



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

Good news! After our web site being off line for nearly three weeks we were placed back in service on Tuesday. It will go into read only, then off line for a short time later today (Saturday) as the process of moving from the current hosting site to the new one will take a couple of hours.

So if you do attempt to visit the site, you will be able to see everything, but not comment or download, then once the transfer is completed it

will be placed back in service.

I also want to apologize for the newsletter going out late this weekend. I finally had the much needed surgery to remove a fairly large cancer piece, and wasn't released until late evening Friday night, and it's taken the better part of today (Saturday) to be able to see and assemble the newsletter.

Blue Water Navy Veterans have another Win, and you can read more about that in the following article and I personally feel it's great news, but must also express it should never have happened in the first place only further harming our Veterans and hampering their ability to get their just and owed benefits and medical care.

Then further down there are two more articles about Veterans bills that have passed in the house!

I strongly encourage everyone, even if your civilian to check out and send off each of the pre-written E-Mails to your legislators in DC pushing to pass all the other bills. If we don't push, it won't

happen!

I would also like to update you on my dear friend Lois. She is doing much better now, the pneumonia is almost cleared up and she is slowly building up strength to be able to tolerate the chemo therapy for the leukemia.

Another good friend of mine Kurt, who is a Veteran as well is doing better, but I would like to ask that all say a prayer or two for both Lois and Kurt. Both could use all the help they can get to get better.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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ADVOCACY GROUP CLAIMS STRATEGIC VICTORY AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Louisiana based Military-Veterans Advocacy (MVA) hauled the Secretary of Veterans Affairs before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on Friday in an attempt to lift a stay the Secretary placed on benefits claims for 90,000 Blue Water Navy veterans.

MVA won a landmark case in the same court in January, *Procopio v. Wilkie*, which extended benefits to veterans who served in the bays, harbors and territorial sea of South Vietnam. The Secretary's stay, issued on July 1, was in response to Congressional action which was touted as a legislative support for the *Procopio* decision. Instead, the law used ambiguous language and authorized a stay of proceedings. MVA opposed the legislation because of the stay provisions and the confusing and inconsistent language. The major Veterans Service Organizations supported the bill.

MVA argued that the legislation, sponsored by

Mark Takano (D-CA), opened a second pathway to benefits before the VA but that it did not restrict the pathway opened up by Procopio. Members of Congress agreed and contacted the Secretary to explain that they never intended the stay to apply to Procopio claims. MVA filed those letters with the Court.

MVA Director of Litigation Commander John B. Wells (USN, ret) represented the group and the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association before the court. He noted that at least 12 veterans had died during the stay and more deaths were expected. He also asserted the MVA position that the Secretary should not be allowed to initiate subsequent stays. The current stay expires on Jan. 1, 2020.

Under questioning by the court, the Department of Justice representative conceded that the Secretary would have no authority to extend or reissue the stay. Judge Kimberly Moore, who also authored the Procopio opinion, noted that the Department of Justice had bound the government to lift the stay.

The Department also argued that Alfred Procopio, who was a lead plaintiff on this case, was not affected by the stay. Wells, who also serves as Procopio's attorney, disagreed. Subsequent to the argument, the government submitted an admission that the stay against Procopio himself had not been lifted until Nov. 6 - two days before the oral argument.

"It is really fascinating that the VA magically discovered that Procopio was mistakenly stayed two days prior to the oral argument," Wells noted. "Of course, they did not bother to notify Mr. Procopio or myself that he was no longer impacted by the stay."

Wells claimed a strategic victory over the VA.

"One of our goals was to ensure that the stay was not reissued or extended," Wells said. "We achieved that. Now we have to wait for the court to decide whether the stay was illegal or not."

If the stay is not lifted by Jan. 1, 2020, MVA will file a Motion to hold the Secretary in contempt.

"The Secretary has claimed that the VA will be only federal office working on Jan. 1, and will be processing Blue Water Navy claims on that date," Wells said. "Accordingly, I have asked our scheduler to set up a meeting with him at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1, at his office. It will certainly make a good photo op if he is there."

