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A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

First we would like to wish all the mothers out there a very Happy Mothers Day!

Day after day, month after month, year after year, election after election Veterans are promised they will receive the medical care and benefits they've earned and deserve, yet those commitments and promises made are easily forgotten, especially after the politician has won his or her bid for re-election.

Then this has all been compounded by the VA and medical staff who exhibit no compassion, no concern, no care for those whom they were hired to care for, Veterans!

Now it's compounded yet even more with those who have applied for Benefits and care with denial after denial, delay after delay, appeal after appeal. It's a vicious and unfriendly system.

Some want the Military to take over, some want it all to go private, and others want to fight like hell to fix the system and still others are asking why Trump hasn't fixed it.

Honestly after decades of abuse it can't be fixed over night and no matter which solution is used, it still will never happen over night. And there is a lot of swamp in the VA that needs to be cleaned out and that right now is in the process.

I know I have asked many times over to hear your stories, I still want to hear from you. But this time what I'd like is your story in just a few paragraphs (single page), signed ONLY with your First name, City and State and the last line below that giving permission to share your story with all 535 members of Congress.

We will not provide them any information such as E-Mail address, personal address, phone number, just a first name, city and state.

We will be faxing 5 stories every few days to put a face a real face on the issues and proving beyond all doubt there is no way any member of Congress can say they didn't know, and pushing hard to get them up, motivated and forced into making the serious change that's needed to provide world class care!

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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Help Blue Water Vietnam Vets Exposed to Agent Orange

The “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act” has been introduced in both the House and Senate (H.R. 299 & S. 422 respectively). These proposals would clarify that service members serving off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict have a presumption for filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for ailments associated with exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide. FRA believes Congress should recognize that so-called “Blue water” veterans were exposed to Agent Orange herbicide and authorize presumptive status for VA disability claims associated with this exposure.

Please use the [Action Center](#) to ask your legislators to support this important legislation.

Problems with New Military Retirement System Recently Discovered

Two years ago when Congress was considering changing the military retirement system TREA was skeptical about what they wanted to do. While we were not opposed to giving active duty personnel a retirement account they could take with them if they left the service before twenty years, we were opposed to making military retirees pay higher fees for medical services in order to pay for those portable retirement savings accounts.

We were also concerned that Congress was trying to rush legislation through because history has taught us that when Congress rushes legislation that makes major changes in programs they usually make some serious mistakes. Nonetheless, Congress went ahead and implemented a new retirement system that will go into effect for all individuals who enter the services after January 1 of next year.

However, just as we feared, it has been discovered that there are some major flaws in the new retirement system. For active duty personnel, it turns out that if they take a lump sum payout as soon as they retire from the military, they could lose a tremendous amount of money that they would otherwise receive as retirement pay.

This is a complicated issue, but according to military reporter Tom Philpott, a 37-year old E7 could take a lump sum payment after 20 years of service and receive \$174,454 in return for forfeiting 50 percent of retired pay until age 67. On the other hand that same E7 could receive a lump sum payment of \$87,277 in return for accepting a 25-percent cut in retired pay until age 67.

However, it turns out that if he accepted the \$174,454 lump sum payment immediately after retiring, he would lose \$488,363 in retired pay between ages 38-67. His net loss would be \$313,909.

In the case of the \$87,277 lump sum, that individual would lose \$244,182 in retired pay that he would otherwise have gotten. His net loss would be \$156,905.

This is extremely unfair. In fact, the DoD Board of Actuaries has called it inappropriate and has asked Congress to not allow servicemembers to have this choice.

But if Congress doesn't act to stop it, or unless someone lets servicemembers who come in under the new system know about this, it is likely that thousands of them will end up losing a tremendous amount of money they would otherwise have had.

Unfortunately, that's not the only problem. It turns out that members of the Reserve Components (RC) also may end up losing out in the new retirement plan.

The new retirement system reduces the amount of retirement pay that is guaranteed to be paid by DoD in return for establishing new individual retirement accounts (IRAs) for each Reserve Component member. The idea was supposed to be that by establishing the IRA, an individual can leave the RC prior to reaching 20 years of service and still be able to have earned part of a retirement. If the individual stays until 20 years, the IRA was supposed to make up for the cut in guaranteed retirement pay that will be in place.

