



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

I want to start off with a little good news. We've found a very reasonably priced hosting service for our website, and we're in negotiation with a web master.

We're hoping the transition takes place within the next 30 days, and right now I don't know if there will be any down time or not, but if so, hoping it's no more than 24 hours.

The closer we get the better information I will have to pass on to you, but in the past 24 hours we've added 70+ new web links to the site and I do hope this coming week I can get back to work on adding more documents to the site.

We do have 39 action links in this weeks newsletter. So as a reminder, please send out all those pre-written E-Mails. Activity has been real low, and we can't expect any of these to pass if we don't push and push hard!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. And I'd like to remind all our women Veterans as well as Veteran spouses to please get your annual mammograms! Life is too precious not to be proactive in your own health!

I'd also like to take this time to remind everyone, please be very cautious about what web sites you visit, many are phishing sites that once you visit infect your computer with all sorts of things like key loggers allowing the hacker to gain access to your bank account and credit card account information.

One site pretended to be a job site for Veterans, and article has been posted and link provided, take the time to read it, learn more and protect yourself! I recommend for security programs both AVG and Malwarebytes. You can run both simultaneously and feel as comfortable as can be. No program is 100%, but these two combined do provide tons of protection! And you can get them both for free or subscribe and get even more protection!

The VA has done a study which has shown 6,000 Veteran Suicides annually over the past decade! I personally blame the VA in misdiagnosis and failure to approve claims so those Veterans could have received the medical attention they needed, not to mention the benefits to help their family.

And this is nothing new, it still continues on to this day, and the VA is still touting 17 Suicides per day, but many Veteran Suicides are not reported to the VA as those Veterans never were receiving benefits or care, and add to that the number of active duty military suicides, brings that number to an estimated 25+ per day.

I continually bring up some of the same issues and topics repeated because I want everyone to be informed, and their families to be informed as to what signs to look for to help prevent more.

On our website if you dig just a little you will find many links and documents to download and read and become better aware of what can be done to prevent even more!

If you think we're missing anything, or have a link to more information, documents you can share, please do let me know!

We're also getting more information as well as we're in constant communication with Hill & Ponton, a law firm dedicated to helping Veterans with their claims and appeals.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act H.299 is now Public Law 116-23

H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act was passed into law on June 25, 2019 and Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans are now entitled to a presumption of service connection for illnesses related to Agent Orange exposure beginning on January 1, 2020. The VA will pay retroactive benefits based on the time a claim was filed and it was denied based on the new law. VA has provide an explanation page on how to apply for these benefits go to

<https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/>

To view a copy of the law go to:

<https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ23/PLAW-116publ23.pdf>

NOTE: Oral argument 10 am Nov 8 at Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit 717 Madison PL NW Washington DC and anyone in area is welcome to attend.



Caring on the Home Front

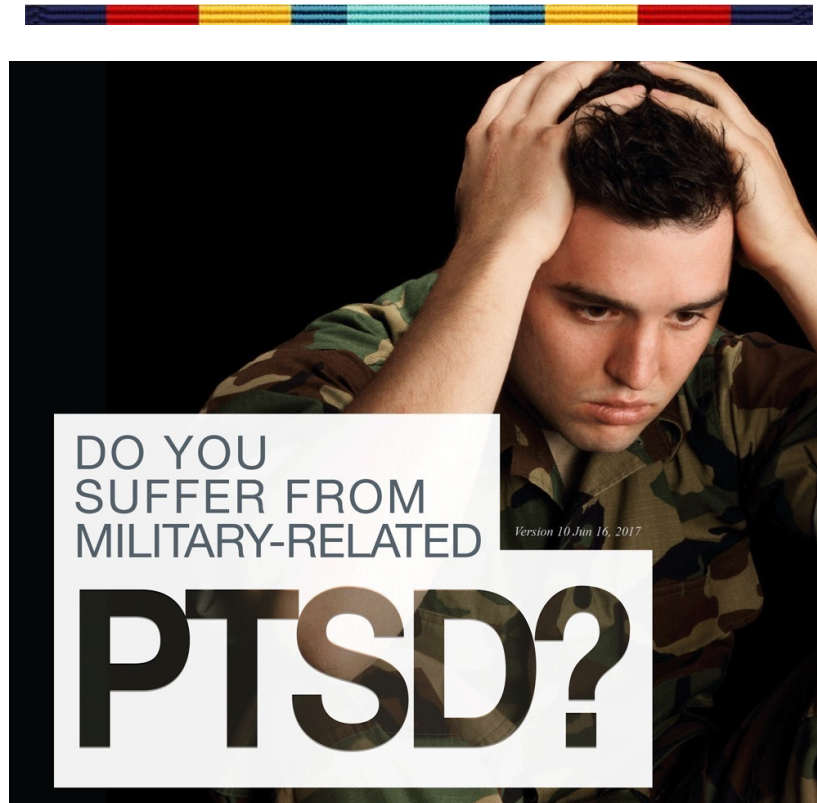
The Director, Legislative Programs John Davis and Assistant Director, Veterans Programs Brian Condon attended a panel discussion titled Caring on the Homefront, which discussed the difficulties and priorities of military caregivers. The panel was comprised of representatives from the Department of Veteran Affairs, the National Military Family Association (NMFA), the RAND Corporation and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. There are approximately 5.5 million caregivers in the United States and an overwhelming majority of them are women. It is estimated that more than half of the post-9/11 caregivers do not have a sufficient support system. The VA representative Deputy Chief Patient Care Services, Lisa Page

