



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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It always amazes me how the VA always low balls numbers vs. stating actual facts. Although there is no way to determine the exact number of homeless Veterans across the country, according to the VA nationwide there are 44,000 which we find to actually be more than just a low ball number.

When in Los Angeles California there are 8,800 which is a 57% increase over last year. In New York there are 7,294 and again an increase of 31% over last year.

2016 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES NUMBERS - HOMELESS VETERANS					
ALABAMA	1,694	KENTUCKY	2,206	OHIO	4,226
ALASKA	2,390	LOUISIANA	1,584	OKLAHOMA	1,418
ARIZONA	6,902	MAIN	594	OREGON	4,269
ARKANSAS	8,258	MARYLAND	2,538	PENNSYLVANIA	5,022
CALIFORNIA	41,846	MASSACHUSETTS	4,164	PUERTO RICO	620
COLORADO	4,262	MICHIGAN	3,778	RHODE ISLAND	392
CONNECTICUT	996	MINNESOTA	1,152	SOUTH CAROLINA	2,838
DELAWARE	372	MISSISSIPPI	701	TENNESSEE	3,552
DC	1,516	MISSOURI	2,230	TEXAS	8,322
FLORIDA	15,544	MONTANA	884	UTAH	1,344
GEORGIA	5,206	NEBRASKA	932	VERMONT	458
GUAM	88	NEVADA	3,422	VIRGIN ISLANDS	132
HAWAII	2,812	NEW HAMPSHIRE	522	VIRGINIA	2,238
IDAHO	1,032	NEW JERSEY	2,504	WASHINGTON	5,554
ILLINOIS	4,350	NEW MEXICO	984	WEST VIRGINIA	896
INDIANA	2,906	NEW YORK	7,294	WISCONSIN	1,897
IOWA	754	NORTH CAROLINA	3,960	WYOMING	398
KANSAS	960	NORTH DAKOTA	506	GRAND TOTAL	185,419

The above chart are the homeless Veteran Count at the end of 2016, and there is no real way to get accurate numbers as many Veterans have been hurt so badly by the VA, fellow Veterans, and society in general to go off the grid and some go way off the grid.

Even most of the State HHS offices we contact all the time estimate nationwide numbers are much closer to 1.5 million homeless Veterans.

Some small organizations are doing the job the VA should be doing. Building mini homes and locating them in places where a Veteran would feel comfortable. Private lands away from "civilization" and surrounded by Veterans.

Some even provide a counselor who conducts one on one counseling sessions as well as group sessions and all these small housing projects have the same ground rules, no booze and no drugs, except those that are prescribed and they can stay as long as needed.

I would ask that if you're interested, check with the organizations in your area and see if anyone is constructing mini homes for homeless Veterans. Donate time, money, canned and dry goods, pots, pans, utensils, clothing, etc.

The average cost of each of these mini homes is around \$8,000.00. They range in size from 450-650 Square Feet, come with a bed, bathroom, shower, stove, refrigerator, some have a stacking washer/dryer, small living/dining room. But all are self sufficient and size wise are good for most Veterans.

Sadly since the VA isn't taking care of most of these Veterans, it's up to the rest of us to make sure they are taken care of, not forgotten, and get the much needed attention and help they need.

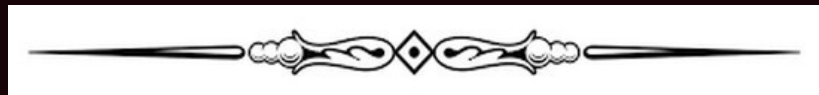
On behalf of our Volunteers nationwide and myself, we wish you and your family good health!

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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**VETERANS ADVOCACY
ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS ROBERT
WILKIE FOR VA SECRETARY**

The executive director of a Louisiana-based non-profit that represents the interests of active duty military personnel and veterans is asking the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to advance the nomination of Robert Wilkie as secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In a letter to Sen. Johnny Isakson, chairman of the Committee, Cdr. John Wells (USN, Ret.) of Military-Veterans Advocacy wrote that the non-profit is offering its "strongest endorsement" for Wilkie.