However, in order for this system to work as was theorized, the individual would have to contribute the maximum amount of money allowed by law (\$18,000) to

her IRA every year. But if that individual already has an IRA through her full-time employer, she can only contribute the maximum amount of \$18,000 to one of her IRAs. If she contributes to her full-time employment IRA, she loses out on her military retirement. If she contributes to her military IRA, she loses out on her full-time employment IRA.

TREA is supporting new legislation to correct this problem for RC members. The Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act (HR1317) would fix this problem by allowing RC members to contribute the maximum of \$18,000 per year to both IRAs.

Of course, how many members earn enough money to contribute a total of \$36,000 to their IRAs in a single year is another question altogether and one that convinces us that we were right to be skeptical of this new retirement system in the first place.

Source: TREA

New TRICARE Contracts Shock Some Docs

Some doctors were startled to discover the new "payment arrangement" for those willing to accept TRICARE patients. Currently most doctors receive 10 percent less than Medicare pays for their TRICARE beneficiaries. The new contract, to take effect Jan. 1, will ask them accept another 20 percent cut. Some fear this could result in fewer doctors and therapists willing to participate in TRICARE. Read the full story [here](#).

Learn about TRICARE Tools at our May 15 Webinar

Did you know TRICARE offers you a number of tools to manage and get the most out of your benefit? With TRICARE tools, you can update contact information, enroll a family member, book an appointment, get advice from a registered nurse, schedule a next day appointment, and more. Sign up for the TRICARE Tools Webinar to learn about milConnect, BWE, DEERS, TRICARE Online, and Nurse Advice Line.

Register online [now!](#)

This webinar is scheduled for May 15, 2017, beginning at 1 p.m. EST.



MARCHING to support our Veterans

Riverside's Salute to Veterans Parade Committee, needs your assistance, opinions, input, enthusiasm and a bit of your time. Since 2006 we have staged a major, annual Parade here in Riverside to honor all Veterans of all eras. The Parade includes Veterans' organizations, Military bands, and equipment such as Jeeps, Tanks, troop transports and aircraft flyovers. Adding to the festivities are local marching bands, Drill Teams, color guards, ROTC units, equestrians, re-enactors, car clubs, dancers and of course the Veterans that we honor. We have had as many as 2,300 people marching and thousands more cheering us on. And for our November 2017 Parade we are adding a post Parade expo to include static displays, and Veterans Service organizations. It's a fun time, but a lot of work. That's where you come in.

This Parade is planned, marketed, and conducted entirely by volunteers. We need new Committee members willing to volunteer their time in many diverse areas ... logistics, social media, public relations, community outreach and much more. Although our Committee, a registered non-profit, has monthly planning meetings, there are doubtless other Volunteer opportunities to suit your availability. Could you help us to honor our Veterans? Will you MARCH WITH US?

To learn more, please contact our Committee Chairman Jeff Crumbaker at his company The Patrician Group 951-682-1352 or email at patriciang2@aol.com or cell 951- 536-3827



WEB SITE www.asalutetoveterans.org



Support SBP/DIC Offset Repeal Legislation

Senator Nelson (FL) has introduced legislation (S. 339) and Congressman Joe Wilson (SC) has introduced identical legislation in the house (HR 846) that repeals the SBP/DIC offset for survivors, sometimes referred to as the "Military Widows Tax.". Please use this action center contact your legislators to ask them to support this important legislation.

[Take Action!](#)

TRICARE Changes Rx Formulary List

Starting on June 28, 2017, TRICARE will no longer include the drug Nexium in the preferred, or formulary, drug list, and it will no longer be available in military hospitals and clinics. Patients are currently being asked to switch to one of the following three preferred alternatives: (1) Omeprazole, (2) Pantoprazole, or (3) Rabeprazole. If your doctor determines that Nexium is medically necessary for you, TRICARE will continue to cover the cost of Nexium, minus the \$20 copay for a 90-day supply of home delivery and \$24 copay for a 30-day supply via a retail outlet. Your doctor must submit a prior authorization. For more information on TRICARE's formulary list, visit the TRICARE Pharmacy [webpage](#).

Forward March Inc

Forward March, Inc. (FMI) is a Service Disabled Veteran-owned small business based in San Antonio, Texas. FMI was formed in 2013 by highly successful retired US Military Members and business professionals. Together we are committed to providing companies with outstanding military talent solutions and military styled leadership training unique in the industry.

