



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

Today, Donald Trump was sworn into office as the 45th President of the United States!

For me personally I welcome him, and I look forward to real change and a new direction for our Country, but even more so I am maybe a little more hopeful for change in the VA Healthcare System.

Both President Trump and appointed VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin face entrenched bureaucracy and the challenges they face are huge.

Now is the time that WE THE PEOPLE need to really come together, to make it a point to voice expectations, desires and demands on those whom we put in office as Senators and Congressmen.

If we continue to fail to voice these concerns and demands, then I feel the last year of hard efforts will all have been for nothing.

So again, I ask all of you to please, make it a point to call both your Senators and Congressman, E-Mail them, and if you have a fax machine to fax them as well, make your concerns, expectations and demands heard.

And don't stop letting them know.

We so desperately need to come together to put pressure on them hard so we can make sure our Veterans who need help get it, to stop Veteran Suicide, Stop the Claims delays, Stop Veteran Homelessness, to bring the level of medical care up to a level beyond comparison.

I know so many of you have been hurt, feel betrayed, are discouraged, and lost hope, but I am really asking you to please not give up, stop with the excuses of not making calls and sending E-Mails and faxes. We really do need to say on their backs (members of Congress) like a crappy diaper in order to achieve the goals we all want.

If you have a story to tell, I'd still like to hear from you! Anything you tell me will be held strictly confidential unless you authorize my use of your story. And in the case of your providing authorization, personal information would be redacted to further protect your identity.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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VA Announces Efforts to Curb Homelessness

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) has announced a concentrated 30-day effort by VA staff and partners to house as many homeless veterans in their communities as possible. VA's network of federal, local and nongovernmental partners will target available housing and supportive services to homeless veterans. The 30-day surge called Operation Reveille builds on the all-in, surge concept VA uses during its homeless stand downs. Find a list of when VA medical centers are holding stand downs [online](#). For more information on how to help veterans in your community find permanent housing, read an overview [here](#), and contact your local VA medical center. To learn more, visit the VA Ending Veteran Homelessness [Webpage](#), read the VA [Fact Sheet](#), and learn about steps taken to end veteran homelessness in Los Angeles [here](#).

Current VA Under Secretary of Health nominated to become VA Secretary

Last week, President-elect Trump nominated the present VA Under Secretary of Health to take over the top job of Secretary of the VA. It was a surprise nomination that was greeted with happiness by most VSOs including TREA. David Shulkin is an MD who has headed the VA medical section since 2015.

He is well liked and admired though there was disappointment that he is not a veteran. Indeed if he is confirmed he will be the first Secretary of the VA who is not a veteran himself or herself.

Doctor Shulkin ran several large medical institutions including Morristown Medical Center, Goryeb Children's Hospital, Atlantic Rehabilitation Institute and as president and CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

The nomination leads us to believe that there will not be a major push to privatize the VA as many had worried there would be.

Mr. Trump announced the nomination during his first press conference since his election. The press conference was a dramatic affair and some of the news was lost in the shuffle, so you may not have heard of it.

The reaction from both sides of the aisle was positive. President-elect

Trump said while announcing his selection: “He’s fantastic. He will do a truly great job.” Dr. Shulkin responded to the appointment by saying: “It is my honor to serve as President-elect Trump’s Secretary of Veterans Affairs. President-elect Trump’s commitment to caring for our veterans is unquestionable, and he is eager to support the best practices for care and provide our Veterans Affairs’ teams with the resources they need to improve health outcomes.”

The new Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee Rep. Phil Roe (R-Tenn.), said he was pleased with the choice of Shulkin:” “I am pleased President-elect Trump has chosen a physician to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs, especially one familiar with the integrating of private practitioners into the VA's network of health care providers. I’ve long said I would be happy to work with anyone committed to ensuring our heroes have access to the services they have earned, especially quality health care, and I look forward to working with Dr. Shulkin to bring wholesale reform to the Department.”

In the Senate Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) congratulated Shulkin and said he understands how to work with Congress for meaningful reform.

“There is a tremendous amount of work to be done – by the VA and by Congress – to change the paradigm at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Shulkin understands the critical importance of working hand-in-hand with Congress on enacting meaningful, bipartisan reforms to help right the ship at the VA. I congratulate Dr. Shulkin on his nomination, and I look forward to chairing his confirmation hearing and discussing our shared priorities to ensure the VA is putting veterans first.”

