



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

While we all are preparing for the Christmas Holiday, picking a tree, taking it home, decorating the tree, the house inside and out, buying gifts for loved ones, wrapping them with care, please don't forget our homeless Veterans.

We'd like to ask you to donate for those who are struggling financially to donate \$5-10 worth of canned and dry good or a gift card to a local grocery store to DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

And for our homeless Veterans gently worn clothing,

pants/slacks, shirts/blouses, shoes, winter coats, socks and shoes, also donate these items to DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

And for Christmas dinner, please set a "missing man" place setting. To remember and honor all those who never came home, and those whom we've lost.

Blue Water Navy is still fighting hard to get their long over due, well earned and continually rejected benefits and healthcare.

So we still need everyone's help! And you don't have to have served to help, everyone, we need you to make the calls, send the e-mails and stay on their back every few days.

Further down in this newsletter there are a few areas with information on what you can do to help, and we ask that you either forward on this newsletter, or copy and paste the sections with contact information into an E-Mail send out to your entire E-Mail address book and ask all your friends and family to help as well.

The more we stay on top of them, the better the chances are of getting HR 299 passed in the Senate.

As they say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so we need to make a lot of noise and not only get but keep

their attention and get their YES vote on the bill!

Here are some of the phone numbers to call, and if you have the time yes please do call all of them.

Senator Isakson 202-224-3643 & 770-661-0999

Senator Moran 202-224-6521

Senator Boozman 202-224-4843

Senator Rounds 202-224-5842

Senator Sullivan 202-224-3004

Senator Tillis 202-224-6342

Senator Cassidy 202-224-5824

Senator Heller 202-224-6244

Senator Tester 202-224-2644

Senator Brown 202-224-2315

Senator Sanders 202-224-5141

Senator Blumenthal 202-224-2823

Senator Murray 202-224-2621

Senator Hirono 202-224-2621

Senator Manchin 202-224-3954

Your calls are very important to thousands of Veterans, and we're asking you to make the calls immediately, then if you would, please call them every Friday, slow down their office, drive a point home that this bill must pass and quickly.

Just keep it simple, polite, and when you end your call, be sure to thank them for their time!

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

Jim.Davis@Veterans-For-Change.org



BLUE WATER NAVY VETS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Contact your Senator NOW and ask them to please support H.R. 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018

Congress is very close to finally passing Blue Water Navy legislation, but unless the Senate acts in the next two weeks, that effort will fail.

For over a decade, Vietnam Veterans of America has sought legislation to restore presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to members of the Armed Forces, who

served in the territorial waters of Vietnam. H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, passed the House by a vote of 382-0 on June 25, 2018.

When the bill is enacted into law, “Blue Water” veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam, veterans who served near the demilitarized zone in Korea, and certain veterans who served in Thailand will again be eligible for compensation for service-connected, disabilities related to their exposure to Agent Orange.

VVA believes Congress should recognize that these veterans were exposed to Agent Orange and should authorize presumptive status for VA disability claims associated with this exposure. Now is the time to contact your Senators to ask them to support this bill.

Take Action enter your zip code, and send the prepared letters to your Senator requesting that Senator Isakson, Chair, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee move H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, out of committee and on to the Senate floor for a vote and passage.

Please follow-up your letter with a call to the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Senator.

These veterans are aging, and the time to help them is now!

TAKE ACTION



Post-9/11 GI Bill Payment Delays Nearly Over, VA Leaders Promise

Blaming old computers and unanticipated software challenges, the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) saw its pending claims inventory from Post-9/11 [GI Bill](#) participants peak in mid-September at 207,000, three times higher than normal for the start of a fall semester. The sudden backlog caused payment [delays for the housing allowance](#) that student veterans rely on to pay monthly rent and other living expenses. For more details, see this [article](#).



CALLS & EMAILS NEEDED!!