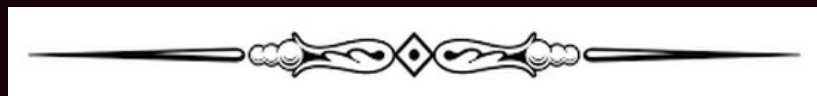
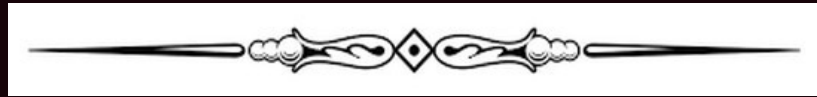
"I am impressed with his ability to grasp the crux of a problem and formulate a solution," Wells wrote. "His extensive government experience will help him deal with the bureaucratic behemoth that the VA has become. I believe that he is best suited to control the operation of the Department while maximizing the effective use of scarce financial resources.

"As you know, we attended Mr. Wilkie's confirmation hearings. I was impressed with his prompt, but thoughtful, responses to all questions. I am convinced that he can quickly and effectively fill the leadership void that has existed for several months. More important, I have confidence that he can move the VA forward, to become the organization that our veterans deserve."

The Committee is expected to vote on Wilkie's nomination tomorrow (July 10).

Military-Veterans Advocacy is a tax exempt non-profit

corporation based in Slidell, Louisiana. For more information please go to www.militaryveteransadvocacy.org.



National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019

The NDAA authorizes the activities of DoD for the next fiscal year. The Defense Appropriations bill provides the money for DoD's activities in the new fiscal year, and the MilCon/VA bill provides funding for military construction and for the programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs which have not already been funded by the two-year appropriation that .

As we have reported in the past, both the House and

Senate have passed their versions of the NDAA. The next step is to form a conference committee made up of members of the House and Senate, who will work out the differences in the two bills and come up with a single bill that will then be sent back to each body for a final vote. Once they both pass the bill it will be sent to the President for his signature.

Both bills would give active duty personnel a 2.6% raise in FY2019 and both would increase the number of active duty personnel each of the services is authorized, although there are differences in the numbers which will have to be reconciled.

The biggest difference between the two bills as far as personnel issues go is a provision in the Senate NDAA which would raise health care costs for retirees under the age of 65.

Last year's NDAA allowed those who entered the military service before January 1, 2018, to keep the TRICARE fees which were in existence at that time. However, anyone who entered after that date were subject to a new TRICARE fee structure which increased their health care costs. The Senate bill would eliminate the "grandfathering" of those in the service prior to January 1 and throw them into the new TRICARE fee structure, thus also raising their health care costs.

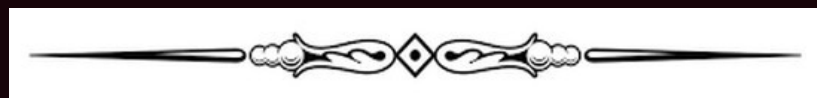
It is important to note at this point that retirees over the age of 65 will not be affected by this change.

However, those under age 65 will see significant increases in enrollment fees for both TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select. Those in TRICARE Select will also see their annual deductible double.

TREA is strongly opposed to the Senate provision.

The House has voted to start the conference committee and it has named the members it will send to the committee. The Senate has not yet voted to start the conference committee and therefore has not named its committee members. However, leaders in both the House and the Senate have said their goal is to come up with a compromise bill by the end of July.

Source: TREA



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 **2,200** hits per day, and downloads average **1,450** per day with a total **4,191,088** visitors as of Friday.

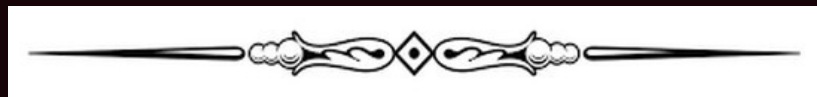
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- Documents Library with over **16,411** documents on-line (Updated: 06/08/18)
- FAQ's with more than **1,600** FAQ's and answers
- Multiple Forums
 - o Afghanistan Veterans
 - o FMP - Foreign Medial Program
 - o Gulf War & Desert Storm Veterans

- o Iraq Veterans
- o Korean Veterans
- o Men Veterans Forum
- o Mental Health for Veterans (**Counselor Needed**)
- 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: 01/11/18)
- News (Articles On-Line: **7,479**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **3,654**, Added 9 New Links (Updated: 05/27/18)

