



# Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

*A Voice of the Veterans*

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

As many of you are aware President Obama has declared a 50% drop in Veteran Homelessness, with a decrease of 17% in the period of January 2015 to January 2016. Yet I've personally seen a massive increase in many areas of CA and we're still getting reports from all across the country of massive increases.

In fact we're seeing such massive increases as there is no possible way on earth to track every single homeless Veteran. Many are going way off the grid, while a small handful are still staying inner city where ever they can, and shelters are telling us to please stop referring people to them they are already over flowing and simply cannot handle any more.

While several government agencies are reporting decreases, could that be that they're not looking? Or not looking every possible location? Or, are they just wanting to look good to the general public?

By all accounts Homeless Veterans has increased from two years ago of 140,000 to nearly 1.5 million, so why are all these private organizations reporting such a massive increase and the government is reporting a massive decrease?

What amazes me is seeing people who would stop for an injured animal on the side of the road, but will do everything in their power to avoid seeing or offering assistance to a homeless Veteran.

When you do your annual "Spring Cleaning", please keep in mind all those that served and for the most part have become homeless through no fault of their own.

Donate your gently used clothing, electronics, furniture, etc to the local Veteran Service Organizations. Not only are the items donated tax deductible, but your giving a hand up, NOT a hand out.

Veterans-For-Change brought on a program several years ago call the Homeless Heroes Backpack Program and many organizations and churches across the country have adopted the program. So if you'd like details and information, please contact me.

Each backpack contains personal care products, non-perishable food items, clothing where possible and information on local area programs, services, shelters, food kitchens, and how to apply for benefits. And some even provide information on local stand downs to help our Veterans who are on the streets.

If you were homeless at one point in your life, and today are now living a better life. Please write and tell us your story, we'd love to give credit to the person or group who gave you a hand up and helped you get back to living a decent life.

If you have not checked out the VFC Website, you might want to visit today. We're always adding a little more each week and this week we added a whole new library with 125 documents. The library is labeled Gastroenterology. We also have many Web Links and Documents on various issues. In addition many forums on various topics where you can post issues, questions, etc and share with those who served in the same era as you. And best of all the entire system is 100% FREE of any charge ever.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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### ***DoD: Little Impact from Big Changes at TRICARE***

According to this week's [Military Update](#), DoD healthcare leaders are promising TRICARE beneficiaries a smooth transition of healthcare coverage next year when three support contract regions (North, South and West) are reorganized into two (East and West), and many TRICARE users see different contractors take charge of civilian provider networks that deliver health benefits off base.



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### ***Bill to Streamline Vet Transition to Rural Medical Fields Heads to Obama's Desk***

Last week a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) passed the Senate and will head to President Obama's desk. The Veterans to Paramedics Transition Act streamlines civilian health care training in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act by making it easier for veterans to secure jobs as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and nurses. The bill would also help to reduce the shortage of much-needed emergency medical personnel in rural communities across the country.

Rural communities have historically faced critical shortages in emergency medical personnel. Meanwhile, thousands of men and women in the military receive emergency medical training as part of their duties. Most Army combat medics are currently certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at the basic level. When these veterans return to civilian life, however, their military-based medical training is often not counted toward training and certification as civilian paramedics. Many existing programs require all students to begin with an entry-level curriculum.

For veterans, this means spending extra time and money for training that they have already received. The bill authorizes federal grants for universities, colleges, technical schools, and State EMS agencies to develop an appropriate curriculum to train these veterans and fast-track their eligibility for paramedic certification; hopefully this standardized paramedic training program would take one to two years to complete.

Source: TREA

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### ***Camp Lejeune's Historic Drinking Water***

Join the Notification Database Today

The Marine Corps encourages all those who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before to register to receive notifications regarding Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water.