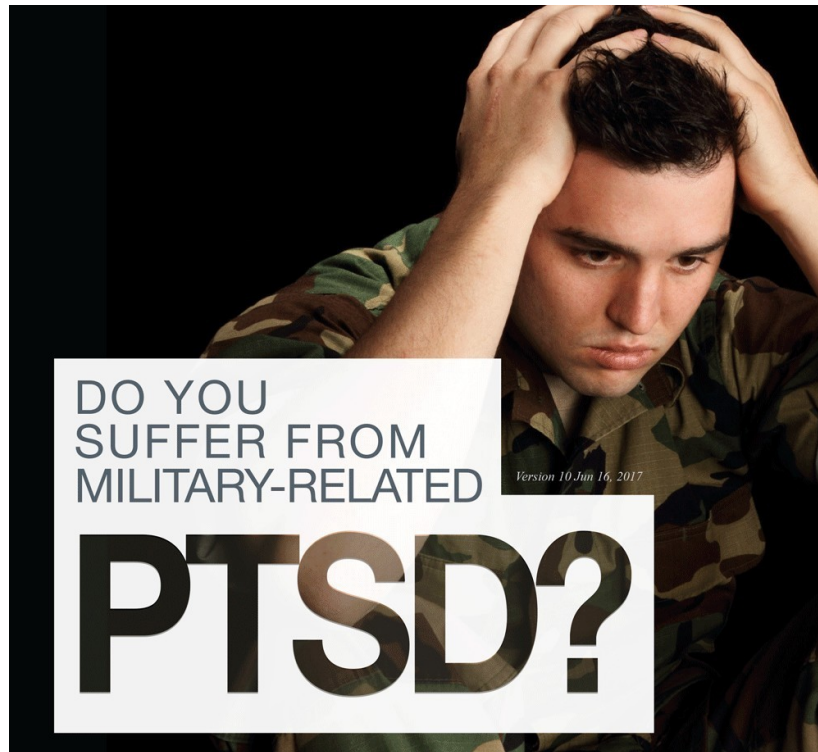


**How Will Veterans Get on Base for
Their New Commissary Access? No
One Can Say**

Just how the Defense Department will allow an estimated 3.5 million veterans and their caregivers on bases early next year to use commissaries, exchanges and some recreation resources is still largely unanswered, despite a looming deadline and potentially complicated access issues.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, all service-connected disabled veterans, caregivers enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs' Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program, and former prisoners of war will be able to shop at on-base grocery stores and exchanges. They will also be allowed to use some MWR amenities, such as golf courses and bowling alleys. Read more [here](#).





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To learn more, [read the full article](#).



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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-**

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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.

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- Documents Library with over **17,912** documents in 149+ Libraries, added 7 documents on-line (Updated: 11/13/19)
- 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: **9,144**)
 - Polls
 - Web Links, more than **5,480**, Added **106** New Links (Updated: 11/14/19)

If you have a submission for the memorial pages,
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Below are links to all currently active pre-written E-Mails to many pieces of legislation. We ask that you go to each one, and send the pre-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
40. H.R. 3036, Breaking Barriers for Women Veterans Act



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Links to Other Stories

1. [11 Menopause Skincare And Makeup Tips](#)
2. [50 of the Best Online Resources for Senior Citizens](#)
3. [New emergency room initiative for geriatric Veterans at VA North Texas](#)
4. [South Texas VA looks upstream for suicide prevention](#)
5. [VA facility receives national recognition for its Mobility and Sensory Aids Clinic](#)
6. [Health Care Fraud And Opioid Enforcement Action Brings Multiple Charges Across The Middle District Of Florida](#)

7. 16-Count Superseding Indictment Charges
Owner Of Pain MD And Three Medical
Professionals In Healthcare Fraud Conspiracy
8. Contract Officer and Government Contractor
Arrested on Bribery and Wire Fraud Charges
9. VA shares electronic health records
10. Dr. Stone testifies on community care
success, recruitment needs
11. Columbia, South Carolina recognized as
Veteran Friendly Community
12. VA Home Based Primary Care improves
quality of care for Veterans
13. Are You Eligible For Additional Payment for
Asbestos Related Illnesses?
14. The 2019 Inland Empire Veteran Stand Down
15. 300 birthday cards for a 100-year-old World
War II Veteran
16. Amtrak offers Veteran, military member
discounts
17. How the VA Rates Urinary Incontinence
18. Welcome to the Medical Matrix: the Flu isn't
the Flu
19. VA North Texas is gold standard for reducing
heart attacks, strokes
20. Each of us has a role in preventing Veteran
suicide

