Program. [http://www.gao.gov/restricted/restricted\\_reports](http://www.gao.gov/restricted/restricted_reports)

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### ***TRICARE Rx Network Changes***

Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) has upcoming changes to the retail pharmacy network it manages on behalf of TRICARE. On Dec. 1, 2016, Walgreens pharmacy locations will join the network, and CVS pharmacies, including those in Target stores, will leave the network. The new network will have more than 57,000 locations nationwide. ESI is doing additional outreach to patients filling specialty drugs at CVS pharmacies to ensure they can move their prescription with no gap in their prescription coverage. If beneficiaries chose to fill a prescription at CVS after Dec. 1, it will be a non-network pharmacy. This means they will have to pay the full cost of the medication upfront, and file for partial reimbursement. For more information, visit the Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) [website](#).

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### ***El Soldado Memorial Seeks Donations***

*DAV's California Rehabilitation Foundation Offers to Match Donations up to \$20,000*

Sacramento – The California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee seeks donations to restore the “El Soldado” memorial located at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Mall in Sacramento. The Disabled American Veterans California Rehabilitation Fund (DAV) offered to match donations up to \$20,000 until October 31. El Soldado was completed in 1951 and is the only memorial of its kind on state capitol grounds in the United States.

“CalVet is grateful to the DAV Foundation for their generosity and for understanding the importance of the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial created by mothers to honor the service of husbands and sons lost during World War II,” said Ricardo Reyes, CalVet Deputy Secretary Minority Veterans Affairs. “Phase one of the beautification began on September 1, 2016. When renovations are completed in January 2017, the memorial will be returned to 10<sup>th</sup> and Capitol Mall and placed in the beautiful new plaza.”

“The period of September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. During this time, we all honor our Latino brothers and sisters in arms,” said Daniel Contreras, the Chief Financial Officer of DAV’s California Rehabilitation Foundation. “For this reason, I encourage donations, and the Foundation offers to match them up to a total of \$20,000.” Contreras also serves as the Chair of the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee.

Tax deductible donations (*pursuant to Section 170 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code*) can be sent to:

**California Mexican American Veterans Memorial**  
c/o California Department of Veterans Affairs  
1227 O Street, Room 300, Sacramento, CA 95814

For more information about the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial, please contact Ricardo Reyes, Deputy Secretary, Minority Veterans Affairs, at [minorityVeterans@calvet.ca.gov](mailto:minorityVeterans@calvet.ca.gov) or visit our [website](#).



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***DHA announces that CVS is out and Walgreen’s is back in the TRICARE pharmacy network***

Last week the Defense Health Agency (DHA) announced that on December 1st Walgreen’s will be returning to the TRICARE Pharmacy Network and CVS will be out. You may remember that in 2011 a similar situation occurred. Walgreen refused to give the discounts Express-Scripts were demanding on behalf of TRICARE and left the network. Now CVS is refusing additional discounts and will be an out-of-network in 2 months.

After December 1st if you have a prescription filled at any CVS (including those in Targets) you will have to pay the full cost of their medication up front and file a claim with Tricare for partial reimbursement.

Even with this change the TRICARE Pharmacy Network will have over 58,000 pharmacies and 98% of TRICARE beneficiaries will have a network pharmacy within 5 miles of their homes.

DHA said Express Scripts will be reaching out to patients who take specialty medications to help them transfer their prescriptions without a gap in coverage.

Express-Scripts is the “pharmacy benefit manager” for DoD’s pharmacy benefit. If you have any questions either write us or go to Express-Scripts’ website at: <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

Source: TREA



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### ***3 Things to Know: TRICARE Pharmacy Shake-Up***

You might have heard about the TRICARE pharmacy shake-up that is coming December 1. Here are the basics: starting on that date, TRICARE users will no longer be able to hit up CVS pharmacies, including those located in Target, for their covered prescriptions. But they will be able to visit a pharmacy that's been off the table since 2011: Walgreens. The reason? [Contract renegotiations](#). But in case you don't really care about that stuff and just want to know exactly how this is going to impact you, [here's the quick and dirty](#).

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#### **Veteran Crisis Resources**

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1  
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans  
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)  
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

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### ***VA Caregiver Support Partnerships***

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced several new and expanded partnerships to support the VA Caregiver Support Program. The partnerships are with Amazon, Coursera, PsychArmor Institute, VetTix, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline. VA's Caregiver Support Program began in 2007 and expanded in 2010 to offer a variety of local and national programs including, Building Better Caregivers™; Peer

Support Mentoring; Caregiver Self-Care Courses; a national Caregiver Support Line; targeted programs for dementia, stroke and spinal cord injury; Respite; and Home and Community Based Care programs. For more information about VA Caregiver support programs, visit the VA Caregiver Support [website](#).

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## Veterans-For-Change Web Site

The Veterans-For-Change website has been under construction since day one back in 2009 and every day since then. The looks pretty much stay the same, but in the background constant improvement and change is being done to make our website the most user friendly “One-Stop-Shop” website to find almost everything you might have tried to find searching the internet.