Click [HERE](#)

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### ***Boots to Business Workshops in New Jersey***

The American Legion Department of New Jersey has announced it is conducting a series of Boots to Business Reboot workshops throughout the state from early August through the fall. Boots to Business workshops provide free entrepreneurship training and advice from business experts from the Small Business Administration, veterans outreach centers and business counseling services. Each one-day course also includes an eight-week online course for veterans wanting to start, expand or purchase a small business. A list of the workshops is available on the American Legion [website](#). For more information, contact Gene Spillane, SBA Veterans Small Business Outreach Officer, by email at [Eugene.Spillane@SBA.gov](mailto:Eugene.Spillane@SBA.gov) or by phone at (973) 645-2427.

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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 Webinar Answers Your Questions***

TRICARE and Military OneSource are co-hosting a webinar on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, noon to 1:00pm EST. A panel of subject matter experts on hand to take your questions. Sign up [online](#). For audio, dial 1-866-724-3083, access code 1085851. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The panelists will include representation from all major TRICARE offices: pharmacy, direct care, purchased care, TRICARE For Life, dental and more.

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### ***DoD releases final rule for TRICARE Mental Health/ Substance Abuse treatment***

Last week the Department of Defense (DoD) issued its new final rule for mental health and substance abuse disorders. It is a huge step forward. The change was prompted by the 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA). After a full review of the TRICARE benefits changes have been made to “meet the spirit and the intent of the Act.”

The new rules bring coverage to parity with TRICARE’s medical/surgical benefit including eliminating limitation on outpatient services including the previous limit of no more than 2 weekly sessions for outpatient services and aligning beneficiary cost-sharing co-pays (example: reduce Retiree and Non Active Duty Dependents’ Prime per diem for partial hospitalization program from \$40 inpatient rate billed to outpatient rate of \$12 per day)

The new rule also expands mental health and substance abuse disorders (SUD)in numerous ways including:” Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) for mental health & SUD treatment to provide step-down care from acute inpatient/residential care or partial hospitalization programs...Opioid use disorder treatment via Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) and physicians to provide evidence-based medication assisted treatment (i.e., buprenorphine, methadone)...Outpatient SUD treatment by individual providers to enhance access to psychotherapy and family therapy currently only authorized in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities (SUDRFs)...Non-surgical treatment for gender dysphoria to cover psychotherapy, pharmacotherapy, hormone treatment (Note: surgical sex change procedures still excluded by statute)

The new rule also grants the director of the DHA to approve the accrediting agencies for the institutional providers. It also improves and makes more generous the reimbursement rates and co-pays. These should be major improvements for TRICARE mental health and substance abuse disorder coverage. If you need more information go to the TRICARE website or call/e-mail Deirdre Parke Holleman and we will get you additional information.

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



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

Doesn't have to be anything special, just words of support and thanking them for their service.

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>

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### ***Government Accountability Reports***

Federal Telework: Better Guidance Could Help Agencies Calculate Benefits and Costs.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-551>

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: Existing Federal Efforts to Increase Awareness Should Be Improved.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-645>

Firearms Data: ATF Did Not Always Comply with the Appropriations Act Restriction and Should Better Adhere to Its Policies. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-552>

Hospital Uncompensated Care: Federal Action Needed to Better Align Payments with Costs.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-568>

Medicare Part B: CMS Should Take Additional Steps to Verify Accuracy of Data Used to Set Payment Rates for Drugs. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-594>

Arleigh Burke Destroyers: Delaying Procurement of DDG 51 Flight III Ships Would Allow Time to Increase Design Knowledge. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-613>

Nuclear Waste: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Recovery Demonstrates Cost and Schedule Requirements Needed for DOE Cleanup Operations. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-608>

DATA Act: Initial Observations on Technical Implementation.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-824R>

FACE Recognition Technology: FBI Should Better Ensure Privacy and Accuracy [Reissued on August 3, 2016].