21. [3D printing helps VA doctors treat heart conditions](#)
22. [Des Moines hosts Homeless Veterans Stand Down](#)
23. [Veterans getting better care through partnerships, says VA secretary](#)
24. [Veteran stands taller thanks to VA mental health treatment](#)

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Here's a New, Fast Way for Veterans to See Their Health Records

A new integration between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Apple lets veterans easily access their VA health records from their iPhone. Using the Health app, which is automatically installed on iPhones as part of Apple's package of applications, veterans can sign up to integrate their health records into the app's database. Read more [here](#).



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**VA Taking Note of 'Alarming' Burn
Pit Trends in WWP Survey**

A disturbing trend related to exposure to burn pits while deployed, recently detailed in a Wounded Warrior Project survey, has been noted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. But more research is needed before any changes to presumptive illnesses and benefits can be considered, according to a top VA official. The VA currently lacks the scientific evidence to establish a causal relationship between exposure to burn pits and a variety of illnesses, but the WWP survey released last week will be taken into account, said Dr. Carolyn Clancy, the VA's deputy under secretary for Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks. Read more [here](#).



Deborah Sampson Act Passes in the House

On Wednesday, the VFW-supported H.R. 3224, Deborah Sampson Act, which would expand the availability of women's health services at VA to include expanding and improving counseling and treatment services for women who have experienced sexual trauma and providing training on women veterans health care providers, was passed in the House. The Senate version, S. 514, still awaits consideration by the full Senate. The legislation takes a forward-looking focus by examining changes VA must implement to improve services for women veterans. [Learn more.](#)



**Join Nov. 21 TRICARE Webinar on
Open Season**

Open season is here. Be sure to make your choice for 2020 health coverage before open season ends on Dec. 9. If you need help picking a TRICARE health plan or a plan through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program, join TRICARE for the open season webinar on Nov. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET. Presenters will discuss your options for 2020 health care, dental, and vision coverage. A Q&A led by the presenters will follow the presentation.

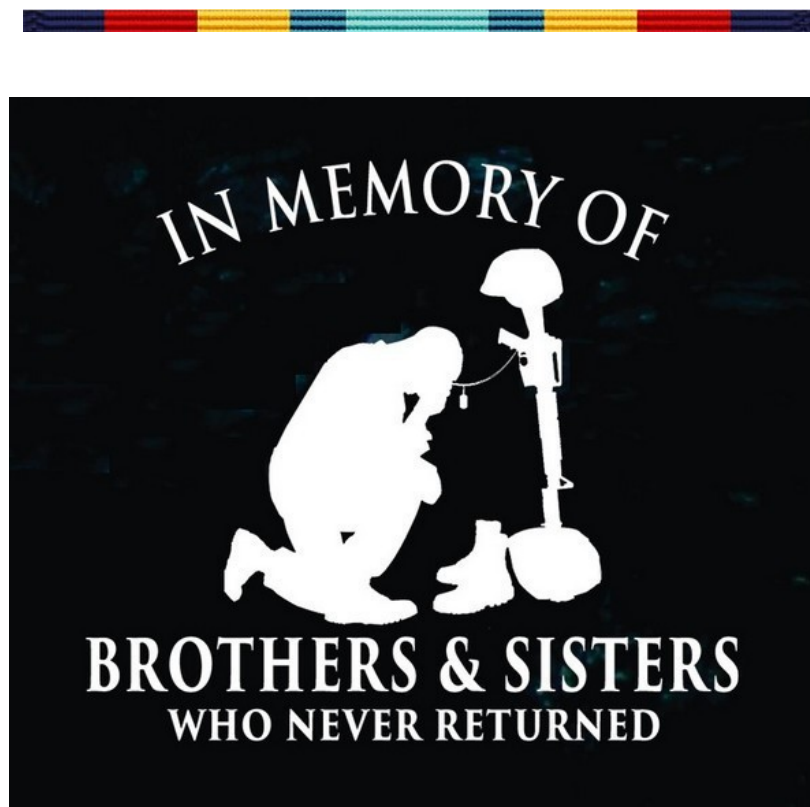
To learn more and to register for the webinar, [read the full article](#).