We have 2 Senators Who Effetely Have Been Blocking
Passage Of HR 299 BLUE WATER NAVY VIETNAM
VETERANS ACT OF 2017

Senator Enzi (R-Wyoming) 202-224-3424

Email Tara_Shaw@enzi.senate.gov &
Charles_Carrol@enzi.senate.gov

Senator Lee (R-Utah)202-224-5444

Email Allyson_Bell@lee.senate.gov or
Christy_Woodruff@lee.senate.gov

Everyone needs to call & Email these 2 Senators and
Let Them Know Your Story And Ask Them To Remove
Their Hold On HR299

BUT BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL .

Please Ask Everyone You Know To Make The Calls &
Emails And Share This Post With Everyone And All
Sites.



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 for Mental Health and are

currently seeking a new Licensed Mental Health Worker, where you can seek help or just ask questions.

We average **2,227** hits per day, and downloads average **1,974** per day with a total **4,548,124** 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 **16,729** documents on-line (Updated: 10/30/18)
- 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: 10/30/18) (**37 Added**)
- News (Articles On-Line: **8,026**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **4,407**, Added 119 New Links (Updated: 10/30/18)

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



Veterans-For-Change Makes Social Media Change

Effective immediately, all social media pages that have

been on Face Book for many years have all been moved to MEWE.com for a number of reasons.

We know most people don't like change, however, this new Social Media Site, MEWE.COM has no advertisers, truly respects privacy and protects your security far better than Face Book ever could. They also have a fantastic customer service group who actually does respond to your messages, suggestions, ideas and more!

We hope you will join us on this new site.

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www.mewe.com/join/veterans-for-change

Homeless Heroes Program of Veterans-For-Change

www.mewe.com/join/homelessheroesprogramofveterans-for-change

AMVETS Group

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VETERANS SOCIAL GROUP

www.mewe.com/join/veteranssocialgroup

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December's Featured Song

Prayer For A Soldier

By

LT Bobby Ross

LT Bobby Ross - Voice Of America

Previous Featured Songs



Dependency and Indemnity (DIC) Rates to Get Biggest Bump Since 2012

A [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) benefit for surviving family members of some deceased veterans will see a 2.8 percent bump for 2019 starting in January. That increase for the tax-free [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#) (DIC) pay is the largest bump in seven years. For more details, see this [article](#).



Special Web Links to Documents

Understanding PTSD

<https://www.disabledvets.com/understanding-ptsd/>



VA Disability Compensation Rates See Largest Increase in 7 Years

The [Department of Veterans Affairs'](#) disability compensation rates [will increase by 2.8 percent in 2019](#), the largest hike since 2012. So what does this mean for you? Obviously, you will get more money, but how much? For more details, see this [Paycheck Chronicles article](#).





**CONTACT YOUR
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS!**

To Call your Representative:

202-225-2305

To Call your Senators:

202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call Different Members of Congress:

202-224-3121

TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

PLEASE... STOP Making Excuses!

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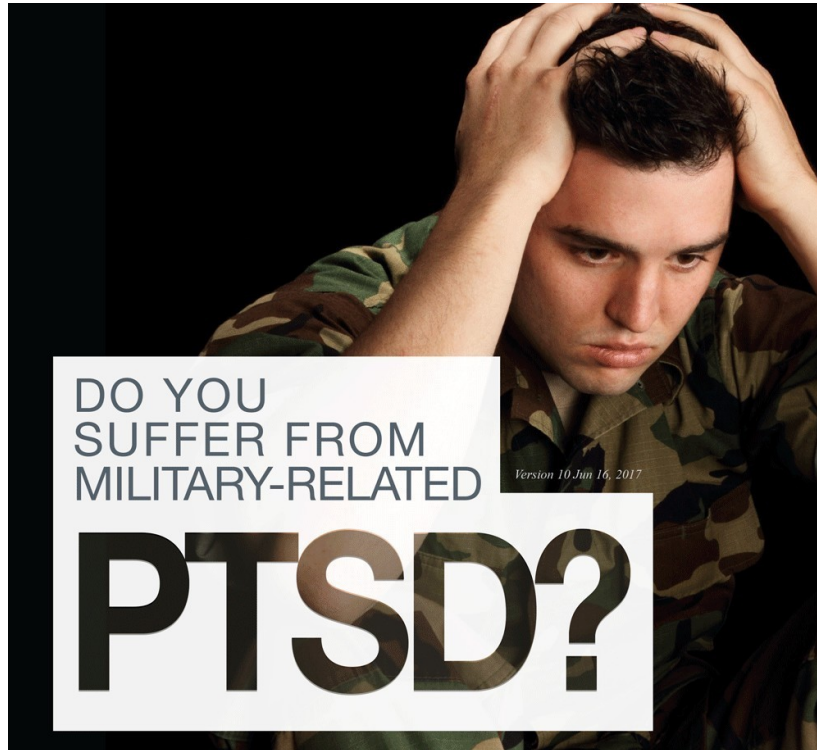