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-267>

Arleigh Burke Destroyers: Classified Annex to GAO-16-613, Delaying Procurement of DDG 51 Flight III Ships Would Allow Time to Increase Design Knowledge. [http://www.gao.gov/restricted/restricted\\_reports](http://www.gao.gov/restricted/restricted_reports)

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### ***Diabetes and VA Health Care***

Are you a veteran living with diabetes, concerned about being at risk, or simply want to take charge of your health? The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a range of programs and services targeted at diabetes as well as other health care needs. With VA health care, veterans can: (1) lose weight and keep it off; (2) view and manage their health records; (3) benefit from preventative care; (4) access support close to home; and (5) improve their quality of life with dental and vision care. For information on signing up for VA health care, visit the [VA Health Care website](#).

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### ***Horse Therapy for Veterans***

A new program at Right Path Riding Academy near Drumright, Oklahoma pairs veterans with horses for therapeutic riding classes. Riders spend most of the time practicing basic rider's skills in the barn. The veterans program targets returning veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and uses horses to combat its symptoms. Right Path recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Disabled Veterans National Foundation that funds part of the Hooves on the Ground horsemanship program. For more information, visit the Right Path Riding Academy [website](#).



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### ***Tinnitus is Number One Disability For Veterans***

Tinnitus is the number one disability among veterans and it affects at least one in every 10 American adults. Veterans have higher rates of tinnitus than the general public due to the noise levels they encounter while in the service, including gunfire, machinery, aircraft, and much more. Over 150,000 veterans were diagnosed

with tinnitus in 2015 and nearly 1.5 million veterans are currently receiving disability benefits for it. For more on how you can get treatment and disability benefits for this condition, see [this Military.com article](#).

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### ***Women's Health Services Respect Campaign***



Women currently make up 10% of the Veteran population and the population of women Veterans has been growing steadily each year. Most women Veterans alive today served during the Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) and during peacetime. In fact, women comprise 20% of OEF/OIF Veterans – those who served after 9/11. Today, there are over two million women Veterans in the U.S. By 2043, it is expected that nearly 17% (2.4 million) of Veterans will be women.

While we must continue efforts to address the needs of women Veterans, we must also ensure women Veterans are valued and respected. In a recent study, only 37% of women Veterans indicated they felt "recognized, respected and valued as Veterans in civilian life." After all that they have done and continue to do, women Veterans deserve the support and respect that they have earned through their service.

Equal service, deserves equal experience and satisfaction with care!

[Learn more.](#)

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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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***New Home for Women Veterans***

Kentucky's first home for women veterans opened its doors in Lexington on July 1. The Thurman-Abbott Home for Lady Veterans will operate as part of a 12-month program designed to aid women veterans in need of support and independence. Four spaces will be available to homeless women Veterans in various combinations that may include the Veterans and their children. The women veterans who are accepted to live in the home have access to mental health services, financial literacy classes, and internship and job placement programs. For more information, read the [VA VAntage Point Blog](#).

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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 **2,924,711** 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: **07/11/16**)
- Memorial Pages (Updated: **01/02/16**)
- News (Articles On-Line: **5,930**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than 3,442, Added 2 New Links (Updated: **08/01/16**)

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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## ***Regulators Shut Down Largest For-Profit College Accrediting Agency***

A federal panel voted last month to shut down the largest accrediting agency of private sector colleges and universities in the country. The 10-3 decision by the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) effectively eliminates access to federal financial aid to hundreds of schools accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) that enroll nearly 800,000 students. Of those 800,000 approximately 35,000 are veterans. This is a major problem, because in the next few months those veterans will find that they are ineligible to receive tuition and BAH payments.

Without those BAH payments many of them may lose their housing.

US News & World Report said that Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of Career Education Colleges and Universities, warned during his testimony that the revocation of ACICS' authority would amount to a collapse of post-secondary vocational training in the U.S. It seems likely that this is an overstatement of reality.

In total, the Department of Education recognizes 37 accrediting agencies that are "gatekeepers" to the federal student loan system. Those agencies review colleges based on a variety of issues, including academic quality, personnel, instructional resources and many others. Using that information, the agencies approve or deny schools access to federal financial aid benefits.