acknowledged that the implementation of the MISSION Act, which in part, expands the caregivers act, has been delayed until the summer of 2020. She noted that the VA needs partners from the VSOs, MSOs and other organizations, to ensure success with the caregiver program.

NMFA wants to ensure that there is help for not only the caregiver but also support for the family of the caregiver. Often times it is a group effort to care for those injured and family members often give up career opportunities and time with their own children. There is a significant financial and emotional commitment to caring for an injured service member. The Elizabeth Dole Foundation spokesperson, Jennifer Mackinday, wants the veteran community to be aware of caregiver burnout. The stress that caregivers can endure will take its toll over the years. It was pointed out that a service member may sign a contract for a four-year commitment, but a caregiver may have to sign up for a forty-year commitment.

Proper care for an injured service member will take a combined effort of many people. The

panelists also discussed expanding the Family Medical Leave Act to include caregivers. It was noted that there are employer tax credits for hiring military spouses, veterans and disabled veterans, but no tax credits for hiring a caregiver.



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

**Disabled Veterans with VA Home
Loans will get Refunds**

As a follow-up to the Aug. 23, 2019 NewsBytes story, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has refunded more than \$400 million in VA home loan funding fees to tens of thousands of veterans who were improperly assessed extra costs when applying for VA home loans.

Auditors found it "troubling" that senior Veterans Benefits Administration officials were aware in October of 2014, that thousands of exempt veterans were owed refunds, but didn't take adequate action to issue refunds. The auditors estimated nearly 73,000 exempt veterans were incorrectly charged an estimated \$286 million in funding fees for their VA home loans from 2012 through 2017. During that period, the VA issued approximately \$97 million in refunds to 19,700 of the veterans-leaving an estimated 53,200 who may be eligible for refunds. Based on a sample of 200 home loans made from 2012 to 2017, auditors found overcharges that averaged \$4,483.

VA officials said they consider their review of the issue now complete, but veterans who believe they may be entitled to a refund for mistaken fees can contact the department's regional loan center

office at 877-827-3702 or visit the [VA's website](#) for more information.



Veterans-For-Change Web Site

The Veterans-For-Change website has been around since 2009. 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 **3,748** hits per day, and downloads average **4,334** per day with a total **5,510,031** 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 **17,905** documents in 149+ Libraries, added **37** documents on-line (Updated: 09/19/19)
- FAQ's on-line with **1,790** FAQ's on **101** topics! (Updated 08/29/19 - 128 NEW)
- 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: **9,089**)
 - Polls
 - Web Links, more than **5,374**, Added **74** New Links (Updated: 10/16/19)

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



TRICARE Website Expands to Include Military Hospital Sites

The TRICARE website is growing. As of Oct. 1, TRICARE welcomed several military hospitals and clinics to its website. This change comes as part of a larger Military Health System transformation. The Department of Defense is transforming the MHS to improve the health care provided to service members, retirees, and their families.

Read the [full article](#).



Below are links to all currently active E-Mails to many pieces of legislation. We ask that you go to each one, and send the ore-written E-Mails, and to also call your Reps or Senators and ask for their support on a weekly basis!

You don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help!