If you have a submission for the memorial pages, E-Mail:
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FY 2019 Defense Appropriations Bill

This is the bill that provides the money for the items that the NDAA authorizes. Defense is the single largest spending bill, making up 52 percent of all the cash that Congress will approve this year. It's also by far the most

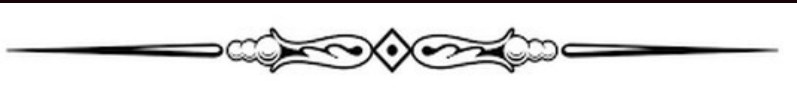
popular spending bill, even among staunch fiscal hawks - which means it's often used to help provide money for things other than defense which might not otherwise make it through the Senate.

The House has passed its version of the appropriations bill but the Senate lags behind. Its version of the bill has made it through the Appropriations Committee but it must now go to the Senate floor for debate and a vote.

One item of interest in the Defense Appropriations bill concerns commissaries. The Pentagon recently made a decision to sell beer and wine in defense commissaries. Senate defense appropriators want to know why hard liquor was not included in that decision. They are requesting a report detailing why distilled spirits were left out and whether the Pentagon will reconsider that decision. The report accompanying the defense bill states that "roughly half of states legally sell distilled spirits in grocery stores," and that "the Department should have explored this option to further improve customer convenience at all military commissaries."

Like the NDAA, once the Senate passes its Defense Appropriations bill, they must begin a conference committee with the House to work out the differences between the House and Senate bills and come up with one bill which will be sent back to both bodies for a final vote.

Source: TREA



Get ready, get hired: CalVet hosts women veterans employment workshop

Mammoth Lakes – Women veterans will get an opportunity to learn about employment tools and career resources on Saturday, July 21, at the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library during a workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

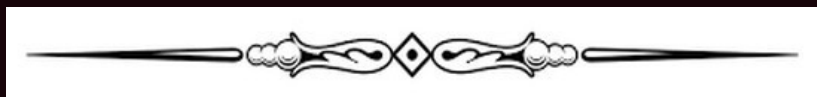
In partnership with Veterans Connect at the Libraries and the California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP), the CalVet Women Veterans Division is hosting several employment workshops for women veterans throughout California in 2018. These workshops highlight guest speakers, employers, and community partners who give guidance on resume writing, job searches, and interview skills. Additionally, there will be a segment for one-on-one resume reviews and an opportunity to practice interviewing skills.

The Mammoth Lakes workshop will feature an engaging, dynamic presentation on “Authentic Personal Branding for Military Veterans” from Air Force veteran and award-winning author, Graciela Tiscareno-Sato. During this highly interactive workshop, veterans learn key self-marketing skills and how to draw from their military experiences to create a personal statement about themselves. Graciela also gives tips on informational interviews and developing mentor networks. For more information about Graciela,

visit: <https://about.me/gracielaTSato>.

Additional workshops throughout California are scheduled for the summer and fall of 2018. The next workshop will be held on Saturday, August 25, at the Fresno County Public Library. For additional workshop dates and locations, please visit www.calvet.ca.gov/womenvets.

To register for the workshop in Mammoth Lakes on July 21, please visit: www.calvet.ca.gov/womenvets. Lunch is provided and travel reimbursements are available for those that qualify. For more information about the workshops, please call 916-653-1402 or email womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov.



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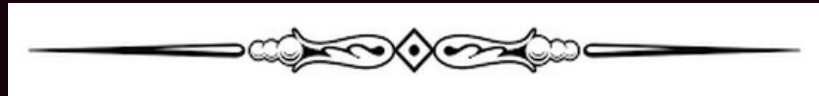
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June's Featured Song