On the other side the former ranking member of the committee Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA), said Shulkin was the most qualified of Trump’s potential VA candidates. He said, “After calling the Department of Veterans Affairs ‘the most corrupt agency in the United States’ on the campaign trail, the President-elect’s decision to retain a current VA leader and Obama-appointee is a notable departure from his inflammatory rhetoric. I sincerely hope he will leave his promise to move the VA toward privatization on the campaign trail as well.”

At a briefing of approximately 30 VSOs and MSOs departing Secretary Bob

McDonald and Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson also praised David Shulkin and said that they believed he would skillfully continue the work and plans that they had been establishing for the last 2 years.

Source: TREA

Navy Combat Art Program

The [Navy Combat Art Program](#) was founded in 1941 because of the persistence of Griffith Baily Coale, a well-known muralist. Believing that war imminent, Coale convinced top Navy commanders to send him and other artists into the field. The program was revived in the Korean War and in the Vietnam era. The Navy also began sending artists to cover a broader array of naval activities in addition to combat. Following the merger of the Navy Combat Art Program with the Naval History and Heritage Command, artists have covered naval operations around the globe. The Combat Art Program is part of the Naval History and Heritage Command's (NHHC's) [Navy Art Collection](#), which includes more than 20,000 paintings, prints, drawings and engravings. For more information on the Navy Art Collection, or to learn how you can request a combat artist to cover your command's operations, visit NHHC's [online directory](#).

Department of Veterans Affairs New Rule on Presumptive Care Released

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) finalized a new rule on 13 January 2017 to consider eight diseases as presumptive for service connection. This presumptive service connection provides VA disability benefits to veterans who have one of eight diseases and served for no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) on permanent or temporary duty at Camp Lejeune between 1 August 1953 and 31 December 1987. The eight diseases covered under the new rule are: adult leukemia; aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes; bladder cancer; kidney cancer; liver cancer; multiple myeloma; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and Parkinson's disease.

The rule will become effective after a 60-day Congressional review. Following the Congressional review period, the Marine Corps will mail registrants pertinent information and updates about the VA's new rule. The rule will be effective 14 March 2017.

Congress granted the VA the authority to prescribe all rules and regulations presumptively connecting a disease to service. We appreciate efforts by the VA and Congress to support our Marines and their families.

To contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to learn more about health care benefits, please visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>, or call (877) 222-8387 (Healthcare), or (800) 827-1000 (Benefits).

The health and welfare of our Marines, Sailors, their families and our civilian workers are top priorities for the Marine Corps. We continue to work diligently to identify and notify individuals who may have been exposed to the chemicals in drinking water at Camp Lejeune. For more information about these efforts, or to update your contact information, please see: <http://www.marines.mil/clwater/> or contact the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Call Center at (877) 261-9782, or e-mail clwater@usmc.mil. Please share this information with anyone that may have been at Camp Lejeune between the dates noted and encourage them to register with us.

Sincerely,

The Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Program



More Vets Able to Shop at Exchanges Online

After two years of study and debate, the Department of Defense has made a policy change, effective next November, to allow 16 million honorably discharged veterans to shop online for discounted military exchange products. Read the full Military Update [article](#).

Free and Discounted Tax Preparation for Military

Tax season is here again. And while filing for tax returns can be tricky for the average family, it can get even more complicated for military families. Thankfully, military personnel and their families have access to a variety of tax preparation and filing services for free. Whether you choose to file taxes yourself online or you prefer some outside assistance from a trained professional, here's several [free options](#) to choose from.

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

You Don't Need 20% Down with the VA Loan Benefit

Vets don't need 20% down with the VA Loan Benefit. Get started using this increased VA Loan benefit for 2017. Qualified borrowers can pay as little as \$0 down, and have no PMI payments with great rates and financing up to \$424,000. [Use your VA Loan Benefit today.](#)

New Task Force Investigating for Remnants of Agent Orange

Januray 11, 2017

A new investigative task force will “review and record reports from the community” on the use of polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCB, DDT and Agent Orange on Guam. According to a recent news release.

The task force will reach out to the community, review records and compile recent research data, and will attempt "to correlate these environmental pollutants with an array of congenital health problems that plague the island of Guam.