FMI specializes in bringing powerful military [Elite Leader Training: Emerge – Evolve – Excel](#) to businesses and organizations:

FMI Military [Talent Pipeline and Transition Services](#) – FMI has the experience and the materials to help your organization find, attract, hire, and retain high quality veteran employees. We can do everything from providing your organization with the resources to managing the entirety of your military talent pipeline. At this time we have over 450 open jobs for Veterans !

FMI [Strategic Business Solutions](#): We take proven military and commercial processes and merge them into highly successful business solutions to help your organization increase productivity, sales, and revenue.

Steve Perry
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Health Care Bill Passes House of Representatives, But Effect On Veterans Is Not Clear

On March 24 the House of Representatives had scheduled a vote on a bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as "Obamacare." The vote was scheduled for late in the afternoon but earlier that day TREA had learned there was a provision in the bill that we were told would hurt poorer veterans by taking away the subsidy that otherwise would be used to help them pay for health care insurance. As a result we sent out an alert and the response from so many of you was amazing.

Before they could vote on the measure the bill was pulled and no vote was ever taken.

As you know, last week another bill to repeal and replace Obamacare was voted on in the House and this time it passed. After the vote we learned that the same provision regarding veterans was again in the House bill. However, it turns out that there was a very partisan disagreement about the effects of the provision.

Republicans insist that it doesn't change anything and will not hurt any veterans. Democrats insist that it will hurt veterans, specifically those who are eligible for VA health care or TRICARE but who don't use them and instead buy their own health care insurance.

Since the bill now moves to the Senate where major changes are expected to be made, TREA will ask the Senate to clarify the provision regarding veterans so there can be no argument about exactly what it may or may not do.

We are committed to make sure no changes in the law harm any veterans.

Source: TREA

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

Do you care for a service member or veteran who had a TBI after October 2001 while serving in the military?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a study requested by Congress. The study is currently recruiting family members, friends, or significant others who help a service member or veteran who had a traumatic brain injury after October 2001 while serving in the military. Help can include assistance with any day to day activity such as dressing, managing emotions, personality changes, anger/irritability, housework, remembering things, taking medications, managing money, providing financial assistance, running errands, shopping, transportation, or preparing meals. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call (855) 821-1469, or email caregiver.study@dvbic.org.



1-DAY Practical Skills Class: Emotional First-Aid PRACTICAL & STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

- Become & Remain Calm Even Within Chaos
- Rapidly Return to More Resourceful States
- Increase Your Awareness, Focus, Competence
- Counteract Burn-Out and Compassion Fatigue

Who is this class for?

Everyone who works with Veterans
Health and well-care professionals

Who can you help?

Veterans and their families
Those you serve, *and* yourself



What do you get?

Easy, powerful strategies & interventions that help you:

- Rapidly contain overwhelm so you can be calm even in chaos
- Quickly re-set and return to resourceful states
- Easily release troubling images, emotions & events

How much?

We want to serve as many veterans' service providers as possible. So, the regular \$125 tuition is slashed to just \$49 per person for this reason.

When? Where? RSVP!

DATE & TIME: May 23rd, from 9:30 to 3:30 pm

LOCATION: San Antonio NE Vet Center, 9504 IH 35 N, Suite 214

Space is Limited! You MUST RSVP and register to attend

Contact: Jondi@eft4Results.com

More info: EFT4Results.com/training

You Can Help: Quickly & Calmly.

Avoid Investment Fraud

Investment fraud comes in many shapes and sizes, and fraudsters use various tactics to scam potential investors. Often, the fraudster pretends to be your friend, encourages you to get in on the 'ground floor' of a new investment opportunity, promises huge returns and pressures you into buying right away. These are all [red flags](#) that should set off alarms. You can see examples of these kinds of fraud and how to avoid them by checking out the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) new [public service videos](#). For more information, read the [brochure](#), visit the [Investor.gov website](#), and read the VA VAntage Point [Blog](#).

Beware of Imposter Veterans Choice Phone Line

An unknown party has set up a phone line that may be intended to deceptively reach veterans trying to contact the [Veterans Choice Program](#) (VCP), according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans attempting to reach the VA program that allows them to receive health care in their own communities, may be mistakenly calling a "mimic" phone line, which is an 800 number, rather than the correct toll free line, which features an 866 area code. For information about the Veterans Choice Program, visit the official Veterans Choice Program [website](#) or call 1-866-606-8198.