ACICS approves about 725 institutions and last year oversaw \$3.3 billion in federal financial aid; it has accredited schools including Corinthian Colleges, which was shut down last year. The fact that Corinthian Colleges was accredited the whole time until it was shut down by regulators was a major part of why NACIQI made the decision to terminate ACICS.

According to an analysis from the Center for American Progress, from 2010 to 2015 ACICS in 90 instances approved and named schools to its honor roll around the same time they were under investigation. The companies that owned those schools, which took in more than \$5.7 billion in federal funds over the past three years, represent 52 percent of all federal aid dollars received by ACICS-approved colleges during that period.

Source: TREA



<https://twitter.com/Veterans4Change>

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***Links to Other Stories***

- 1) *Canandaigua Man Indicted for Threatening to Kill VA Employees in Albany*
- 2) *Common Effective Date Errors the VA Makes*
- 3) *Five reasons neuro nurses don't want to leave VHA*
- 4) *Former Whitman Police Sergeant Charged with Embezzling Funds from Disabled Veterans*
- 5) *How many more stories, bad news, do we have to read or hear about when it comes to our failing Veterans Administration? Where is our national outrage? It's not something we saw reflected in Philadelphia.*
- 6) *Huge Pay Cut? Proposed BAH Change Slashes Pay*
- 7) *Impact of new Hepatitis C treatments*
- 8) *Million Veteran Program draws on the power of collaboration*
- 9) *Million Veteran Program is Now Largest Genomic Database in the World*
- 10) *Nobel "Donald Trump – Make America Great Again" Watch to Be Assembled by the US Disabled Veterans*
- 11) *Obama Administration Announces Nearly 50% Decline in Veteran Homelessness*
- 12) *Respiratory Disabilities in Iraq Vets – Toxic Metal Dust?*
- 13) *The Joint Commission Releases Results of Surveys of the VA Health Care System*
- 14) *US Veterans on Chilcot: we need our own inquiry to avoid repeating mistakes*
- 15) *VA Benefits Available to Family Members – Spouse*
- 16) *VA Employees and Vets Walk for Homeless Veterans*
- 17) *VA pension provides support for qualifying Veterans, survivors*
- 18) *VA Releases Report on Nation's Largest Analysis of Veteran Suicide*
- 19) *VA staff helps homeless Veteran reunite with family after 22 years*
- 20) *West Virginia Veteran gets his final wish*

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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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### ***Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment***

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) does not typically get better on its own and can affect all areas of a person's quality of life if left untreated. Mental health providers now use evidence-based trauma-focused therapies as treatment — prolonged exposure and cognitive processing therapy. Part of the reason these treatments work is because they treat the avoidance of memories and reminders of the traumatic event. Most patients can make substantial improvement within 6-12 weeks. If you, or someone you know, have been through a traumatic event, seek out a mental health provider and request a screening. For more information, visit the National Center for PTSD [website](#) and the National Institute of Mental Health [website](#).

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### ***Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors***

According to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), the death of an active duty military member impacts 10 other people. TAPS offers programs aimed at helping children and adults face times of loss and grieving. Through national and regional events like Good Grief camps, the organization pairs mentors with children and other family members who are experiencing the death of a military loved one. This helps those left grieving know they are not alone. The support is available to all families immediately and as long as there is a need, regardless of the reason for the death. For more information, visit the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors [website](#).

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### ***VA looking for Nominations for Appointment to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses***

The VA's Veterans Health Administration is looking for candidates for the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. A majority of the members must be "non-Federal employees, appointed by the Secretary from the general public, serving as Special Government employees."

Most, but not all, of the Committee members have a medical or legal background. If you may be interested in applying yourself or nominating another person please go to: <http://www.va.gov/rac-gwvi/> for much more information on the Commission.

