



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

Good evening Jim,

We'd like to wish a very Happy 230th Birthday to the U.S Coast Guard!

The Senate has passed the Veterans' Suicide Prevention [Bill S.785](#). My concern is will this be like the last bill, pass, be signed into law and we wait and wait and wait till finally action is taken and the law is carried out, and we will finally see suicides drop?

New Tricare select monthly fees will be \$12.50 for single and \$25.00 for family. Pretty sad though in my opinion, you wrote a check to the United States for an amount up to and including your life and they still feel the need to nail your for medical care fees.

I still wonder why they won't deal with homeless Veterans, and yet more civilian businesses come to the VA and now they want to build parking structure and want waivers for rent and taxes, etc. Is this the cost of a Veterans life?

Example would be that the West L.A. VA Medical Center had acreage enough to construct mini homes for no less than 700 Veterans and it would be quite cost effective using the pre-built mini homes and all they would need to put in is electric, water, sewage, side walks, maybe parking etc.

The VA is conducting the first Woman's Reproductive Survey and we highly encourage all women who are currently serving as well as all those who have retired or left the military.

It is our hopes that more and more benefits will come from this as well as all future surveys.

COVID-19 is still a very real disease that has affected thousands of people and taken the lives of many, so we highly encourage you to continue using masks, washing your hands and cleaning and sanitizing all areas you touch like kitchen counters, refrigerator doors, door knobs, etc.

And if you were tested for the virus and were positive, and had been affected by it and are now all clear of the virus if you are contacted by the VA, please do go and donate blood samples to help find a cure.

I know in the past two or three weeks I had been communicating with someone about DBQ's not listed on the VA's website. [S. 4412](#) was introduced by Senator Tester and Rep Mike Rounds.

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the VA DDQS from its website, thereby preventing private medical providers and Veterans from accessing these forms, so hopefully the Senate will be able to force Wilkie to restore them to the VA Website.

I do want to offer our deepest appreciation and respect to all our First Responders for all their dedication, help and trying to work very hard to make those who are infected healthy again, and to help find a cure.

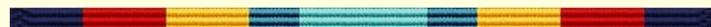
I also want to offer our sincerest heart felt sympathy to all the Veterans families where we have lost many Veterans to this horrible virus.

I know many people are tired of the masks, and social distancing, but I still encourage you to continue for your safety and your families safety and hope you all remain healthy!

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

Respectfully,
Jim Davis
Founder

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The Senate Passes Veterans' Suicide Prevention Bill

The Senate passed the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act (S.785). The bill is sponsored by Sens. Jerry Moran (Kan.) and Jon Tester (Mont.), Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman and Ranking Member

veterans Affairs Committee Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively. The bill is a comprehensive and aggressive approach to connect more Veterans with the mental health care they need and have earned. The bill seeks to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs care by bolstering the VA's mental health workforce and increasing access to VA health care in rural or hard-to-reach locations for Veterans. The bill will also make sure Veterans have access to alternative medicines and local treatment options such as animal therapy, outdoor sports and activities, yoga or acupuncture. The Bill will go to the House for further consideration. We strongly urge you to go to the [Action Center](#) and ask their representatives to support this bill.



Air Force mental health team provides for deployed troops

To combat the stressors of the novel coronavirus and improve the overall well-being of service members of Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, helping agencies ...

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Together we are Americans

My eyes are filled and overflow for my brother. Though from different clans, we are together in spirit and in pride and have shared the sacred banner and uniform of freedom, for those of past, we did and do today for all those who will follow in the future.

Richard G. Shuster



New TRICARE Select Monthly Fees

TRICARE Select beneficiaries under the age of 65 who joined the military before Jan. 1, 2018 (Group A) will be required to pay a monthly fee, beginning Jan. 1, 2021. The monthly fee for an individual will be \$12.50 and \$25 for a family. The monthly fee must be done via allotment, if feasible. In order to maintain your health care coverage, TRICARE Select Group A retired beneficiaries must take action and pay your TRICARE Select enrollment fees. These and other fee increases were opposed by the FRA but were authorized by the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA-S.,2943-P.L.114-328). The FRA opposition did result in a smaller fee and initiated a four-year delay.