**Know Your Costs Before Making a
Choice During TRICARE Open
Season**

TRICARE Open Season is underway. If you want to enroll in or change between TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select health plans, you have until Dec. 10. For many people, cost is a major factor in picking a health care plan. Before you choose a plan, make sure you know what's covered and what it costs. To help you understand your potential health care costs, here are a few key TRICARE terms you should know.

Read the full article [here](#).





**Veterans Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255 & Press 1
Ntl Call Center for Homeless Vets
1-877-424-3838**



**9 Great Freebies for Military and
Their Families**

From travel to clothing to arts and recreation — here are the [9 best freebies](#) currently available for service members and their families.



Schools Participate in Ending Veteran Homelessness

The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs has partnered with the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the American Student Council Association to organize the End Veteran Homelessness Challenge. The goal of this partnership is to help veterans obtain affordable housing and everyday household essentials. In October, student councils at participating schools across the country began competing with each other to raise the most money and collect the most household goods and clothing to benefit homeless or at risk veterans. The funds collected by the schools will go toward the cost of helping homeless veterans move into safe, stable housing. For more information, read the [VA Vantage Point Blog](#).





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Army Green to Gold Scholarship Program

The U.S. Army Green to Gold scholarship program offers enlisted Soldiers an opportunity to complete their undergraduate education and become commissioned officers. The 3rd Infantry Division can nominate up to five Soldiers for the 2019-2020 school year, with applications due by March 1, 2019. Once the packets are reviewed and submitted, the cadet command will review them and decide who is awarded scholarships. For more information, read the U.S. Army [Green to Gold scholarship booklet](#) and visit the U.S. Army Green to Gold [webpage](#).



Exchange Opens Cryotherapy Centers

Soldiers, Airmen and military families at select military installations will soon have access to the latest wellness trend: cryotherapy. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has partnered with U.S. Cryotherapy to open [the first cryotherapy center on a military installation at Fort Hood](#) in November. Centers at Forts Benning and Jackson are already planned, and the Exchange has received requests from Command to bring cryotherapy to Army posts and Air Force bases at several installations throughout the country. The cold treatment services aim to promote faster recovery and better athletic performance. U.S. Cryotherapy offers a variety of cold therapy services, including Whole Body Cryotherapy that does not use liquid nitrogen or other hazardous chemicals.



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

Vets don't need a large down payment the VA loan benefit. Plus, VA loan rates are competitive and you will never have to waste money on mortgage insurance. [Use your VA loan benefit today.](#)



Merry Christmas





New Fisher House in New Mexico

The Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center hosted the groundbreaking of the Albuquerque Fisher House at 1501 San Pedro Dr. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Albuquerque Fisher House will provide a 'home away from home' at no cost for families and caregivers of Veterans and active duty military personnel receiving treatment at the New Mexico VA Medical Center. The 16-suite house will feature a common kitchen, laundry facility, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library and toys for children. In 2018, VA Fisher Houses have accommodated nearly 28,000 veteran families, saving them more than \$18 million in lodging costs. For more information, read the [VA Vantage Point Blog](#) and visit the Fisher House [website](#).



**National Family Caregivers
Month: How You Can Help**

November is National Family Caregivers Month. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) thanks and celebrates the 5.5 million Americans who provide care to veterans. Of the estimated 2.4 million enrollees (27%) receiving any assistance with daily living activities, most (63%) receive 10 hours or less assistance per week. Caregiving needs for the veteran population are performed by a spouse (59%), adult children (26%), friend or neighbor (20%), sibling (10%), and/or parent (9%). For more information on being a caregiver to a veteran, contact your Caregiver Support Coordinator at your local Medical center and visit the VA Caregiver Support [website](#).