The Reunion

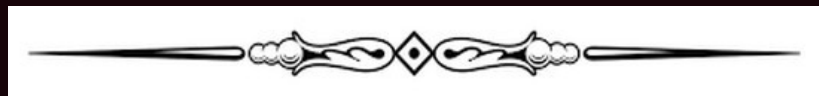
I have been sending out my LRRP Newsletter each month for over 30 years. Up and to this month, I have never gone into the 'poor pitiful me mode' until now. These past few months have been rough on me. First off, I lost my Mom. That in itself was hard. But then there were other complications. My [Survival Farming](#) operation has been seriously threatend to be closed down. And I had to bury one of my most favorite Bengal kitties. And a whole bunch of other crap. So, I am putting my "[The Reunion](#)" up this month as my "[Song of the Month](#)". I produced this one on my original "Voice of America" album in Nashville in 1987. The picture below is of two beautiful and wonderful girls in my high school back when I was an Officer Candidate in the US Army in 1966. I came back on an unexpected leave from Fort Knox, KY, to South Lake Tahoe, CA on

December 15, 1966 for Christmas. I met Connie and Maria at my parent's home that night, and they both rushed into my arms. We had such a great night together with others, playing our guitars, singing songs and just having fun. The following morning, I went skiing with a couple family friends at Heavenly Valley Ski Resort, and on our way back home, we met up with the two girls who had driven up to Al Tahoe to buy me Christmas gifts. On the way back home, as we were following right behind them in our car, their car went off the road and down a steep embankment, and they were both killed. Connie was my only Baby Sister. Maria was my first fiance. This song, "[The Reunion](#)", kinda touches on that moment, and that time in general. Shortly after their funerals, I graduated from OCS and became a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. Not long after that, I was in Vietnam fighting for my life.



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FY2019 Military Construction/VA bill

As its name indicates, this bill funds both military construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs. One thing that is unique regarding the VA is that in 2009 Congress authorized two-year funding for parts of the VA. It subsequently included more VA functions so that now it provides advanced appropriations for three of the four Veterans Health Administration (VHA) accounts: medical services, medical support and compliance, and medical facilities; and for three mandatory VA benefits programs within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA): compensation and pensions, readjustment benefits, and veterans insurance and indemnities.

The advanced appropriations for these VBA and VHA accounts were authorized to prevent potential delays in the delivery of care and benefits to veterans that may arise in

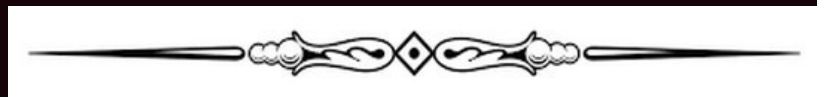
the event of a funding lapse.

The MilCon/VA bill would boost discretionary funding for veterans to receive care from non-VA community providers while the Veterans Choice Program -- which is funded through mandatory appropriations -- winds down.

Appropriators approved the MilCon-VA measure before Congress passed legislation to replace the Choice program with a single discretionary program allowing eligible veterans to seek community care. That measure also provided funding to extend the Choice program until the consolidated program takes effect.

Appropriators may have to provide a significant increase in future funding to pay for community care under the new program. Appropriations Committee members have said they're ready to provide discretionary funding for the new program once it's in place.