The Defense Health Agency announced that these beneficiaries will be receiving communication from their regional contractors with instructions about setting up automatic monthly payments. The DHA notes that FAILURE TO PAY WILL MEAN LOSS OF COVERAGE

NOTES THAT FAILURE TO PAY WILL MEAN LOSS OF COVERAGE, until the following open enrollment period. Beneficiaries who fail to set up their TRICARE Select monthly payments by Jan. 1, 2021 will be dropped from TRICARE Select coverage, due to non-payment. Those beneficiaries will have 90 days from their termination date to request reinstatement. If a beneficiary does not take action, they will only be able to get care from a military hospital or clinic when space is available (i.e. all civilian health care costs will be their full responsibility).

Fees are waived for Chapter 61 retirees and their family members and survivors of deceased active duty service members. For more information about the fees please [go online](#).



August's focus topic is: Health Care Decision Making

What matters most to you when making health care and treatment decisions?

Veterans and their caregivers must think about many factors when making care and treatment decisions – choices that meet needs while honoring Veteran priorities.

[Patient Priorities Care](#) helps patients and their providers focus decision making on what matters most – the Veteran's priorities. It also recognizes that, when faced with tradeoffs, older adults differ in their own health outcome goals and what they can do to achieve them.

These resources can help you identify your priorities, talk with your providers, or loved ones about them, and make decisions about

planning for long term care.

- [Conversation Guide for Patients and Caregivers for Identifying their Health Priorities](#) – Guides the Veteran and caregiver when working with the care team to identify and discuss health priorities, such as core life values, health outcome goals and care preferences
- [Patient Summary of Health Priorities](#) – Allows patients to provide a summary of priorities for their care or treatment
- [Tips for Patients to Communicate with Clinicians](#) – Offers tips for talking about priorities and concerns
- [Veteran Decision Aid for Care at Home or in the Community](#) – Helps Veterans think about what matters most when considering long term care choices
- [Caregiver Self-Assessment](#) – Helps caregivers review their roles and responsibilities and evaluate their stress.

To learn more visit the [Decision Making and Advance Care Planning](#) section of www.va.gov/Geriatrics.



Links to Other Stories

1. VA offers debt relief to Veterans through year's end
2. VA provides expanded services for women Veterans
3. Protecting Veterans returning for in-person care
4. New law handgun license laws for W.Va. Veterans
5. Veterans benefits 2020: Most popular state benefit
6. What is the Circle of Health?
7. Why we need a G.I. Bill for the COVID era
8. VA reduces prescription opioid use by 64% during past eight years
9. Are Hepatitis C and Diabetes Connected?
10. Golden VA clinic in Colorado excels in completing Burn Pit Registry medical exams
11. VA and partner agencies announce COVID-19 Insights Partnership
12. VA survey to collect customer feedback on education benefits
13. Pensacola Man Pleads Guilty To Possessing Firearms At Veterans Affairs Facility
14. Beloit WWII Veteran remembers time aboard U.S.S. Missouri
15. Local Family Donates Mobile Home To Vietnam War Veteran
16. Veterans support groups honor Vets who died during pandemic



Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Business Meeting to Consider Pending Legislation

Today, Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM in Russell Senate Office Building SR-325 Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Chairman Jerry Moran, R-Kan and Ranking Minority Member Jon Tester-D-MT, will hold a hearing on the following pending legislation before the committee.

Livestream of the hearing, available on SVAC website www.veterans.senate.gov.

Agenda

1. S. 3282 (Cassidy/Tester) Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2020
2. S. 2558 (Sinema/Cramer) Nursing Home Care for Native American Veterans Act; A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for Veterans located on tribal lands.
3. S. 3643 (Loeffler/Sinema/Blackburn) VA Mission Telehealth Clarification Act
4. S.2950 (Sullivan/Manchin/Tillis/Rounds/Boozman) Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2019 (Committee Print); A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.
5. S. 4384 (Sullivan/Blumenthal) K2 Toxic Exposure Study; A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, and for other purposes.
6. S. 4393 (Tillis) Toxic Exposure in the American Military Act of 2020 (Committee Print); A bill to improve the provision of health care and

other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for Veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

7. S. 711 (Tester/Moran) CARE for Reservists Act of 2019

8. S. 332 (Blumenthal) Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act of 2019 (Committee Print); A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove the manifestation period required for the presumptions of service connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents, and for other purposes. VVA AO-17 Convention Resolution.