Recent reports of use of the toxic herbicide Agent Orange at Andersen Air

Force Base during the 1960s and 1970s has prompted several Guam officials to request a briefing from the military detailing the handling of Agent Orange at Andersen.

The request came after 68-year-old veteran Leroy Foster went public, saying he sprayed Agent Orange at Andersen AFB. Shortly after that, local 72-year-old veteran Gerard Laitres detailed Agent Orange use he witnessed at Andersen AFB in the 1960s.

New Bill Introduced

Florida Congressman Dennis Ross, (R) of Lakeland, plans to introduce a bill next week that provides veterans who served in Guam access to the same Agent Orange presumptive benefits as those who served in Vietnam.

“We will extend to those in Guam, that if there was Agent Orange, there is a presumption that the conditions they now have that are related to that exposure will be covered under the Veterans Administration,” said Congressman Ross.

Ross’ proposed legislation follows a series of reports in which a Lakeland veteran admitted spraying Agent Orange at Andersen Air Force base in Guam, exposing thousands of military personnel as well as their families to the toxic herbicide.

The government did know. A 1967 report obtained by the Rand corporation, was given prepared for the assistant Secretary of Defense.

About Agent Orange it states; “One ingredient, 2,4-d is rated as very toxic.” The report added people exposed to it could expect to become ill and it could kill infants.

It's Official! Veterans Will Be Compensated

January 13, 2017

The Obama administration has agreed to provide disability benefits totaling more than \$2 billion to veterans who had been exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

The decision was made public on January 12, 2017, with a notice in the

Federal Register.

The good news for veterans exposed to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune is that, beginning in March 2017, the cash payouts from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may supplement VA health care already being provided to eligible veterans stationed at the Marine base for at least 30 days cumulative between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987. Veterans will have to submit evidence of their diagnosis and service information and dates of tour at Camp Lejeune.

The estimated taxpayer cost is \$2.2 billion over a five-year period. The VA estimates that as many as 900,000 service members were potentially exposed to the tainted water.

The new rule covers active duty, Reserve and National Guard members who developed one of eight diseases: adult leukemia, aplastic anemia, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Parkinson's disease.

Affected veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune may now submit applications for benefits, once the rule is officially published Friday, January 13, 2017. Roughly 1,400 disability claims related to Camp Lejeune are already pending, and will be reviewed immediately, according to the VA.

[Source](#)

Operation Mail Call

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Sacrifices

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>

American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship application for 2017 is online for new and returning applicants to fill out. The Legacy Scholarship is available for children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11, as well as for children of post-9/11 veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The renewable scholarship will award up to \$20,000 for the expense of graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room and board, meal plans, transportation and other supplies needed to achieve a higher education. The application deadline is April 20, 2017. Apply online on the American Legion website at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>.



Government Accountability Reports

The Nation's Fiscal Health: Action is Needed to Address the Federal Government's Fiscal Future.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-237SP>

Cuba: U.S. Policy Changes Increased Engagement with Private Sector, but Agency Information Collection Is Limited.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-201>

Drug Safety: FDA Has Improved Its Foreign Drug Inspection Program, but Needs to Assess the Effectiveness and Staffing of Its Foreign Offices.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-143>

Financial Assurances for Reclamation: Federal Regulations and Policies for Selected Mining and Energy Development Activities.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-207R>

National Institutes of Health: Kidney Disease Research Funding and Priority Setting. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-121>

Overseas Contingency Operations: OMB and DOD Should Revise the Criteria for Determining Eligible Costs and Identify the Costs Likely to Endure Long Term. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-68>

GAO: Summary of Performance and Financial Information, Fiscal Year 2016.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-2SP>

Defense Infrastructure: DOD Needs Clearer Guidance on Notifying Congress of Privately Financed Construction Projects.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-76>

Military Base Realignments and Closures: DOD Has Improved Environmental Cleanup Reporting but Should Obtain and Share More Information. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-151>

National Nuclear Security Administration: A Plan Incorporating Leading Practices Is Needed to Guide Cost Reporting Improvement Effort.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-141>

National Veterans Arts Competition Begins

The [2017 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition](#) began Jan. 1. During January, February and March, Veterans enrolled at VA medical facilities or outpatient clinics are invited to enter their art, music, dance, drama and creative writing entries into the local competition phase. There are a total of 51 categories in the visual arts, divided into fine art, applied art and craft kit sub-divisions. First place-winning entries at the local level go on to the national competition level. Veterans must work with a staff person from the VA facility where they are enrolled. If you need assistance in identifying a VA staff member from your facility, please contact Amy Kimbler, Program Specialist at (320) 255-6486 or Elizabeth Mackey, National Director at (320) 255-6351. For more information, read the VA Vantage Point [Blog](#).