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***The American Legion Post 127***

August 2016 Newsletter

Fellow Legionnaires,

Two hundred and thirty seven years ago this month, the Star-Spangled Banner's author Francis Scott Key was born. Having witnessed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was inspired as he saw our American flag still flying. The poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry", that he wrote was set to music and became our beloved National Anthem in 1931. Who among us do not feel our pulse quicken and our heart pound louder when we hear those God graced words, O Say Can You See....? We live in a blessed nation!

Our patriotic fervor has continued throughout this past year as your American Legion Post 127 has continued our service To God and Country. The new Legion year traditionally begins right after the conclusion of the August National Convention. This year's convention (our 98th) will be held in Cincinnati August 26th through September 1st. Looking back over the past twelve months, beginning in August 2015, we participated in Tomball Night to celebrate our community's rich heritage and in December in Tomball's 50th annual Christmas parade. We offered the opening prayer at the Tomball City Council during Veteran's week. Our Post Christmas party was a time of warm fellowship. In February, we held an outreach during the Cy-Fair Home and Garden show and raised over \$1000 for veteran's programs. During the annual Old Town Spring Crawfish Festival, we introduced dozens of local veterans to the important ongoing work being done by our post and signed up eight new members. Donations far exceeded the amounts raised during earlier events. In June we honored fallen heroes during the Tomball Memorial Day commemoration. On July 4th we once again participated in Tomball's Independence Day celebration and raised over \$900 for veteran causes. This month we once again participate in Tomball Night. Showing our patriotic pride is the best way to attract new members and honor those who have gone before.

Our annual drawing to raise funds to support veteran causes was held during our regular post meeting on July 21st. First prize was a Diamondback DB-15, 223 AR donated by Tomball Pawn & Jewelry, second prize a Springfield XO Mod 2 Compact 45 ACP Pistol, third prize a Stoeger M3000 12 gauge shotgun, and fourth prize a Grizzly 40-Quart Coolers donated by The Poolman. The drawing was a huge success that brought in over \$4000. It was the major source to the thousands of dollars we've raised this year for veteran's causes. Our most important activities are our service to community, state, and nation. We have an active relationship with the local Boy Scouts troops and area high school J.R.O.T.C. programs. One Eagle candidate we sponsor is building flag retirement boxes to be placed around Tomball/Magnolia and another is building a memorial wall. In June, we sent seven high school juniors to Boys State in Austin. Our Auxiliary is sent seven girls to Girls State. In addition to our association with the DeBaKey VA hospital and clinics, we coordinate with the Houston Bar Association and support the Veteran's Legal Initiative.

We look forward to seeing you at our next post meeting on Thursday August 18th. Post 127 regular monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in the "Bunker" at VFW Post 2427 located at 14408 Alice Rd, Tomball, TX 77377. A free dinner is served at 6:15 pm and the meeting commences at 7:00 pm.

For God and Country,

Jim Poe  
Post Adjutant

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***Remember these women who died during August while serving our country in or during war times***