Tips: Documenting Income and Assets for a VA Loan Application

The VA loan isn't much more difficult to qualify for compared to other types of home loans, but the veteran does need to provide certain documentation as evidence they can afford the new mortgage payment. For more details on what you need, see this [article](#).



Beneficiary Travel Funds for Veterans Seeking Specialized Treatment for MST

On March 3, Representative Jackie Walorski introduced H.R. 927, a bill that would require VA to provide beneficiary travel for veterans seeking specialized outpatient or residential treatment at another VA facility for conditions related to military sexual trauma (MST).

DAV Resolution 138 recognizes the current policy on beneficiary travel is a barrier to veterans obtaining appropriate care and calls for changes to the existing policy to improve veterans' access to specialized care for MST-related conditions.

One in five women and one in 20 men using VA health care screen positive for MST. While all VA medical centers are required to offer screening and related treatment for MST, about a third claim that staffing shortages compromise their ability to provide such care. Travel is often necessary for veterans to obtain the right type of specialized treatment in an environment veterans consider safe and appropriate to discuss sensitive issues. These perceptions are often the basis for choosing a provider and/or group of their own gender or where they feel most comfortable.

Please write your Representative today to urge co-sponsorship and enactment of H.R. 927. As always, thank you for your efforts and for participating in the Commander's Action Network.

Click [HERE](#) and send your message!

Resources for Homeless Women Veterans

VA has several programs for homeless women veterans: (1) family housing with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH); (2) child care subsidies and rapid rehousing through Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF); and (3) employment through Homeless Veteran Community Employment Services (HVCES). If you are a woman veteran experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838), or visit your nearest VA Medical Center or regional benefits office where advocates for women veterans are ready to assist. For more information, read the VA Vantage Point [Blog](#).



U.S. Government Accountability Office Reports

- 1) [Health Care: Telehealth and Remote Patient Monitoring Use in Medicare and Selected Federal Programs.](#)
- 2) [Medicaid Program Integrity: CMS Should Build on Current Oversight Efforts by Further Enhancing Collaboration with States.](#)
- 3) [Medicare Provider Education: Oversight of Efforts to Reduce Improper Billing Needs Improvement.](#)
- 4) [Veterans Crisis Line: Further Efforts Needed to Improve Service.](#)

REACH VA Program for Caregivers of Veterans

The [REACH VA](#) Program is an opportunity for Caregivers of Veterans to learn ways to take better care of themselves and their loved ones. REACH provides important information and resources about caregiving and builds skills in stress management, mood management, and problem-solving.

To be eligible for the [REACH VA](#) Program the Caregiver must be caring for a Veteran or be a Veteran caring for a loved one. The Veteran must be receiving services at the VA. [REACH VA](#) is available for Caregivers of Veterans diagnosed with: ALS, Dementia, MS, PTSD, or Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder.

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

Veteran Treatment Courts Offer Assistance

The goal of Veterans Treatment Courts is to divert those with mental health issues and homelessness from the traditional justice system and to give them treatment and tools for rehabilitation and readjustment. Veterans Treatment Courts were developed to avoid unnecessary incarceration of Veterans who have developed mental health problems. Veterans facing criminal charges who are in need of mental health or substance use treatment may be eligible for Veterans Treatment Court, if they live in one of the growing number of communities where these courts exist. For more details, see this [article](#).

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 3,281,789 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.

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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: 6,444)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than 3,549, Added 1 New Links (Updated: 05/10/17)

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



Implement Regulation to Help Blue Water Vietnam Veterans Now!

FRA supports the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act” (H.R. 299 & S. 422) that would clarify that service members serving off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict have a presumption for filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for ailments associated with exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide. Studies demonstrate that the desalinization process used on Australian and U.S. Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam magnified the exposure of the Agent Orange in the water.

The VA Secretary could help these veterans by implementing a regulation. FRA has met with the VA Secretary and we have been informed that he is reviewing the policy. Please use the Action Center to ask the VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin to implement a regulation giving these veterans a presumption for filing disability claims with the VA for ailments associated with exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide.

Take **ACTION!**



<https://twitter.com/Veterans4Change>

Next Week House Budget Committee Hopes to Mark Up FY 2018 Budget Resolution

Now that the House of Representatives has passed its version of repealing and replacing Obamacare we expect that after they return from this week's recess the focus will be on next fiscal year's federal budget. That should start with the House Budget Committee marking up its Budget Resolution. After that we expect that there will be House floor votes during the week of May 22nd. This should probably happen before the White House sends its full budget request, which the Office of Management and Budget says they expect to release in late May.