Source: TREA



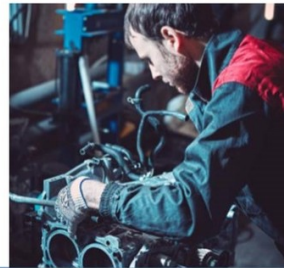
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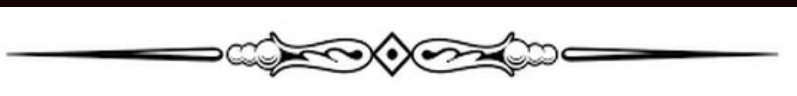
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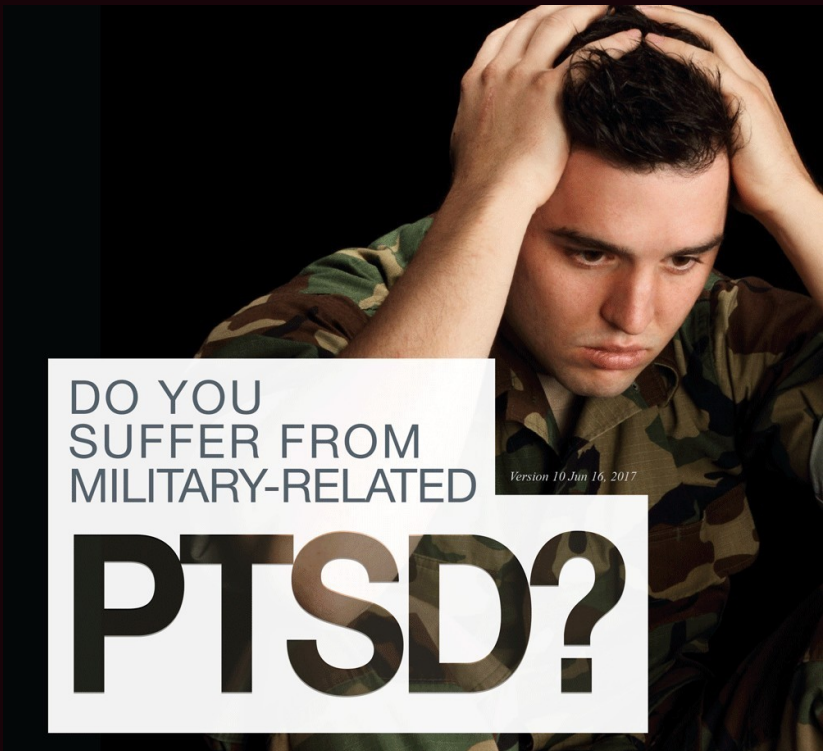
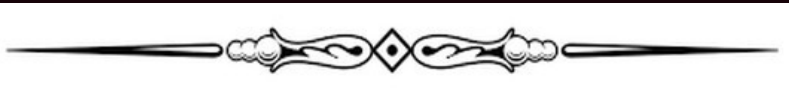
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GI Bill Changes Are Coming

Last year, the Forever GI Bill was signed into law, revamping veteran education benefits. Some of the changes that will take place this upcoming semester affect the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, some Purple Heart recipients, students attending classes and internships that are in different zip codes, among other provisions. Please reach out to your individual schools to find out if any changes will impact your enrollment status. Early action could help mitigate effects on tuition or BAH payments.

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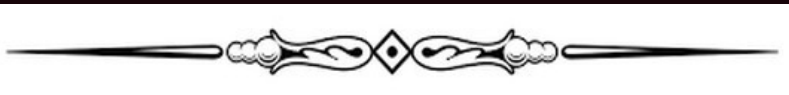


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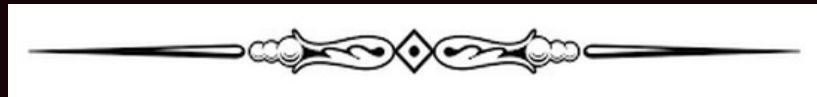
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1-877-424-3838**



Tax Glitch Affects Veterans

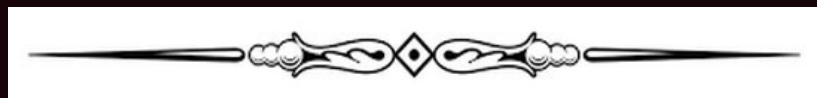
A recent Pentagon audit revealed that more than 130,000 veterans who were medically separated as a result of injuries sustained in combat, and received a disability severance, may be entitled to a [significant tax refund](#). Under federal law, disability severance paid as a result of combat injuries is intended to be tax-free. However, from 1991 to 2016, the automated payment system maintained by DOD failed to properly identify those payments as being tax exempt and withheld between 20-25 percent of the payment, resulting in an overpayment of federal income tax. If you feel that you may be entitled to a refund, you can [find more information](#) including how to file an amended income tax return through the Internal Revenue Service.