VA Resources to Stop Smoking

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is helping veterans to quit smoking. Of veterans who have ever smoked who are enrolled in VA health care, 71 percent have successfully quit smoking, showing that quitting is possible. VA health care providers offer a range of cessation resources, including individual counseling, group classes, phone and telehealth clinics, and FDA-approved medications. VA also offers resources such as Quit VET, a toll-free national line; SmokefreeVET, a text messaging service; and Stay Quit Coach, a mobile app specifically designed to help Veterans quit tobacco. For more information, read the [VA Vantage Point Blog](#) and visit the [VA Tobacco and Health webpage](#).





Never forget our fallen!



We Need Your Help to Finally Pass Blue Water Navy Legislation

Congress is very close to finally passing Blue Water Navy legislation, but unless the Senate acts in the next

two weeks, that effort will fail.

Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed legislation to finally provide full benefits to Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans by a unanimous, bipartisan vote of 382 to 0; however, the bill has been stalled in the Senate since June. With just days remaining in the 115th Congress, we need to get the support of all Senators in order to pass this legislation now.

The best way to send this message is by making a quick phone call to your Senators offices and letting them know that you want the Senate to pass Blue Water Navy Veterans legislation this year. Be sure to give them your name and address and ask that the Senator report back to you what actions they take. If you don't know who your Senators are, you can find a list of them here:

www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm or you can call the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and asking to be connected to your Senator.

In addition, please take a minute to click the "Take Action" link below to send the prepared electronic letter to your Senators urging them to pass Blue Water Navy legislation and finally provide justice for thousands of deserving Vietnam veterans.

Thank you for continuing to support all of the men and women who served.

Take Action



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



Commissaries Offering Holiday Savings

Need to prepare for the holiday season, but not sure where to start? Make your commissary your first stop for special seasonal savings. Military commissaries are offering discounts beyond everyday savings, including special holiday deals through the end of the year. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) encourages customers to check end-of-aisle displays where stores showcase products with extra-low prices. The agency also reminds customers to visit its new online customer portal, [MyCommissary](#), to manage their online shopping experience. The portal makes it easy to access your Commissary Rewards Card account, see the current sales flyer and place a CLICK2GO curbside pickup order at participating stores.



Links to Other Stories

1. [‘Nothing short of horrifying:’ Veterans’ groups demand fixes at VA nursing homes](#)
2. [43 years after the Vietnam war, many Navy](#)

- Veterans are still battling for benefits for potential Agent Orange exposure
3. Authorities locate the suicidal Veteran James Woods used Twitter to help
 4. Best Jobs for Returning Service Members
 5. Congressman comes to Florida, wants answers from VA about mistreated Veteran
 6. Congressmen want to know why Veteran went without diagnosis at VA
 7. Founding director of the Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive dies at age 78
 8. How to Plan for Life After Discharge: A GUIDE FOR NEW VETERANS
 9. Judge rules Veterans with PTSD can move forward with lawsuit over discharge classification
 10. Man Who Lied About Combat Service for Second Time Sentenced to Federal Prison
 11. Nashville VA reinstates triple amputee Veteran's full-time caregiver services after Tennessean report
 12. New research could lead to disability benefits for Vietnam Veterans with high blood pressure
 13. Pensions for Veterans Were Once Viewed as Government Handouts
 14. Settling Down After Life in the Military
 15. Tens of thousand of Navy Veterans await Georgia senator's next move
 16. Thompsonstown Man Pleads Guilty To Defrauding Disabled Veteran Of \$316,360

17. VA doctor shortage fueled by management issues, poor pay
18. VA Unable to Process GI Bill Payments for Veterans
19. VA urged to look at toxic impact Agent Orange had on children of Vietnam Veterans after scientists find strong link between herbicide and hypertension and precursor to rare form of blood cancer
20. Veterans Affairs has no timetable to reopen Northport shelter
21. Veterans Affairs unexpectedly canceled overtime work to address GI Bill claim backlog
22. Vietnam Veteran sailors want medical benefits for Agent Orange exposure
23. We owe our Veterans more than a quick thank you once a year

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3 Myths About Free Military Mental Health Help

"I have to get a referral." "I can't get therapy because I don't have child care." "There are no counselors available through Military OneSource or Tricare."