The budget resolution is needed to give the House Appropriations Committee a top-line level of spending to start work on spending bills for the fiscal year that begins October 1st 2017. There will be a real push to get this all done before the Memorial Day recess.

Source: TREA

Links to Other Stories

- 1) [A Veteran's son: Thank you VA for being kind, compassionate, professional](#)
- 2) [Agreement reached on stalled VA accountability bill](#)
- 3) [Air Force Veteran helping other Veterans out of addiction](#)
- 4) [Cipro and Gulf War Syndrome](#)
- 5) [Frustrated with Your VA Health Care: What are Your Options?](#)
- 6) [Horror show. More than 100 Veterans died waiting for care at Los Angeles VA hospital](#)
- 7) [Pennsylvania DMVA Fears House Republican Budget Would Cripple Veterans Services](#)
- 8) [VA Announces Adoption of American Cancer Society Mammogram Screening Guidelines](#)
- 9) [VA Executive Order Can Only Succeed if Workers' Rights Are Preserved](#)
- 10) [VA Nurse Helps Veterans Families, in Her Free Time](#)
- 11) [VA partners with Department of Energy on big-data initiative to improve health care for Veterans](#)

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The Cost of Having Pets When You're in the Military

Pets are an important part of many families, and military families are no exception. What is exceptional is the ways that pet ownership can impact a military family's budget in ways that it doesn't impact a civilian family's budget. If you're military, and you own a pet (or are thinking about getting a pet,) you have to be prepared for these three [extra pet expenses](#) that come with military life.

**~We Proudly Support our
Military Personnel & Families~**

If you received this newsletter as a courtesy or a forward from a friend or relative, you can sign up to receive in your E-mail every week.

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**[CalVet Seeks Events for our Memorial Day
Online Calendar](#)**

In keeping with our mission of serving our California Veterans and their families, the CalVet is compiling a list of Memorial Day events taking place throughout our State.

To submit your Memorial Day or other event for consideration on CalVet's calendar, please send the following information to PAO@calvet.ca.gov:

1. Event date
2. Name or type of event
3. Event start and end times
4. Name of sponsoring organization
5. Venue name
6. Venue address
7. Contact person plus phone number, e-mail address or URL link
8. Cost of admission, if any
9. If pre-registration is required, please provide a link and the registration deadline
10. Indicate if this is a northern or southern California event.

To view our CalVet calendar online, go to
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/home/Calendar>.

VA Recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month with Promotion of 'Use Your Voice' Awareness Program to Urge Veterans to Speak Up About Mental Illness

Last week VA announced that, as part of its recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, it is promoting "Use Your Voice," a national awareness program that encourages Veterans to seek mental health treatment if they need it.

The Use Your Voice program is designed to let Veterans, and all Americans, know that reaching out for mental health information and support is just as important as talking to one's doctor about diet, blood pressure, joint pain and other health challenges.

"It's time to break down barriers and reverse the stigma of mental illness," said Dr. Poonam Alaigh, acting VA under secretary for Health. "We want Veterans to know there are effective options available right now and reaching out for help is a sign of strength, resilience and courage."

Individuals and organizations can make a difference and get involved by downloading, sharing, tweeting or posting a variety of content located at www.MakeTheConnection.net/UseYourVoice.

While many Veterans do not experience mental health issues in their lifetime, it is critically important for those who do to know that support and treatment are available. By changing how people discuss mental health conditions and symptoms of mental illness, VA is making it easier for Veterans who need support to feel comfortable reaching out.

For more information on mental health treatment, Veterans' personal stories of recovery and a locator tool to find Veterans' resources across the country, visit VA's Make the Connection website.