9. S. 805 (Tester/Boozman/Brown/Blumenthal) Veterans Debt Fairness Act (Committee Print); A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of Veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by Veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded Veterans with respect to such recovery, and for other purposes.

10. S. 514 (Tester/Boozman) The Deborah Sampson Act (Committee Print)

11. S. 629 (Tester/Murray/Blumenthal/Brown) Accountability in Department of Veterans Affairs Scheduling and Consult Management Act (Committee Print)

12. S. 2216 (Peters/Blackburn) TEAM Veteran Caregiver Act (Committee Print); A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of Veterans, notify Veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for caregiver programs, and temporarily extend benefits for Veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, and for other purposes.

13. S. _____

(Moran/ Lester/Boozman/Rounds/Sinema/ Illis/Daines/Peters/Wyden/
Lankford/Carper) Veteran Benefits Enhancement and Expansion Act
of 2020

14. S. 3235 (McSally/Kaine) Veterans Posttraumatic Growth Act



Indiana National Guard continues to train in the COVID-19 environment

Verbal commands echoed across the rolling hills of Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh, Indiana: "Section!" "Four rounds for effect!" ...

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Our Protectors, Our Veterans

The lives of some known and many not, have touched us. There's little difference than found in any other war, with caskets holding their bodies, now come home they to rest. They were our protectors, it is their duty they have done, and they did their best, and again, lives of some known and many not, have touched us. How many times has the "story of stories" been repeated, by millions of families throughout the ages since first spoken? "He gave His only Begotten Son", rings on and on. May that sacrifice never be forgotten. Likewise, millions of other sons and daughters have been given, as our Protectors, in their service; to God, to country, to family, to community. They, too, gave up their begotten children, their loved ones, for us, for all of us, to never be forgotten. As was His sacrifice, is theirs, our protectors, for the ever living hope of futures bright, we join in humble gratitude, to honor and to comfort all who need. May our protectors, our Veterans, never be forgotten.

In addition to the horrors and ravages of war itself, during each era of our protectors, our Veterans, have had to face such issues as we have seen; issues such as radiation, psychedelics, agent orange, chemicals, biological agents and unproven experimental vaccines. It is my belief that it is our ultimate responsibility to do what we can to minimize these types of issues that were unnecessary to have occurred in the first place. We owe our protectors this, too, for all current and future generations. If we do not protect our protectors, our Veterans, who indeed, will protect them?

The health and well being issues of our protectors, our Veterans of all eras and of the reserves, guards, and active duty military of today are real. This should be our focus, this should be our purpose, this should be our commitment, and this is what we owe to our protectors, our Veterans.

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Richard G. Shuster



One airman's life of service, in and out of uniform

Service members can face a myriad of challenges, but what happens when the service member is also the civilian? Michael Ende splits his time ...

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Below are links to all currently active pre-written E-Mails to many pieces of legislation. We ask that you go to each one, and send the pre-written E-Mails, and to also call your Reps or Senators and ask for their support on a weekly basis!

You don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help! (**Updated 08/07/20**)

1. [Support Veterans Economic Recovery Act!](#)
2. [NDAA Amendment to Provide Benefits to Vets Exposed to Agent Orange](#)
Ask Your Senator to please support HR. 3224 The Deborah Sampson Act

3. Please Support Addition of Agent Orange Presumptive Diseases
4. Support Amendments That Add Diseases Caused by Agent Orange!
5. H.R. 6027, the Restore Veterans' Compensation Act



The Boy on the Beach - Omaha Beach 2014

I did not shoot this video. I did title it and post it here in memory of D-Day 6 June 1944.

I thought it was appropriate for the times. Maybe it will remind viewers of who we are as Americans and how we got here.

On 6 June 1944 thousands of young men of every race, color and creed risked their lives for something they had in common that was worth saving. Every one of their lives mattered, and they succeeded, at great cost.