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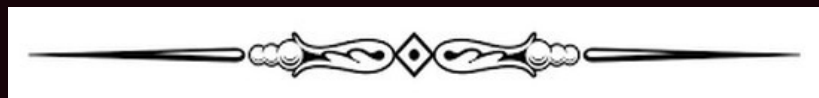
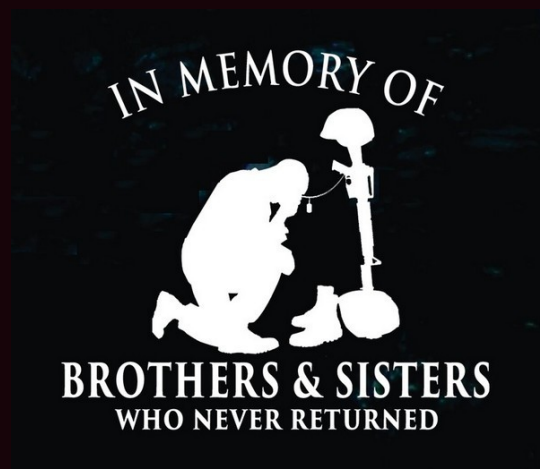
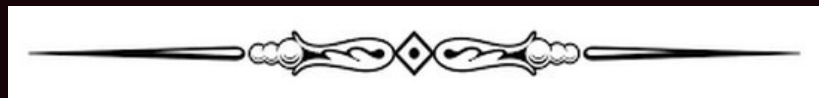
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Physical Disability Board of Review

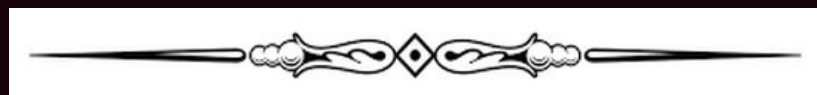
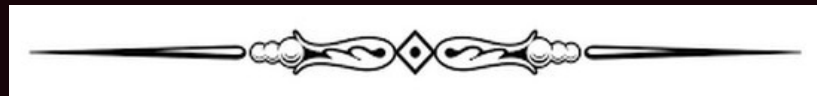
If you are a veteran who was medically separated from service between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2009, with a rating of 30 percent or less and feel the rating is inaccurate, you now have the ability to file an appeal through the Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR). The result of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008, the PDBR provides veterans a way to appeal their initial Department of Defense disability ratings, and often results in a medical discharge being upgraded to a medical retirement. [Learn more](#) about the application process.



**DOD Personnel Assist in Thai Cave
Rescue**

Earlier this week, 42 U.S. military personnel and one advisor from the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group–Thailand participated in the rescue of 12 teenaged Thai soccer players and their coach from the Tham Luang cave complex in Chiang Rai province, Thailand. Details about the operation are still emerging, but according to a Pentagon spokesperson, U.S. personnel were instrumental in staging equipment and preparing the first three chambers of the cave system for the extrication of the trapped team. Since 1818, the U.S. has had a close diplomatic and military relationship with Thailand, and is one of our five treaty allies in the Indo-Pacific.

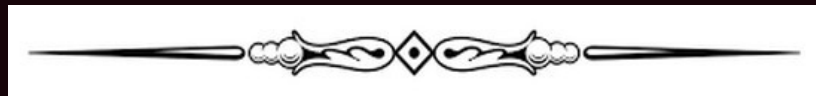
[Read more about the rescue.](#)



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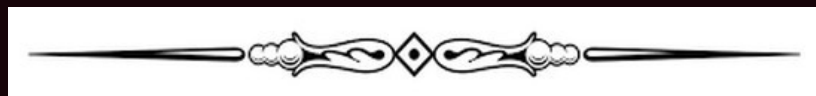
The U.S. Marine Corps was created on November 10, 1775. It is a combined-arms task force known for its focus on aggressiveness and the offensive. The Marines have been central in developing groundbreaking tactics for maneuver warfare; they can be credited with the development of helicopter insertion doctrine and modern amphibious assault.

There are approximately 194,000 Marines actively serving today, with another 40,000 Marines serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.



Veteran Crisis Resources

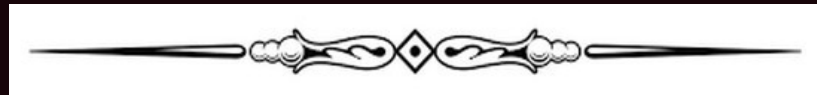
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National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
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UNITED STATES ARMY

The U.S. Army was created on June 3, 1784 by the Congress of the Confederation at the end of the Revolutionary War. "To fight and win America's wars," the Army exists to organize, equip, and train forces "for the conduct of prompt and sustained combat operations on land."

The U.S. Army operates with an active component and two reserve components: the United States Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. There are just under 500,000 soldiers serving actively in the U.S. Army today and another 550,000 serving in the reserve components.