1. Allow
Active
Duty
to
Sue
Military
for
Medical
Malpractice
(H.R.
2422)
2. H.R.
1527,
the
Long-
Term
Care
Veterans
Choice
Act
3. Action
Alert:
Tell
Congress
to
End
the
Widow's
Tax
Now!

4. H.R.
303,
the
Retired
Pay
Restoration
Act
5. H.R.
2359,
the
Whole
Veteran
Act
6. S.
514,
the
Deborah
Sampson
Act
to
Improve
VA
Services
for
Women
Veterans
7. H.R.
445,
Help
Hire




Our
Heroes
Act

8. S.
2022,
Specially
Adaptive
Housing
Improvement
Act
of
2019

9. H.R.
96,
to
Provide
Dental
Care
for
All
Veterans
Enrolled
in
Veterans
Health
Care

10. S.
555
and
H.R.



1377,
Mark
Takai
Atomic
Veterans
Healthcare
Parity
Act

11. H.R.
840,
the
Veterans'
Access
to
Child
Care
Act

12. S.
179/H.R.
712,
Legislation
Calling
for
Clinical
Trials
to
Evaluate
the
Effectiveness
of

Medical
Cannabis
for
Chronic
Pain
and
PTSD

13. S.
980,
the
Homeless
Veterans
Prevention
Act
of
2019

14. H.R.
2201,
Include
Military
Installations
in
Thailand
as
exposed
to
Agent
Orange

15. H.R.
444,

Reduce
Unemployment
for
Veterans
of
All
Ages
Act
of
2019

16. S.
2216,
Transparency
and
Effective
Accountability
Measures
for
Veteran
Caregivers
Act

17. H.R.
2200,
the
Keeping
Our
Promises
Act

18. H.R.
553,

Military
Surviving
Spouses
Equity
Act

19. Senate
Bill
Introduced
to
Protect
Active
Duty
from
Medical
Malpractice

20. H.R.
1182,
Veterans'
Access
to
Acupuncture
Services



21. Support
SBP/DIC
Offset
Repeal
(S.
622/H.R.
553)!

22. S.

374/H.R.
1092,
the
Servicemembers
and
Veterans
Empowerment
and
Support
Act
of
2019

23. H.R.
2568,
the
Vietnam
Veterans
Liver
Fluke
Cancer
Study
Act

24. Urge
Congress
to
Pass
the
Retired
Pay
Restoration

- 
- 
- Act
25. Protect
Bankrupt
Disabled
Veterans
from
Losing
Benefits
26. S.
318,
the
VA
Newborn
Emergency
Treatment
Act
27. S.
785,
the
Commander
John
Scott
Hannon
Veterans
Mental
Health
Care
Improvement
Act
28. Blue

Water
Navy
Veterans
Need
Your
Help

29. H.R.
713,
Provide
Beneficiary
Travel
Funds
to
Veterans
Seeking
Specialized
Treatment
for
Military
Sexual
Trauma

30. Urgent
Action
Needed
to
End
"Widow's
Tax"

31. S.
154,

VA
CLEAR
Act
of
2019

32. H.R.
663/S.
191,
Burn
Pits
Accountability
Act

33. S.
1392,
the
Support
for
Suicide
Prevention
Coordinators
Act

34. S.
1881
and
H.R.
3356,
Veterans
Expedited
TSA
Screening




Safe
Travel
Act

35. H.R.
1963,
Expanding
Care
for
Veterans
Act

36. NDAA
and
Spending
Bills

37. H.R.
4137,
Healthcare
for
Open
Air
Burn
Pit
Exposure
Act

38. H.R.
2982,
Women
Veterans
Health
Care



Accountability

Act

39. H.R.
4451,
Support
Our
Services
(SOS)
to
Veterans
Caregivers
Act



Happy Birthday Navy!

The FRA, this week, saluted the U.S. Navy's 244th birthday on October 13th.

The United States established its Continental Navy Oct. 13, 1775, with the procurement,

manning and dispatch of two armed vessels assigned to interrupt munitions shipments to the British Army in America. Over the course of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Navy amassed 50 ships, with approximately 20 active warships at its maximum strength.

The FRA acknowledges all sailors for their important role in our nation's history and their ongoing devotion to the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.