House Passes Multiple Veteran Bills

This week, the House overwhelmingly passed more than a dozen veteran-centric bills. “It was good to see the House come back after Veterans Day and immediately pick back up working for veterans,” said VFW National Legislative Service Deputy Director Pat Murray. The bills passed improve education benefits, address VA overpayment issues, and address gaps for rural and underserved veterans. The VFW urges the Senate to quickly pass important VFW-supported legislation still awaiting Senate consideration.

[Read the press release.](#)



The FRA Speaks at Suicide Prevention at Capitol Hill Meeting

NED Chris Slawinski recently was one of four featured speakers at the Veteran and Servicemember Suicide Prevention roundtable discussion on Capitol Hill that was sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It was noted at the meeting that suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15 to 34. Suicide is tenth leading cause of death in the United States and on average, 129 Americans die by suicide each day. Veterans are 1.5 times more likely to die by suicide than civilians.

Speaking before a room of mostly Capitol Hill staffers, Slawinski spoke from a personal perspective as a Veteran Service Officer. He shared a particular story of being on the telephone with the wife of a Vietnam veteran who suffers from PTSD. The veteran was considering suicide and it was the intervention of his spouse along with Slawinski that helped the veteran get assistance.

One of the speakers was Psych Hub Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Keita Franklin, who acknowledged

suicide is a "very complex issue" and some causes that trigger feelings of suicide often include failed relationship, substance abuse and legal troubles. Franklin stressed that one of the most productive steps that can be taken is to reduce the stigma that surrounds suicide. This "mental health literacy" is important in bringing the issue of suicide out into the open. Chief Advocacy Officer of the Independence Fund Bob Carey spoke of current legislation that intends to help those seeking help, are able to receive it. Director of Psychological Health, District of Columbia National Guard Torrie Osterholm encouraged everyone to take a moment and ask, "how can I help?"



POW/MIA Flag at Federal Buildings

President Donald Trump recently signed into law the National POW/MIA Flag Act (S.693), sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.). The act would require prominent federal buildings and national war memorials to fly the POW/MIA flag alongside the American flag throughout the year. The flag is designed to help highlight the continued suffering of military families with service members who are unaccounted for overseas (82,000). The FRA wants to ensure that the Defense Department makes every effort for a complete accounting of all Prisoners Of War and Missing in Action service members for past and current conflicts.



House Holds Hearing on Disinformation on Social Media

This week, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing to discuss the effect of social media disinformation on veterans. Due to the influence they have within their communities, veterans are targeted for scams and propaganda at high rates. While disinformation and other malicious online behavior is on the rise, policing conduct on social media remains incredibly difficult and more work is needed to guarantee that veterans and their families remain secure. At the hearing, Ranking Member Phil Roe (R-Tenn.) stated, "We want to shed light on the issues impacting veterans, help them understand the risks associated with using social media and direct them to resources to empower them to protect themselves and their families online." [Watch the hearing.](#)



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Key Legislators Work to Avoid Government Shutdown

In September, the House and Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR-H.R.4378) based on an agreement between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives. The CR kept the federal government open at the current spending levels from October 1 to Nov. 21, 2019, which is the beginning of a new fiscal year. With the November 21 deadline looming over the horizon, the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Richard Shelby (Ala.) and House Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Nita Lowey (N.Y.) have tentatively agreed on a second Continuing Resolution to keep government open until Dec. 20, 2019. This new CR must pass the House and Senate and be signed by the president before Nov. 21, 2019. According to press reports, the White House has not yet signed off on the deal.