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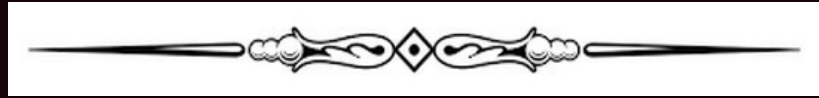
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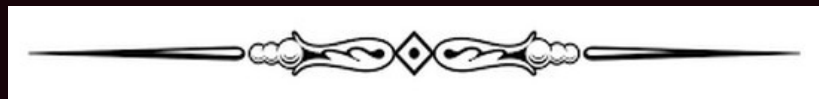
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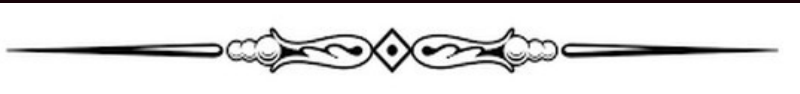
NAVY

The U.S. Navy was founded on October 13, 1775, with the Department of the Navy established in 1798. The Navy's mission is to "maintain, train and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas," and it does so with warfare specialties that include aviation, surface warfare, nuclear submarines, special forces, and support services.

There are approximately 326,000 sailors serving actively in the U.S. Navy today with an additional 110,000 reserve personnel.



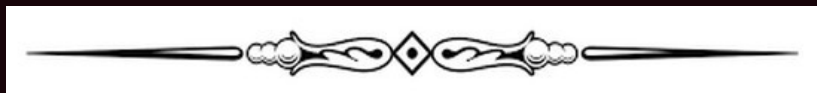
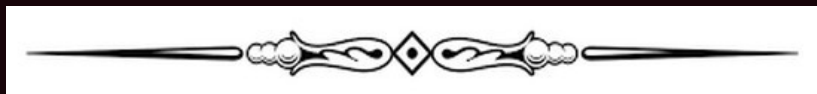
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AIR FORCE

The Department of the Air Force was created with the signing of the National Security Act of 1947. The Air Force's missions are broken down into Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority and Agile Combat Support.

There are approximately 310,000 Active Duty airmen currently serving across the globe with an additional 71,400 airmen serving in the Air Force Reserve.



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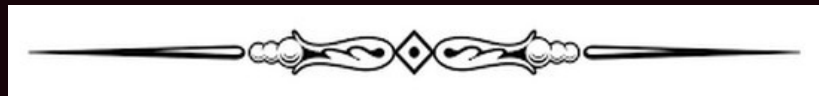
The Coast Guard was established on January 28, 1915. The Coast Guard is charged with maritime security, safety, and stewardship. While the Coast Guard operates under the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime, during times of war, it can be transferred to the Department of the Navy, as it did in WWI and WWII.

The Coast Guard is comprised of approximately 40,000 active duty personnel supported by an additional 7,000 reservists.



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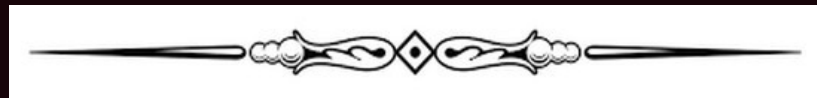
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Tips for a Safe, Healthy Summer

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy the sun, outdoor dining, and water activities. Although fun, these summer activities can pose some risks to your health. In the event you need to see a medical professional, know your TRICARE benefit and the different types of covered services available to you and your family, including preventive care, urgent care, and emergency care.

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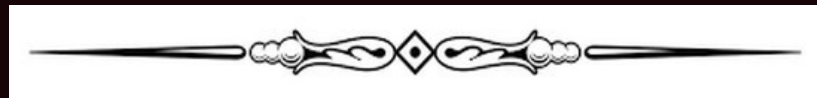
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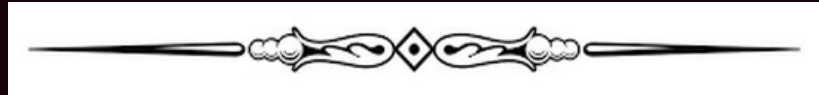
Have questions about your TRICARE benefit? Here's your chance to get some answers. Join TRICARE on Thursday, July 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET for the "Ask TRICARE" webinar. The Q&A webinar will include a panel of subject matter experts to answer your questions about TRICARE health care, pharmacy, and dental programs. Register today!