These are three common misconceptions that may be preventing you from receiving free therapy if you're a military spouse. For more details, see this [Spousebuzz post](#).





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November Is Native American Indian Heritage Month

November is Native American Indian Heritage Month, honoring American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The theme for 2018 is 'Sovereignty, Trust and Resilience.' There are 567 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and more than 100 state-recognized tribes across the U.S. To learn more about Native Americans and Alaskan natives, check out resources at your local library. For more information, visit the American Indians in the U.S. Army [website](#) and the Native American Indian Heritage Month [website](#).



*** RED ALERT ***

**Everyone Call The Senate Committee
On Veterans Affairs Members Ask
Them To Support and Vote to pass
HR 299 Blue Water Navy
Vietnam Veterans Act Of 2018 to the
Full Senate for a Vote!**

**Jon Tester (D - MT)202-224-2644-Tony
Murray, Patty (WA)202-224-2621-Ryan
Sanders, Bernie (VT)202-224-5141-Matt
Brown, Sherrod (OH)202-224-2315-Anna
Blumenthal, Richard (CT)202-224-2823-Ethan
Hirono, Mazie (HI)202-224-6361-Adam
Manchin, Joe (WV)202-224-3954-Emily**

**Please Ask everyone to Make The
Calls and Share this with
Everyone!**

**Thank You Michael F Kvintus
Sr. BWNVVA
National Vice Commander**



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In addition to no sales tax, shopping online with military exchanges includes the benefits of military exclusive pricing, members only credit options, and free shipping on some orders. The verification process is simple and can be completed online. Profits go to military quality of life programs. For more information and to check your eligibility, visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Service [website](#).





TRICARE Open Season Until December 10

The [TRICARE Open Season](#) is happening now. If you want to enroll in or change your TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select plan for 2019, you have until Dec. 10, 2018 to make an enrollment choice. If you have TRICARE For Life (TFL) or a premium-based plan and want to stay in your current plan, TRICARE Open Season does not apply to you. You will stay in your current plan for 2019 or as long as you are eligible. TRICARE Open Season does not apply to TRICARE For Life or premium based plans. For more information, and tips on how to handle open season, see this [Paycheck Chronicles post](#).



Office of Inspector General

1. Additional Assessments Needed to Better Ensure an Efficient Total Workforce



Matching Circumstances to Benefits

Your military experience is unique to you. And so are the benefits you are eligible for. The Circumstance Matrix can help determine the benefits that match your situation. Choose your circumstance in the left-hand column, and then look to the right to find your benefits. For more information, visit the [VA Circumstance Matrix webpage](#).



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Exchange Hiring Veterans, Spouses

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service remains committed to hiring 50,000 veterans and military spouses by 2020. Veterans and military spouses can find job opportunities worldwide at [ApplyMyExchange.com](https://www.applymyexchange.com). In 2018, the Exchange has hired more than 5,000 veterans and military spouses. Veterans make up nearly 12 percent of the Exchange worldwide workforce, and the Exchange employs more than 6,300 military spouses. Since 2010, the retailer has also hired more than 1,200 Wounded Warriors. The Exchange was recently named a Top 10 Military Friendly Employer and top Military Spouse Friendly Employer by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse magazine.



Seeking Tribal Recognition

Many Native Americans do not have access to local representatives to help with benefit claims. Tribal organizations can now seek formal recognition from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), allowing them to officially represent and assist Native American Veterans with their claims. For more information, visit the VA Recognition as a Tribal Organization [webpage](#).