House Passes Legislation to Expand the Veterans Legacy Program

On Wednesday, the House passed VFW-

supported H.R. 2385, which would permit VA to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the [Veterans Legacy Program](#) (VLP). Under the current program, the VLP awards contracts to universities, colleges, and institutions to develop educational programs to teach students and others about the veterans interred in the National Veterans Cemeteries in their communities. Transitioning to a grant-based program would broaden the reach of the VLP beyond large universities to smaller groups that wish to engage with VA in memorializing veterans. The VFW applauds all the members of the House who showed their support for this important program that promotes civic engagement and fosters respect for service and sacrifice. Now it is time for the Senate to do the same and send it to the president's desk. Learn more about the [Veterans Legacy Program](#).



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Follow us on [MEWE](#)! The support staff at [MEWE](#) is responsive, open to suggestions and works

very hard to protect your personal information.

We hope you will join us on this new site.

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AMVETS GROUP

VETERANS SOCIAL GROUP

**{USAVET} SUPPORTING GOD & ALL WHO
SERVED OUR GREAT NATION**

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Links to Other Stories

1. VA
receives
highest
accolades
for
service
from
J.D.
Power
2. VA
launches
groundbreaking
training
program
to
fully
leverage
new
electronic
health
record
solution
3. Former
Union
Treasurer
Sentenced
To

2
Years
In
Federal
Prison
For
Embezzling
At
Least
\$82,000
In
Union
Funds

4. PTSD
Treatment
Basics

5. Blue
Water
Veterans
Now
Get
Agent
Orange
Rights

6. Top
six
reasons
VA
denied
my

claim

7. Mefloquine
Toxicity?

8. VA
says
Veteran
suicide
rate
is
17
per
day
after
change
in
calculation

9. VA
concedes
its
debt
collection
systems
leave
Veterans
confused,
frustrated

10. More
high-
blood
pressure

medication
recalled
over
carcinogen
concerns

11. Afghanistan
War
Veterans,
still
waiting
for
a
peace
deal,
ask:
Was
the
sacrifice
worth
it?

12. Walk-
in
flu
clinic
protects
Veterans,
employees,
against
seasonal
influenza

virus

13. VA
treatment
should
be
based
on
evidence,
not
political
pressure

14. 6,000
Veterans
have
committed
suicide
each
year
for
a
decade,
VA
finds

15. 'People
don't
respect
the
park':
Vandalism
at

Veterans
Memorial
Park
prompts
outcry
in
Las
Cruces

16. VA
under
pressure
to
ease
medical
marijuana
rules

17. New
Tricare
Breastfeeding
Benefits
Lead
to
Reimbursement
Fiascos

18. Fake
Employment
Site
Created
to
Target

Veterans
With
Malware

19. Advocates
demand
White
House
speed
up
timeline
for
'blue
water'
Vietnam
Veterans
benefits

20. VA
settles
with
Navy
Vet
for
\$150G
in
malpractice
lawsuit:
report

21. Vet
arranges
flag

honor
for
doc's
life-
saving
work

22. TEAM:
Agent
Orange
Offspring?
Soldiers
were
exposed
at
Fort
Gordon.
Their
kids
and
grandkids
could
be
affected
too

23. Experimental
diabetes
drug
may
lower
blood

sugar
and
reduce
obesity

24. New
plan
would
dramatically
expand
GI
Bill
family
transfer
rules
for
troops,
Veterans

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Veteran Bills Advanced for House Vote

This week, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs advanced six bipartisan pieces of legislation to the full House for a vote. The six bills covered a wide range of veteran benefits and protections to include improvements for homeless veterans, student veterans, veteran-owned small businesses, and improved reporting transparency within VA. These six bills are just some of the important work the Veterans' Affairs Committee has worked on this session, and they have shown a commitment to work for veterans in a bipartisan manner. Now, the bills will be up for a vote by the full House of Representatives in the coming weeks. [Read the bills.](#)



VA Observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The VFW and VA encourage women veterans to take advantage of the valuable resources for breast

cancer education and early detection. VA has adopted the American Cancer Society's [breast cancer screening guidelines](#), which suggests women get yearly mammograms as early as age 40. Veteran patients can sign into My [HealthVet](#) and send a secure message to your health care team. [Learn more.](#)



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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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**TRICARE Health Matters Newsletter
Issue 3**

This fall, prepare for open season by learning about your TRICARE benefit. Here's what you can look forward to in the latest issue of the

TRICARE Health Matters Newsletter:

- Make 2020 Enrollment Changes During TRICARE Open Season
- Beneficiary Web Enrollment Available Through milConnect
- Enroll in Optional Dental or Vision Coverage During Federal Benefits Open Season
- Defense Health Agency Assuming Responsibility for Military Hospitals and Clinics
- Retiring? You Must Make an Enrollment Choice
- What is a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event?
- TRICARE Resources to Help You Make the Most of Your Benefit

Download the latest TRICARE East Region or TRICARE West Region newsletter [here](#).