The message here is not only to remember the young men who gave their lives for us that day, but also that we are still America, we are still Americans, and we still have something precious that is worth saving.

The video was done as part of project vigil, started by the boy on the beach and his father in 2013. All i know is that the boy's name is Richie. He is now 17 years old.

You can learn more about project vigil at: <http://www.projectvigil.com/>

[View the video here.](#)



Senate Passes Veteran Mental Health Legislation

On Wednesday, the Senate passed VFW-supported [S. 785](#), the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, which would support VA as it continues to make improvements to Veterans' mental health care. The bill covers a strategic plan for Veterans transitioning from active duty, pilot programs integrating alternative therapies, establishing a VA and DOD clinical provider treatment toolkit, improving care and services for women Veterans, and expanding the mental health medical workforce. [Project ATLAS](#) could benefit from this bill as there is an opportunity to expand telehealth capabilities, suicide prevention, and mental health programs to Veterans in rural and highly rural areas.

[Read more.](#)





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"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less

from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."



DoD initiates Women's Health Reproductive Survey

The Department of Defense Active Duty Women's Health Reproductive Survey, or WRHS, is the first survey specifically focused on the ...

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Office of Inspector General

- [1. Genetic Services: Information on Genetic Counselor and Medical Geneticist Workforces](#)
- [2. Survivors of Childhood Cancer: Factors Affecting Access to Follow-up Care](#)
- [3. Opioid Use Disorder: Treatment with Injectable and Implantable Buprenorphine](#)
- [4. Substance Abuse Disorder: Medicaid Coverage of Peer Support Services for Adults](#)



All Too Soon

All too soon and more quickly now, our old friends depart our presence, leaving us the loss of their company and accessibility; but in return, they leave us sweet memories, of another time, a time of youth and friendship, and promise and hope.

That is enough for us now, until once again we meet in that place of eternal promise and hope.

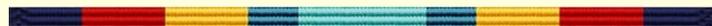
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Stay Healthy with TRICARE Preventive Health Care

Now more than ever, staying healthy is a priority. Besides washing your hands, social distancing, and wearing a cloth face covering, what else can you do to stay healthy? You can engage in preventive health care. That means keeping up with routine immunizations, health exams, and preventive screenings. TRICARE covers many preventive health care services at no out-of-pocket costs to you.

To learn more, [read the article](#).





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Caregiver Partners: Understanding and Healing the Wounds of PTSD

Veterans are not the only people that suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD can occur if you have experienced a trauma. Fifty to ninety percent of people have had a trauma in their lives. Only a small percentage of people will get PTSD. Are you a caregiver with a history of trauma? Are you a caregiver that suffers from PTSD? This discussion takes the mystery out of this disorder. We will help you understand PTSD and talk about how you can get help. Healing can occur no matter how these wounds developed. There is a light at the end of the tunnel for those who do struggle with PTSD.

Would you like to attend the VA caregiver telephone groups each month? If you are a caregiver of a Veteran enrolled in the VA, you can register. Call us at 1-855-260-3274 to register.