Almost a hundred people have been involved; collecting web links to documents now houses on the VFC website, collecting thousands of web links for various issues, illnesses and benefits. Creating forums for all eras of service and two forums one just for men and one just for woman where you can go question, comment, share medical and personal concerns, what ever you’d like it to be.

We also have a forum with a licensed Mental Health Worker, again where you can seek help or just ask questions.

We average 1,700 hits per day, and downloads average 1,400 per day with a total **3,039,381** visitors as of Friday.

If you subscribe you will have full access to the entire website and best of all it’s **FREE** of charge! You just need a valid E-mail address so the system can send you a confirmation E-Mail. Once received, click on the link to be authorized automatically.

[www.veterans-for-change.org](http://www.veterans-for-change.org)

- Documents Library with over 15,616 documents on-line (Updated: **08/02/16**)
- FAQ’s with more than 1,600 FAQ’s and answers (Updated: **02/20/16**)
- Multiple Forums
- Job Postings (Updated: **09/15/16**)
- Memorial Pages (Updated: **10/10/16**)
- News (Articles On-Line: **6,056**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than 3,444, Added 1 New Links (Updated: **09/19/16**)

If you have a submission for the memorial pages, E-Mail: [Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org](mailto:Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org)

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*Veterans Crisis Line*

When someone calls the Veterans Crisis Line, they are prompted to "press 1" if they're a veteran. The call is then answered by a trained professional at a VA-run call center. If the call is not answered in 30 seconds, the call is then forwarded "rolled over" to one of the call centers part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to ensure the veteran is connected with a trained professional. The personnel at these back-up call centers are all U.S.-based and trained to handle callers in crisis. This "roll over" is put in place to ensure that Veterans are being connected to a crisis intervention responder when the VCL staff are assisting other Veterans. If you are in crisis, or know a veteran who is, The Veterans Crisis Line number is 1-800-273-8255 — then Press 1; or text to 838255; or chat on the Veterans Crisis Line [website](#).

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### ***Links to Other Stories***

- 1) Ernst repeats call to fire Veterans Affairs administrator*
- 2) Hope, Relief for Transgender Military Families in New Policy*
- 3) Obama admin wont fix the VA, but will spend tax dollars on transgender surgery for soldiers*
- 4) Obama signs bill providing housing for homeless Veterans*
- 5) Orange County Register: Make VA hotline work right, with or without new law*
- 6) Patient experience positive at Jackson VA: Column*
- 7) PTSD Likely To Remain A Casualty Of War For Veterans, Active Military*
- 8) VA launches investigation after discovering 20-30 boxes of Veterans' records in ex-Veterans Services employee's storage unit*
- 9) VA system failing our Veterans*
- 10) Young, Reid blame each other on stalled Veteran crisis line bill*

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Are you seeking employment? Been looking and not found the right job?

Well Veterans-For-Change is working hard to bring you more information on Job Fairs and Job postings available across the country.

<http://veterans-for-change.org/documents-library/category/167-job-fairs-job-postings>

If you're an employer and have a job to post, send an E-Mail to: [Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org](mailto:Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org)

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### ***NAUS Presses Congress for Passage of PATH Act***

In a recent letter to Senate leadership, NAUS urged lawmakers for passage of the Promise for Antibiotics and Therapeutics for Health (PATH) Act. The Senate bill (S.185) awaits action following House approval of similar legislation by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in July 2015, as part of its 21st Century Cures Act.

The PATH Act provides a mechanism for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and approve new antibacterial drugs that address serious and life-threatening bacterial infections that are resistant to current treatments. This bill would make antibiotic development more feasible and help bring urgently needed antibiotics to patients.

PATH has broad support from diverse group of stakeholders, including healthcare providers, antibiotic developers, public health, and other veterans and military groups.

As so many of our veterans know, we can't afford to wait any longer. We have military service members, who are surviving combat wounds on the battlefield only to succumb to antibiotic resistant infections. Moreover, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that each year at least 2 million people in the U.S. are infected with resistant bacteria and at least 23,000 people die each year as a result.

When the Senate returns after the November elections, NAUS looks for action on legislation to address desperately needed new antibiotics. Discovery, development, and delivery of these of new antimicrobial drugs is an urgent priority that will save lives.

Source: NAUS

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### ***Reader Comments***

Jim,

Seems that the VA does not want to offend these re-assignment people, the liberals and the progressives. They are after praise and need to be liked by them. So in order to do this they need to be PC and in doing so they are literally wasting our taxpayer money.

You are right, imagine how many homeless Vets can be housed for every re-assignment?

Wish someone would stand up to this and introduce a bill to stop it.

Thank you for your hard work.

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Riverside County, CA

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Google	15,620
Los Angeles	129,425
Microsoft	3,461
National Guard	2505
New York	144,860
Other Social Media	33,787
San Francisco	74,777
Twitter	34
US House of Reps & Staff	830
US Senators & Staff	99
University of So. California	4,635
US Air Force	14,224
US Army	40,101
US Marines	23,286
US Navy	16,719
Veterans	19,072,310
Washington DC	135,826
Yahoo	134
	19,965,773

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