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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

How to Report Tricare on Your Tax Return

Tax season is here, and people are wondering how to report Tricare health coverage on a federal income tax return. The Affordable Care Act (ACA), sometimes called Obamacare, requires that all Americans have qualifying health care coverage, called minimum essential coverage (MEC). If you do not have MEC for the entire year, you may have to pay a penalty for not having the required health care coverage. For more details, see this [Paycheck Chronicles post](#).

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 1,000 per day with a total 3,147,234 visitors as of Friday.

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- Documents Library with over 15,905 documents on-line (Updated: 12/12/16)
- FAQ's with more than 1,600 FAQ's and answers
- Multiple Forums
 - o Afghanistan Veterans
 - o FMP - Foreign Medial Program
 - o Gulf War & Desert Storm Veterans
 - o Iraq Veterans
 - o Korean Veterans
 - o Men Veterans Forum
 - o Mental Health for Veterans
 - o Political Issues
 - o Suggestion Box
 - o The Mess Hall
 - o VA Hospitals and Medical Centers
 - o Veteran Affairs
 - o Vietnam Veterans
 - o Welcome Mat
 - o Women Veterans Forum
 - o WW II Veterans
- Job Postings
- Memorial Pages (Updated: 10/10/16)
- News (Articles On-Line: 6,308)

- Polls
- Web Links, more than 3,541, Added 46 New Links (Updated: 12/28/16)

If you have a submission for the memorial pages, E-Mail:

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Links to Other Stories

- 1) [American Legion backs VA on disability claims on toxic waste exposure](#)
- 2) [Candid Veterans Affairs nominee faces big challenges to fix entrenched bureaucracy](#)
- 3) [Changing the VA](#)
- 4) [Homeless Veterans take refuge at Arizona encampment](#)
- 5) [Honoring the Voices and Experiences of Veterans](#)
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- 7) [Operation Reveille provides home for homeless Veterans](#)
- 8) [San Diego Less Than Halfway Toward Goal to House 1,000 Homeless Veterans](#)
- 9) [Sanders Lectures Navy SEAL Veteran: VA Isn't Bad](#)
- 10) [VA's Rule Establishes a Presumption of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Exposure to Contaminants in the Water Supply at Camp Lejeune](#)
- 11) [Volunteers Come Together to Help Manahawkin Elks Deliver Backpacks for Homeless Veterans](#)
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[VA to Provide Fertility Counseling and Treatment for Certain Veterans and Spouses](#)

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it is amending its regulation regarding fertility counseling and treatment available to eligible Veterans and spouses. VA currently provides certain infertility services other than in vitro fertilization (IVF) services to Veterans as part of the medical benefits package. This interim final rule authorizes IVF for a Veteran with a service-connected disability that results in the inability of the Veteran to procreate without the use of fertility treatment. It also states that VA may provide fertility counseling and treatment using assisted reproductive technologies (ART), including IVF, to a spouse of a Veteran with a service-connected disability that results in the inability of the Veteran to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

“I have always believed that one of the main responsibilities of a grateful nation is to make whole the men and women who have made sacrifices on our behalf,” said VA Secretary Bob McDonald. “It is important that we fully understand the needs of our Veteran population, and incorporate the major scientific advances available today that can allow them to live a full life. Providing fertility counseling and treatment, including in vitro fertilization, is consistent with VA’s goal of restoring reproductive capabilities of Veterans and improving the quality of their lives.”

As part of the medical benefits package, VA provides many different types of fertility treatments and procedures to Veterans. These include infertility counseling, laboratory blood testing, surgical correction of structural pathology, reversal of a vasectomy or tubal ligation, medication, and various other diagnostic studies or treatments and procedures.