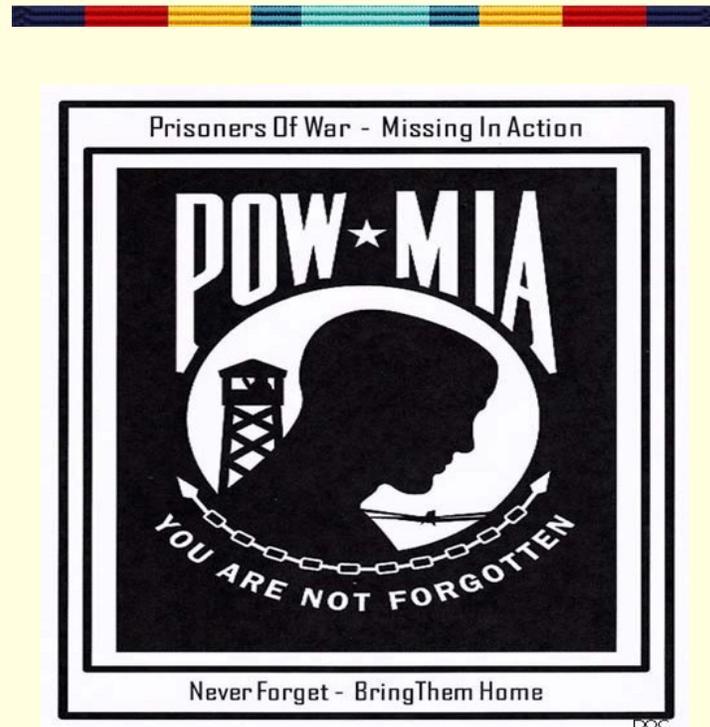


MHS asks COVID-19 recovered to donate plasma

Patients who have recovered from COVID-19 can expect a call from a military hospital or from the Armed Services Blood Program, starting

a military hospital or from the Armed Services Blood Program alerting them of the opportunity to ...

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Madigan collects CCP in fight against COVID-19

The world is searching for a treatment, a cure and a prevention for COVID-19. One piece of that puzzle may be tapped via the sap of human life – blood. At Madigan ...

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BAMC nurses: It's us vs. COVID-19

With the recent surge in COVID-19, the beds are quickly filling in the intensive care units at Brooke Army Medical Center, a sprawling

intensive care units at Brooke Army Medical Center, a sprawling military hospital and Level I Trauma Center in ...

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Balance

We all need to realize that in our lives we need balance just like all finely made precision instruments.

We learn to maintain our balance by avoiding excesses in any part of our existence.

We attempt to include in ourselves the right amounts of those of life's balancing ingredients.

We include in our balance; spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and environmental weights.

We also realize that this balancing requirement that we embrace is somewhat unsteady at times.

We think somehow that the balance should be tight, precise and never wavering, firm footed and solid.

We soon find it is more like a small flat river raft, sometimes smoothly gliding, at other times hanging-on.

We often find that the balance most needed in our lives is the others, who like ourselves, need the balance of us in theirs.

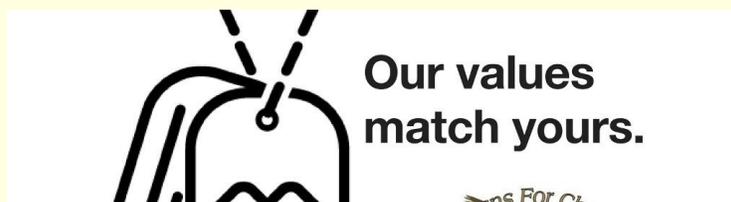
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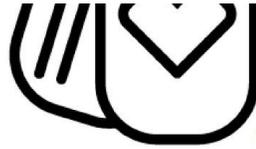


MTFs plan and prepare to face any emergency or disaster

For military medical treatment facilities preparing for emergencies and natural disasters, Mark Starnes offers this advice: “Train like you fight.” As the ...

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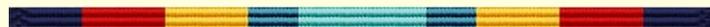


Got TRICARE For Life Questions? Join Aug. 20 Webinar

Do you have questions about TRICARE For Life (TFL)? Not sure if you're eligible for TFL, or how coverage works? Join the "[What is TRICARE For Life?](#)" webinar on Aug. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET to get your TFL questions answered. The webinar will discuss TFL eligibility, how TFL and Medicare work together, TFL costs, and much more.

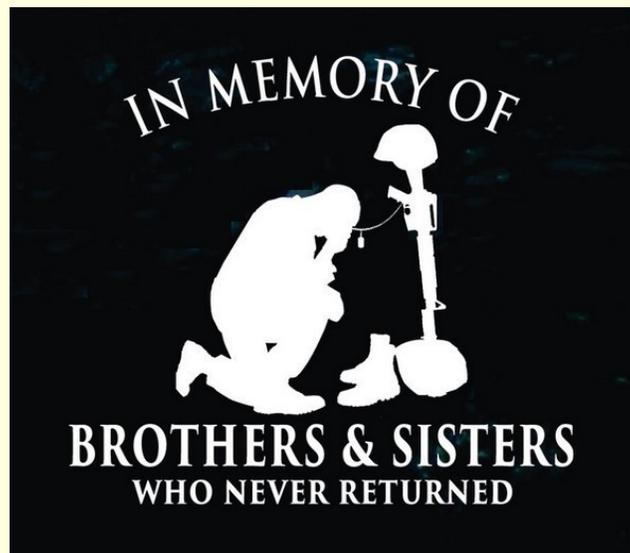
[Register for the webinar.](#)