Defense Health Agency Realignment of TRICARE

Since October 2018, The Defense Health Agency (DHA) has been undergoing a realignment of the TRICARE system and new medical retirement changes. DHA began integrating all military

treatment facilities (MTFs) under their command. This integration will also combine TRICARE and Operational Medicine into one single medical command called the Military Healthcare System (MHS). By October 2021, DHA will have direct authority over all MTFs and will give local medical leaders the authority to effectively move funds and people in order to responsibly coordinate patient-centered care. [Learn more.](#)



TRICARE Open Season (Update)

TRICARE Open Season will run from Nov. 11 to Dec. 9. It is important to note that new retirees have only one year to enroll for TRICARE Prime. If they forget to enroll in TRICARE Prime, individuals are no longer going to be automatically enrolled into TRICARE Select and will have to wait for the next Open Season enrollment period.

If an individual is already enrolled they can change their TRICARE coverage, if eligible. If you want to stay in your current TRICARE plan, you do not need to do anything. [Learn more.](#)

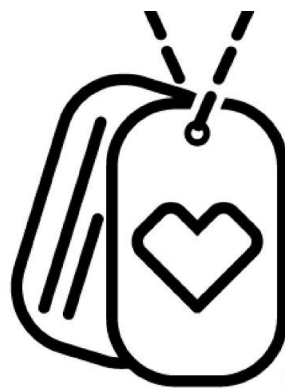


Holiday Overseas Mail Deadlines Approaching

Military and U.S. Postal Service officials have issued suggested mailing deadlines for holiday packages and letters to military locations overseas in time for Christmas. To get them there in time for Hanukkah, which starts on Dec. 22 this year, subtract 3 days from the deadlines.

According to Military Times, the deadlines for various methods of shipping are the same for most APO/FPO/DPO (diplomatic post office) zip codes, with the exception of some mail going to

APO/FPO/DPO Zip Code 093, which covers overseas contingency areas. The Postal Service has also created a “military care kit,” which consists of the items most often requested by military families and it is free. [Learn more](#) about mailing deadlines.



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Here's Your 2020 Military Retiree, VA and Social Security Pay Bump

Military retirees, those who receive disability or other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, federal retirees and social security recipients will see a 1.6% increase in their monthly checks for 2020. The annual Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) is smaller than the 2.8% increase from last year but in line with the historical increases seen over the last ten years.

Read more [here](#).



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VA Not Doing Enough to Protect Veterans from Scams, GAO Finds

A report issued Oct. 3, 2019 by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) says that the Department of Veterans Affairs needs to do more to protect veterans, especially older ones, from fraud. It also said the VA needs to work with other government agencies to help track and prosecute those who prey on the most vulnerable veterans. The report also noted that the VA, as a steward for public funds, has a responsibility to both veterans and taxpayers to work in the best interest of both groups. Read more [here](#).



Just What Is Open Season and Why Should You Care?

You may have heard about Open Season or Open Enrollment for your Tricare or Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) coverage. But what exactly is it? Open season (also known as open enrollment) is the time each year when you can make changes to your Tricare and FEDVIP dental and vision coverage for the following year. Federal employees can also make changes to their health insurance during this time period. Read more [here](#).



New Graphic Novels Honor Hero

Medal of Honor Recipients

The Association of the United States Army Oct. 11 announced the release of two new graphic novels, created by legendary comic book artists, in its series designed to pay tribute to Medal of Honor recipients. "Medal of Honor: Audie Murphy" and "Medal of Honor: Sal Giunta" will be featured in a new book -- which includes two previously released graphic novels on Staff Sgt. Roy Benavidez and Sgt. Alvin York -- at AUSA's Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., according to an AUSA press release. Read more [here](#).