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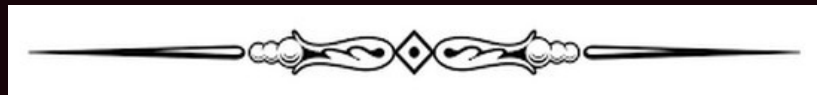
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2. Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics: FDA Requires Labeling Changes Due to Low Blood Sugar Levels and Mental Health Side Effects
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SURVIVAL IS FUN





Serving up fun at the California State Fair “MRE Cooking Challenge”

WHO: California Department of Veterans Affairs and California Military Department

WHAT: MRE “Meals, Ready to Eat” Cooking Challenge; Teams of military chefs and veteran sous-chefs will transform an MRE into a culinary treat for our celebrity judges as part of Military and Veteran Appreciation Day.

WHEN: Thursday, July 19, 2018

- First Qualifying Round: 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Second Qualifying Round: 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Final Round: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: California Exposition and State Fair

1600 Exposition Blvd.

Sacramento, CA 95815,

“The Kitchen” inside California Building “B”

SPECIAL GUESTS: WWII pilot and triple ace Bud Anderson will join the MRE Cooking Challenge during the championship round Thursday evening. Women Veterans Alliance Founder and Director Melissa Washington will be on-hand at 1 p.m. for the first preliminary round, and board

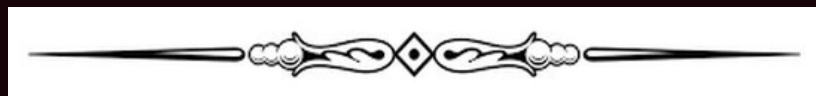
member John Busterud of the California Veterans Board will be available during the second preliminary round at 3 p.m.

EVENT: CalVet and the California Military Department will host the sixth-annual MRE Cooking Challenge on Thursday, July 19. Military cooks from different branches of service will pair up with veterans in a friendly competition to transform randomly selected military rations into culinary delights in 30 minutes. A panel of judges will pick the winner based on taste, presentation, skill and showmanship.

The cooking challenge takes place during the State Fair's Military and Veteran Appreciation Day, which features a variety of specially designed attractions and exhibits.

Admission is free for veterans and military personnel who present a valid military ID, driver license with a veteran designation, or other proof of service on July 19. Family members, dependents or guests pay Fair admission.

CalVet and California Military Department staff will be available all day at the event to answer questions about veteran benefits and career opportunities.



MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced identification and burial updates for three American service members who had been missing in action from WWII.

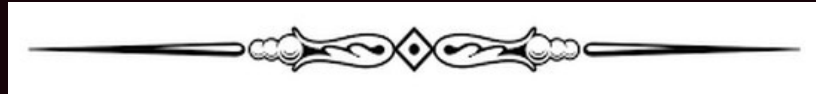
Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Navy Seaman 1st Class James C. Solomon, 23, of Forestburg, Texas, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried July 14, in his hometown. Solomon was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen. [Read about Solomon.](#)

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Army Pfc. Willard Jenkins was a member of Company C, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division near Nijmegen, Netherlands. On Sept. 20, 1944, while participating in Operation Market Garden, his unit was ordered to cross the Waal River to make an amphibious attack. Jenkins was wounded in the chest by enemy fire. Because of the enemy activity in the area, a search could not be conducted and he was declared missing in action on Sept. 20, 1944. Interment services are pending. [Read](#)

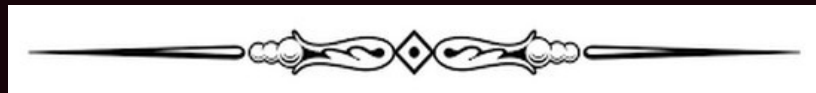
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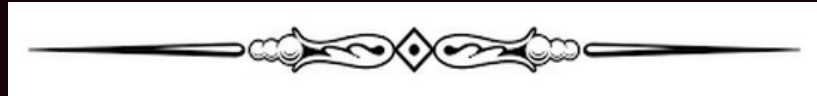
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