To learn more, [read the article.](#)



Expansion of Caregiver Program Planned for Fall

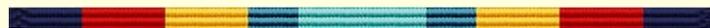
VA released its [final rule](#) on revising its regulations for VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC). According to the document, the expansion is set to begin Oct. 1, 2020. Under this rule, PCAFC will be expanded in two phases. The first phase is for caregivers of Veterans injured on military duty before May 7, 1975. Veterans injured in service between 1975 and 2001 will have to wait two more years. With this final regulation, PCAFC will be open to Veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher. [Read more.](#)



DoD leadership offers update on COVID-19 testing capabilities

Testing serves as a vital step in managing COVID-19-related risks to the military and the nation. Air Force Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Lee Payne...

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TRICARE Select Enrollment Fee to Start Jan. 1

DOD announced that TRICARE Select Group A retirees will be required to pay an enrollment fee beginning on Jan. 1, 2021. Congress directed the Defense Health Agency in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to implement TRICARE Select retiree enrollment fees, but delayed the implementation. Group A is comprised of retirees and their family members if the sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment occurred before Jan. 1, 2018. The enrollment fee is waived for medically retired individuals and their family members, and for survivors of active-duty deaths. During [TRICARE Open Season](#), which will run from Nov. 9 to Dec. 14, beneficiaries must set up an allotment with their regional contractors for the enrollment fee to begin on Jan. 1, 2021. Beneficiaries who do not set up their allotment by the deadline will be unenrolled due to non-payment, and will have 90 days from the termination date to request reinstatement. [Learn more](#).



VFW Recognizes National Purple Heart Day

National Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year. It is a

time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice. The VFW honors all service men and women who have earned this medal with their sacrifice.



Caregiver Support Program

VA publishes final regulation for its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today published its final regulation to improve and expand the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) with the final regulation going into effect on Oct. 1.

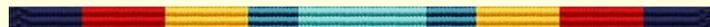
For more information, please see our four new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>, as well as via the links below.

[Caregivers PCAFC Expansion FAQ 7-31-2020](#)

[Caregivers PCAFC Legacy FAQ 7-31-2020](#)

[Caregivers PCAFC Eligibility FAQ 7-31-2020](#)

[Caregivers PCAFC Stipend FAQ 7-31-2020](#)



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A typical blood transfusion can be completed in one to four hours, but the first 15 minutes are crucial. In that first quarter-hour, vital signs and ...

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Veteran COVID-19 Viral Testing Guidance for Community Care

Veterans can receive COVID-19 viral tests through VA health care facilities and community providers if they meet the criteria provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local public health department guidance. To be eligible for a community care provider, Veterans must either be enrolled in VA health care or must be eligible for VA care. Veterans will not be charged a copayment for COVID-19 viral testing. Testing is available at community health care locations at **in-network urgent care/retail locations**, if it is in conjunction with a clinical visit for care at one of the authorized care centers, **in-network community care providers**, with a referral or authorization, or **emergency departments**, if the visit otherwise meets criteria for VA coverage of emergency care services.





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Honoring those who served

Buy Your Dream Home With VA

Buying a home is an important part of the American Dream. While the process can be challenging, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home loan guaranty benefit makes purchasing a home easier than ever. VA offers several home loan programs that can help Service members, Veterans, and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners with no down payment.

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Legislation Introduced to Help Veterans Request VA File

On Wednesday, Reps. T.J. Cox (D-CA) and Chip Roy (R-TX) introduced VFW-supported H.R. 7926, to allow for the electronic request of certain records. This legislation would require VA to permit Veterans to request copies of their entire disability claims file online

veterans to request copies of their entire disability claims file online. These files contain comprehensive information regarding the evidence a Veteran submitted in support of a claim, information VA obtained from third parties, and a record of requests for higher-level review and supplemental claims.