Source: TREA

This month please remember these women who died during May while serving our country in or during war times

2 May 1991: FLARNG SGT Tracey Brogdon, accident in Saudia Arabia,
DESERT STORM

2 May 2007: USA PFC Katie M (Soenksen) Rowella, 19, IED, IRAQ

2 May 2008: USMC L/CPL Casey Lynne Casanova, 22, IED, IRAQ

3 May 2008: USA SPC Emily Ort, found unconscious from accidental multiple
prescription

drug toxicity, Ft Irwin, CA

3 May 2013: USAF CPT Victoria A Pinckney, 27, KC-135 aircraft crash, AFGHANISTAN

3 May 2013: USA SGT Maribel M Ramos, 36, murdered in CA

3 May 2014: USA PFC Daniela Rojas, 19, Homburg, Germany due to a non-combat related illness

8 May 2004: USA SPC Isela Rubalcava, 25, IRAQ

9 May 1898: Army Contract Nurse Lulu Plant, undiagnosed illness, SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

9 May 2008: USA SPC Mary J Jaenichen, 20, non-combat, IRAQ

9 May 2014: USA SGT Heidi L Ruh, 33, shot on base, Kosovo

10 May 2012: USA PFC Shanon E Pirofsky, 35, died at Ft Eustis, VA

11 May 2008: USA CPL Jessica A Ellis, 24, IED, IRAQ

12 May 2015: USMC CPL Sara A Medina, helicopter crash in Nepal

12 May 2015: USMC CPL Sara Medina, 23, helicopter crash, Nepal

13 May 1945: USA PFC Alethia Fair from CA, C-47 crash, New Guinea

13 May 1945: USA SGT Helen Kent from CA, C-47 crash, New Guinea

13 May 1945: USA PFC Mary Landau from NY, C-47 crash, New Guinea

13 May 1945: USA T/3 Marion McMonagle from PA, C-47 crash, New Guinea

13 May 1945: USA SGT Belle Naimer from NY, C-47 crash, New Guinea

13 May 1951: USN SN Doris Frances Brown, non-hostile death, KOREA

13 May 1991: CAARNG CPT Sashai Dawn, 34, helicopter crash in Honduras

13 May 1991: CAARNG 1LT Vicki Boyd, 30, helicopter crash in Honduras

13 May 1991: CAARNG SSG Linda Simonds, 34, helicopter crash in Honduras

14 May 1945: USA PFC Eleanor Hanna from PA, from injuries C-47 crash, New Guinea

9 May 2014: USA SGT Heidi L Ruh, 33, shot on base, Kosovo

15 May 1945: USA SGT Laura Besley from PA, from injuries C-47 crash, New Guinea

16 May 2004: USN PO3 CT Laura A (Skinner) Alford, 21, murdered by a roommate, Virginia Beach, VA

18 May 1944: USA ANC 2LT Eloise Richardson, 24, MIA declared dead on 19 May 1945, WW II

18 May 2007: AKARANG Martina Ann Delp, 33, electrocuted while cutting tree in AK

19 May 2009: USN LT Allison Oubre, 27, helicopter crash near Coronado Islands, CA

20 May 1917: USA ANC Edith Ayers, Attica, OH, WW I

20 May 1917: USA ANC Helen Burnett Wood, Evanston, IL, WW I

20 May 2004: USA PFC Leslie D. Jackson, 18, IRAQ

20 May 2009: USA SPC Crystal J Carney, 21, found dead in her home on Fort Hood, TX

20 May 2009: USAF 1LT Roslyn L Schulte, 25, St Louis, MO, IED,

AFGHANISTAN

22 May 1943: ANC 2LT Mafaida Arney, plane crash at Peterson Army Airfield, Colorado Springs, CO

24 May 2015: INARNG SGT April L James, 32, suicide, Evansville, IN

25 May 2009: USN PO Debbie Russell, 44, murdered by husband after serving in Iraq

26 May 2009: USAF SrAirman Ashton L M Goodman, 21, IED, AFGHANISTAN

26 May 2014: USA Vanessa L (Hernandez) Alcorte, 32, murdered, Lubbock, TX

29 May 1997: USAF CPT Amy Lynn Svoboda, 29, plane crash near Gila Bend, AZ

30 May 1945: USA PFC Rose Brohinsky from NY, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA SGT Doris Cooper from IL, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Flossie Flannery from IN, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Frieda Friend from NY, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Mary Gollinger from CA, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA CPL Velma Holden from NC, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Odessa Hollingsworth from OK, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Alice King from OR, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Wilma Liles from TX, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Evelyn McBride from TX, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Alice McKinney from WI, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Rose Puchalla from MN, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

30 May 1945: USA PFC Mildred Rice from MO, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

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30 May 1945: USA PFC Leona Seyfert from IL, C-47 crash off Derwin Point, Africa

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