Enter Your Pet in This Exchange Halloween Costume Contest

If your pet looks especially adorable in costume, you could win a \$1,000 Army and Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) gift card. One authorized shopper who enters their pet's photo in the contest will win a \$1,000 gift card, while eight others will win a \$500 gift card, according to a release. Entries must include the entrant's legal

first name and last name, mailing address, email address, phone number and local Exchange location. Limit one entry per person. Winners will be notified on or around Nov. 15. Shoppers can enter through Oct. 31 can submitting a photograph of their pet dressed in their Halloween best at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes.



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Commissary Curbside Shopping Expands to Fort Belvoir

The Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) online shopping and curbside pick-up program, CLICK2GO, opened its newest location at Fort Belvoir, Virginia late last month, officials said in a release. The service, which is set to expand to more stores over the next several months, is free for patrons over its initial 30-day roll-out period,

but then costs \$4.95 per use, the release said. Shoppers choose items from an online selection, pick a visit time and then collect their groceries from a designated delivery area at the store.




Your actions
could save a life.

Showing you care can make a big difference to someone in crisis.

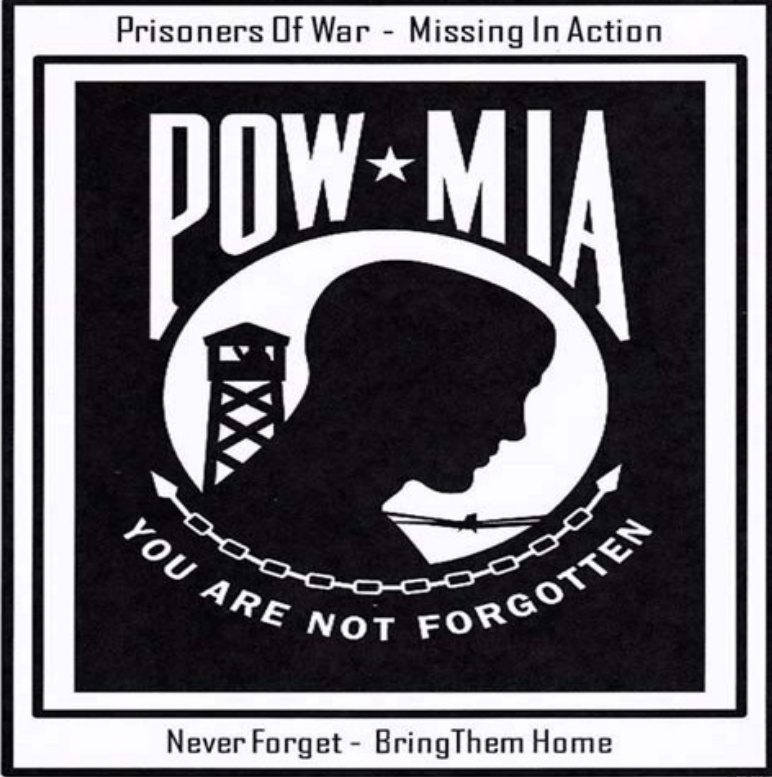
VeteransCrisisLine.net



**Veterans
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1



Prisoners Of War - Missing In Action



POW * MIA

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Never Forget - Bring Them Home

DOC



Office of Inspector General

1. VA
Health
Care:
Actions
Needed
to
Ensure
Provider
Qualifications
and
Competence



TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Health Matters Newsletter Issue 3

This fall, prepare for open season by learning about your TRICARE benefit. Here's what you can look forward to in the latest issue of the TOP Health Matters Newsletter:

- Make 2020 Enrollment Changes During TRICARE Open Season
- Activated Guard and Reserve Members Eligible for TRICARE Overseas Benefit
- Enroll in Optional Dental or Vision Coverage

During Federal Benefits Open Season

- Electronic Health Records Bring Innovation to the Military Health System
- Retiring? You Must Make an Enrollment Choice
- What is a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event?

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New Podcast - Listen to TRICARE Beneficiary Bulletin #523

Listen to the latest podcast to hear about:

- 2019 TRICARE and FEDVIP Open Seasons
- TRICARE Publications
- Oct. 24 TRICARE Webinar

Visit the Multimedia Center for this podcast and previous podcasts [here](#).





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

1. Viatrexx
Bio
Incorporated
Issues
Voluntary
Nationwide
Recall
of
Sterile
Injectables
due
to
a
Lack
of
Sterility
Assurance
2. Samurai,
Inc.
Issues
Allergy
Alert
On
Undeclared
Fish
In

Furikake
Popcorn
5oz.
Package

3. Mical
Seafood
Inc.
Voluntarily
Expands
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Women Veterans to be Honored by Calvet

_2019 Women Veterans Reception, “Empowering
Women Veterans: _

Achieving Equality Through Education”

WHO: California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) in partnership with California State University, Sacramento.