2 Aug 2008: USA PFC Jennifer L Cole, 34, IRAQ

3 Aug 2013: USA Lilli Anna (Moore) Panttila, 25, possible suicide, IL  
4 Aug 1943: WASP Kathryn Barbara Lawrence, WW II  
5 Aug 1984: USN Pamela Cahanes, 25, found murdered in Sanford, FL two days after graduating from Orlando Navy Training Center  
5 Aug 2010: Civilian Cheryl Beckett, 32, murdered by Taliban, IRAQ  
7 Aug 1998: USAF SrMSGT Sherry Lynn Olds, 40, Military Assistance Office in US Embassy bombing in NAIROBI, KENYA, Africa  
7 Aug 1998: CIVILIAN Jean Dalizu, Defense Attache's Office, in US Embassy bombing in NAIROBI, KENYA, AFRICA  
7 Aug 1998: CIVILIAN Molly Hardy, Administrative Office in US Embassy bombing in NAIROBI, KENYA, AFRICA  
7 Aug 1998: CIVILIAN Arlene Kirk, Military Assistance Office in US Embassy bombing in NAIROBI, KENYA, AFRICA  
7 Aug 1998: CIVILIAN Michelle O'Connor, General Services Office in US Embassy bombing in NAIROBI, KENYA, AFRICA  
7 Aug 2007: USAF Airman Basic Paige R Villers, 19, boot camp flu, Lackland AFB  
7 Aug 2010: USA SPC Faith R Hinkley, 23, RPG attack, IRAQ  
8 Aug 2009: USA SSG Tara J Smith, 33, non-combat health, Bagram, AFGHANISTAN  
9 Aug 2007: USA SSG Alicia A (Finklea) Birchett, 29, non-combat vehicle accident, IRAQ  
10 Aug 2006: PAARNG SPC Kirsten Fike, 36, died in AZ watching the Mexican border  
13 Aug 2008: USAF SrAirman Sabrina Autrey, 23, unknown Bolling AFB  
13 Aug 2008: CIVILIAN Nicole Dial, 30, shot during ambush in AFGHANISTAN  
14 Aug 1944: WASP Mary E. Hartson, WW II  
14 Aug 1968: USA ANC LTC Annie Ruth Graham, 52, VIETNAM  
14 Aug 2005: USA SPC Toccara R. Green, 23, IRAQ  
14 Aug 2008: USA PVT Janelle F King, 23, IRAQ  
15 Aug 2006: USMC LCPL Amanda Carrithers, 19, murdered in NC  
15 Aug 2007: USA SGT Princess C Samuels, 22, mortars, IRAQ  
15 Aug 2007: USA SPC Zandra T (Worthy) Walker, 28, mortars, IRAQ  
16 Aug 1967: CIVILIAN Marilyn L. Allan, USAID nurse, VIETNAM  
16 Aug 1970: CIVILIAN Virginia E. Kirsch, American Red Cross, VIETNAM  
16 Aug 2007: USA SPC Kamisha J Block, 20, non-combat murdered by US soldier, IRAQ  
16 Aug 2008: USA SGT Kendale B Carney, died of natural causes while home on leave, Hamlet, NC  
17 Aug 2006: USCG LT Jessica Hill, 31, drowned in training off Barrows, AK  
18 Aug 2005: USA 1LT Laura M. Walker, 24, AFGHANISTAN  
19 Aug 2006: USA SGT Wakkuna A Jackson, 21, AFGHANISTAN  
21 Aug 2012: NYANG SGT Kristie A (Robrts) Proctor, 27, suicide, NY  
23 Aug 1943: WASP Mabel Virginia Rawlinson, WW II  
24 Aug 2012: USA PFC Patricia L Horne, 20, AFGHANISTAN  
24 Aug 2015: USA PFC Karlyn S Ramirez, 24, shot in Severn, MD  
25 Aug 1950: USN NNC LT Wilma Ledbetter, drowned when USS Benevolence sank after colliding with the SS Mary Luckenback near the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA  
25 Aug 2013: USA WO1 Anisha Phillips, 30, motorcycle accident, Florence, SC  
25 Aug 2014: USA SFC Paula Walker, 33, suicide, Ft Lee, VA  
26 Aug 1944: USA WAC PVT Allene M Baker, suicide, Camp Patrick Henry, VA  
27 Aug 2012: MEARNNG SSG Jessica M. Wing, 42, non-combat, KUWAIT  
29 Aug 2008: USA Kanika T Powell, 28, murdered, Laural, MD  
30 Aug 1943: WASP Margaret "Peggy" June Seip, WW II  
30 Aug 1943: WASP Helen Jo Anderson Severson, WW II

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National Guard	786
New York	145,421
Other Social Media	27,121
San Francisco	75,601
Twitter	32
US House of Reps & Staff	829
US Senators & Staff	99
University of So. California	3,699
US Air Force	30,298
US Army	37,750
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