Tax & Credit Information

1. [Special tax benefits for members of the military and their families](#)
2. [Working Virtually: Use multi-factor authentication to protect accounts; Part 2 of Security Summit tips for tax professionals](#)
3. [Attention teachers: Those school expenses might be tax deductible](#)
4. [IRS provides guidance on recapturing excess employment tax credits](#)

5. IRS issues final regulations and other guidance on business interest expense deduction limitation
6. IRS issues proposed regulations for TCJA's simplified tax accounting rules for small businesses
7. IRS grants additional relief for rehabilitation credit deadlines
8. Employers should consider filing payroll taxes electronically
9. IRS: New law provides relief for eligible taxpayers who need funds from IRAs and other retirement plans
10. Dirty Dozen part 1: Taxpayers should be on the lookout for these scams
11. Working Virtually: Use a virtual private network to secure remote locations; Part 3 of Security Summit tips for tax professionals
12. James Lee selected to lead IRS Criminal Investigation
13. What taxpayers should do if they get a letter or notice from the IRS



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Watch the Latest from VBA

Dive into all things benefits with the latest webcast from the Under

Secretary for Benefits, Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D. Learn how the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has been working to [improve benefit services for Veterans and their families.](#)



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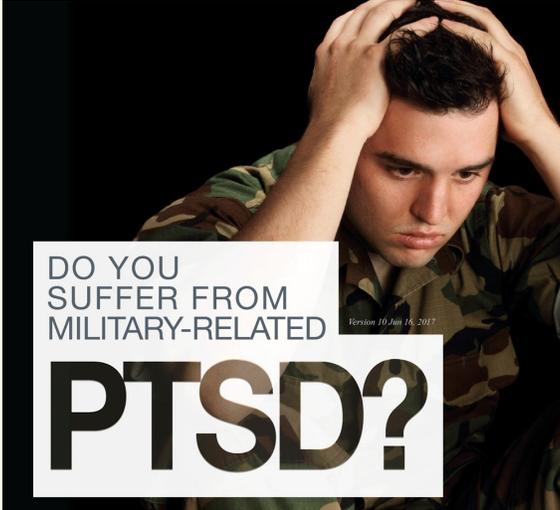
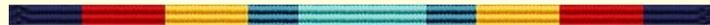
Keeping your beneficiary information up-to-date guarantees your insurance proceeds are distributed the way you intend and makes it easier for your family to file a claim and receive the benefit quickly. [Review and update your beneficiary information online.](#)



Legislation Introduced to Include DBQs on VA Website

On Wednesday, Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Mike Rounds (R-SD) introduced VFW-supported, to improve the ability of Veterans to access and submit disability benefit questionnaire forms. This important legislation would require VA to publish Disability Benefits

Questionnaires (DBQs) on a public website. DBQs were introduced in 2010 to streamline the collection of medical evidence in support of disability benefits claims. Until recently, both VA and private medical physicians were permitted to use DBQs. As stated by VFW National Legislative Service Deputy Director Matthew Doyle, “For more than a decade, VA physicians and private medical providers used DBQs to supplement evidence in support of disability claims. This April, VA removed public-facing DBQs from its website, thereby preventing private medical providers and Veterans from accessing these forms.”



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VA continues to safely [resume in-person Compensation & Pensions \(C&P\) exams](#) across the country. If you require a C&P exam and live in a resumed location, a VA medical exam provider will contact you for scheduling. Watch our [YouTube playlist](#) to learn what to expect during your exam.



Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits Increase

Starting August 1, 2020, VA will increase the coverage of [GI Bill benefits](#) for those with fewer months of service. With this change, the 40% benefit level is eliminated, and the 60% benefit level is expanded under the GI Bill program. Use the [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#) to see if you're eligible!



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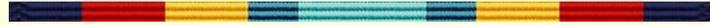


The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one new identification and one burial update for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from WWII and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Frank L. Athon, Jr., 29, was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Athon died on the third day of battle, Nov. 22, 1943. Interment services are pending. [Read about Athon.](#)

Marine Corps Sgt. George R. Reeser, 25, of Washington, Illinois, was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Reeser died on the third day of battle, Nov. 22, 1943. Reeser will be buried Sept. 26, 2020, in Deer

Creek, Illinois. [Read about Reeser.](#)



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