Full implementation of this regulation requires that VA utilize and optimize existing capabilities for care in the community and develop internal processes that will provide Veterans with a seamless path to receiving ART services. Veterans can immediately schedule appointments with their local health care system for eligibility determinations, clinical evaluation and consultation, and initial treatment as we work to build this structure.

The interim final rule was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2017 and can be accessed [here](#). Although the interim rule references September 30, 2017 as the date the funding expires, the funds are authorized through September 30, 2018.

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



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

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If you're an employer and have a job to post, send an E-Mail to:
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Remember The Fallen Women - January

1863: Emily, 19, disguised as a man, killed by mini-ball in her side, CIVIL WAR

1964: CIVILIAN Regina "Reggie" Williams, USN, VIETNAM

1971: CIVILIAN Betty Gebhardt, CIA, VIETNAM

1982: USN LTCDR Barbara Allen Rainey, 34, plane accident in FL

1 Jan 2011: USAR Tamara Henderson, 25, murdered by husband in CA

2 Jan 2004: USA CPT Kimberly N. Hampton, 27, IRAQ

2 Jan 2006: USA SPC Bobbie J Gonzales, 23, drowned in Texas attempting to save her brother

while home on leave from IRAQ

3 Jan 1966: CIVILIAN Marguerite (Higgins) Hall, journalist, VIETNAM

3 Jan 2005: CIVILIAN Tracy Hushin, 34, USAID, IRAQ

7 Jan 1991: USA SSG Tatiana Khaghani Dees, DESERT STORM

7 Jan 2006: AKARNG 1LT Jaime Lynn (Krausse) Campbell, 25, IRAQ
7 Jan 2007: USAF Sr Airman Elizabeth A Loncki, 23, IRAQ
7 Jan 2009: CIVILIAN Paula Loyd, 36, AFGHANISTAN, died at BAMC
burns
9 Jan 2002: USMC SGT Jeannette L. Winters, 25, AFGHANISTAN
10 Jan 2006: USN ENS Elizabeth Bonn, 23, plane crash in Georgia
10 Jan 2012: USA SPC Brandy Fonteneaux, 28, murdered at Fort Carson,
CO
14 Jan 2004: USA SGT Keicia M. (Coleman) Hines, 27, IRAQ
14 Jan 2013: USAF SSG Emily E Clayburn, 29, industrial accident,
MacDill AFB, FL
16 Jan 2007: USN MA1 Jennifer A (Young) Valdivia, 27, non-combat
incident, Bahrain
17 Jan 2007: CIVILIAN Andrea "Andi" Parhamovich, 28, IRAQ
18 Jan 2006: USA SPC Katherine Singleton, 25, suicide, Ft Bragg, NC
18 Jan 2011: USN OS2 Dominique Cruz, 26, overboard from USS Halsey,
Gulf of Oman
19 Jan 1987: USA Brenda C Pott, 21, suicide, Ft Carson
20 Jan 1863: CIVILIAN Hannah A Ropes, 54, Typhoid Pneumonia,
Washington, DC
20 Jan 2007: IAARNG CSM Marilyn L (Van Cannon) Gabbard, 46, IRAQ
21 Jan 2007: USA PFC Valerie R Gamboa, 29, murdered in Germany
21 Jan 1944: USA WAC PFC Regina Barszcz, disease, Fort Dix, NJ
23 Jan 2015: USMC CPT Elizabeth Kealey, 32, helicopter crash in CA
25 Jan 1945: USA ANC LT Thelma LaFave, MIA onboard C-46 plane
between Pelellu Island

and Leyte Island

25 Jan 2005: USA PFC Megan E Adelman-Tenney, 19, parachute
accident, Ft Benning, GA
25 Jan 2008: USA SGT Tracy R Birkman, 41, IRAQ
26 Jan 2007: USN LT (jg) Laura J Mankey, West Hills, CA, helicopter crash
in Pacific
27 Jan 2015: USMC/USAR Kisha Holmes, 35, suicide in Austell, GA
28 Jan 2007: USAR SPC Carla J Stewart, 37, IRAQ
29 Jan 2005: CIVILIAN Barbara (Geis) Heald, 60, DA, IRAQ
31 Jan 2004: USA PFC Holly Jeanne McGeogh, 19, IRAQ

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