**U.S. FOOD & DRUG
ADMINISTRATION**

1. [Achdut Recalls Multiple Brands of "Tahini" Because It May Be Contaminated with Salmonella](#)
2. [Allergen Alert: Kitchen Cravings Strawberry and Mixed Berry Parfaits with Trace Tree Nuts](#)
3. [ANF Pet Inc. Issues Voluntary Precautionary Recall of Dry Dog Food Due to Potentially Elevated Levels of Vitamin D](#)
4. [ELM Pet Foods Recall of Dry Dog Food Due to](#)

Elevated Levels of Vitamin D

5. FDA Classifies Field Action Related to Fc 500™ And Epics® As Class 1 Recall Beckman Coulter Life Sciences Committed to Helping Customers Take Prompt, Appropriate Actions
6. FDA warns about rare but serious risks of stroke and blood vessel wall tears with multiple sclerosis drug Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)
7. FDA warns that symptoms of a serious condition affecting the blood cells are not being recognized with the leukemia medicine Idhifa (enasidenib)
8. Ottogi America, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Egg in Product
9. Pfizer Inc. Issues A Voluntary Nationwide Consumer Level Recall of Six Lots of Thermacare® Heatwraps Due to Leaking Wraps With The Potential For Skin Injuries
10. Sprout Creek Farm Recalls “Kinhead” Cheese due to Possible Health Risk
11. Sunshine Mills, Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of Dry Dog Food Due to Potentially Elevated Levels of Vitamin D
12. Synaptive Medical Recalls BrightMatter Guide with SurfaceTrace Registration Due to Software Defect
13. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of All Amlodipine/Valsartan Combination Tablets and Amlodipine/Valsartan/Hydrochlorothiazide

Combination Tablets That Are Within Expiry

14. Zimmer Biomet, Inc. Recalls Spinal Fusion and Long Bone Stimulators Due to Lack of Adequate Validation and Controls to Ensure Product Cleanliness



Native American Direct Loan Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides direct home loans to eligible Native American Veterans to finance the purchase, construction or improvements of homes on Federal Trust Land. The fixed-rate loans are easy to qualify for, require no down payment and offer low closing costs. For more information, visit the VA Native American Direct Loan [webpage](#).





SURVIVAL IS FUN



**AF Updates on Scholarships,
More**

In the current edition of Around the Air Force, the National Museum of the Air Force offers scholarships for teens submitting entries based on the Apollo 11 lunar landing. Also, a Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, Airman who died in a T-38 Talon crash is identified, and coalition partners graduate from the first-ever senior noncommissioned officer leadership course in a deployed environment. Watch the current edition on the U.S. Air Force [website](#).





New Veterans Memorial, Museum Opens

The new National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio opened recently. The goal of the museum, located in downtown Columbus and designated by Congress as a 'national site,' is to tell veterans' individual stories, as well as focus on their shared experiences throughout history. The project was the idea of astronaut John Glenn, a World War II veteran and former U.S. Senator from Ohio. For more information, visit the National Veterans Memorial and Museum [website](#).



Tax & Credit Information



1. Fidelity Emphasizes Tech in Tapping New President of Asset Management
2. IRS issues proposed regulations on foreign tax credits
3. IRS issues proposed regulations on new business interest expense deduction limit
4. IRS.gov has many resources for tax preparers
5. Many options available for preparing a 2018 tax return
6. New tax credit benefits employers who provide paid family and medical leave
7. Proposed hardship withdrawal regulations include relief for disaster victims: Retirement plans can now make loans, hardship distributions to victims of Hurricanes Michael and Florence
8. Vanguard Fires Back in Index-Fund Fee Wars
9. What's new with the child tax credit after tax reform



President Designates Civil War Monument



President Trump has used his executive powers for the first time to designate a national monument, establishing a 380-acre site in Kentucky to

honor African-Americans' role as soldiers during the Civil War. Republicans had pushed for more than a year to establish a national monument at Camp Nelson in Nicholasville, Ky., which served as one of the largest recruitment and training depots for United States Colored Troops. While Kentucky was the last state in the Union to allow the enlistment of African-American men, the camp sent 23,000 of the roughly 180,000 black troops who fought on the Union's side during the Civil War. For more information, read this [Stars and Stripes article](#).



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