WHAT: Three women veterans, including two from Sacramento will be honored during the Women Veterans Reception, “Empowering Women Veterans: Achieving Equality Through Education.”

WHEN: Tuesday October 15, 2019, 5:30-8 p.m.

WHERE: California State University, Sacramento – the University Union, Redwood Room. 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819 ([campus map/directions](#)).

EVENT: In partnership with the [Sacramento State Veteran’s Success Center](#), CalVet will host its 2019 Women Veterans Reception, “Empowering Women Veterans: Achieving Equality Through Education.” During the reception, three women veterans will be recognized for their leadership and noteworthy impact on their communities with the annual CalVet Trailblazer Award. The 2019 Awardees are Elizabeth L. Hillman of Oakland,

Frances Palu of Sacramento, and Martine Wilson of Sacramento.

EXPECTED TO ATTEND: CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani MD, Sacramento State Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Ed Mills, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, award recipients, women and student veterans, and members of the public. The reception is free and open to the public; it will include light appetizers and refreshments. Pre-registration for the reception is required. Please register for the event at www.calvet.ca.gov/womenvets or call 916-653-1402.

BACKGROUND: California is home to nearly 143,000 women who served in our U.S. military. They are veterans, family members, friends, business owners, professionals, community leaders, and advocates. The mission of the CalVet division for Women Veterans Affairs is to provide information, advocacy, outreach, and support to women veterans and their families. For more information on CalVet's Women Veterans Affairs visit the website [here](#).



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2. What
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6. IRS
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7. IRS
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8. People
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improve
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learn
new
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as
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MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two new identifications, and six burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from WWII and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Marine Corps Pfc. Quentin W. McCall, 22, of Union Church, Miss., was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. McCall landed on the island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed, including McCall on the fourth day of the battle, Nov. 23, 1943. Interment services are pending. [Read about McCall.](#)

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Earl F. Ferguson, 26, of Minneapolis, Minn., was a pilot assigned to the 329th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force. Ferguson was the co-pilot of a B-24 aircraft on Aug. 1, 1943, when it crashed as a result of

enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave, the largest bombing mission against the oil fields and refineries at Ploiesti, north of Bucharest, Romania. His remains were not identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Ferguson.](#)

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Hubert P. Hall, 20, of Floyd County, Ky., whose identification was initially announced in August, will be buried in the spring of 2020 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu. Hall 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 USS Oklahoma was hit multiple times which caused it to capsize quickly and caused the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Hall. [Read about Hall.](#)

Army Sgt. Billy J. Maxwell, 19, of Hogansville, Ga., whose identification was initially announced in August, will be buried Nov. 9, in his hometown. Maxwell was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in

action on Nov. 30, 1950, when his unit engaged against enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains could not be recovered following the battle. [Read about Maxwell.](#)

Army Pfc. Donald E. Mangan, 26, of Elkton, S.D., whose identification was initially announced in August, will be buried Oct. 22 in Gig Harbor, Wash. Mangan was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Sept. 17, 1944, after his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Wettlingen, Germany. His remains could not be recovered after the attack. [Read about Mangan.](#)

Army Cpl. Robert L. Bray, 18, of Chillicothe, Ohio, whose identification was initially announced in June, will be buried Nov. 6 in Bainbridge, Ohio. Bray was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Regiment. He was reported missing in action on July 20, 1950, when he could not be accounted for following his unit fighting in a defensive action against enemy forces near Taejon, South Korea. The Army declared him deceased on Dec. 31,

1953. [Read about Bray.](#)

Army Cpl. Ysabel A. Ortiz, 19, of El Monte, Calif., whose identification was initially announced in August, will be buried Oct. 28 in Riverside, Calif. Ortiz was a member of Battery D, 15th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when enemy forces attacked his unit near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains could not be recovered following the attack. [Read about Ortiz.](#)

Army Sgt. David A. Feriend, 23, of Fife Lake, Mich., whose identification was initially announced in August, was buried Oct. 13 in Kingsley, Mich. Feriend was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 6, 1950, in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. [Read about Feriend.](#)





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