The Pentagon has informed Congress that another CR after November 21 will disrupt various programs. The Navy disruptions would include operation and maintenance fund shortfalls that would curtail the availability of 14 ships, cancel

deployed ship training and shutdown non-deployed carrier air wing and expeditionary squadrons. Further, the Navy could also see delayed delivery of one Virginia-class fast attack submarine, one fleet ocean tug and two Landing Craft Utility vessels.



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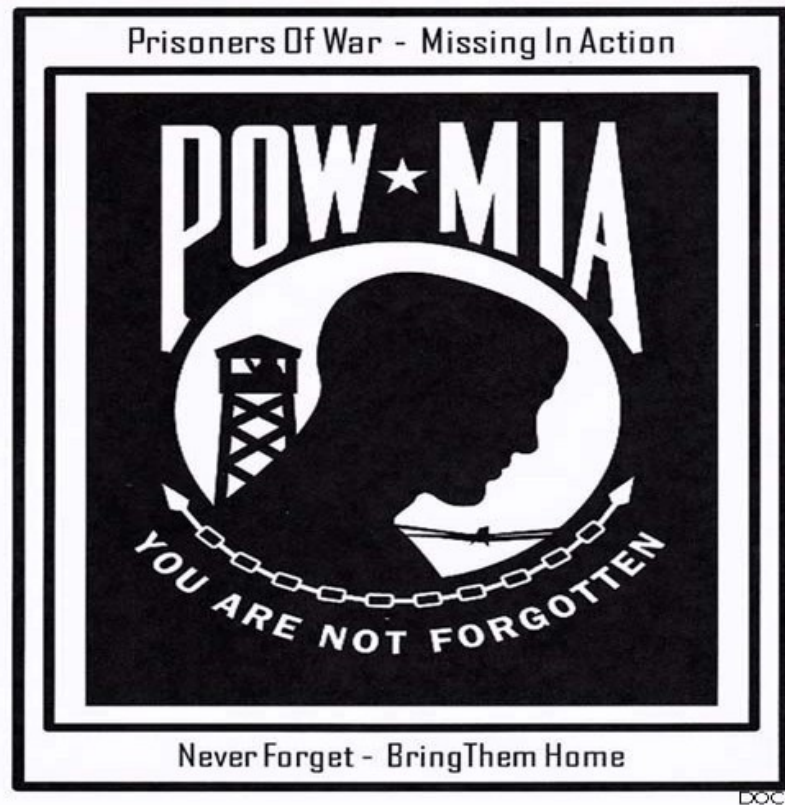
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**Some Veterans Will Not Have
Access to Military Installations by
Jan. 1, 2020**

The Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 expanded eligibility for commissary, military exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) services to include Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, and veterans with VA documented service-connected disability ratings of 0-90 percent. Veterans who are 100 percent service-connected already had access to commissary and MWR services. Eligible persons will need to have a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHID) from VA in order to gain entry to Department of Defense and/or Coast Guard installations. Those who are covered under this act and do not have a VHID will not be allowed access to the installations on Jan. 1, 2020, but will have access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel. Caregiver eligibility will be limited to caregivers who are designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) and will need to show an acceptable credential, along with their eligibility letter. [Learn more.](#)



Eligibility Criteria for Burial

Acting Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy has proposed changes to eligibility criteria for burial at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) that will include military retirees, without combat experience, for above-ground inurnment.

The FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act directed the Secretary of the Army to revise eligibility criteria to keep the cemetery functioning as an active burial ground “well into the future” – defined as 150 years. The Army will now begin the federal government’s public rule making process, which includes soliciting public feedback to the proposed changes. The FRA would like to know your thoughts on providing retirees above-ground inurnment at ANC.

Please complete the [short survey](#) and we will share your responses with ANC.



Office of Inspector General

1. Nursing Homes: Better Oversight Needed to Protect Residents from Abuse
2. Generic Drug Development: Stakeholders' Views of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies Differ
3. Medicare Hospice Care: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen CMS Oversight of Hospice Providers
4. Medicaid Providers: CMS Oversight Should Ensure State Implementation of Screening and Enrollment Requirements



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1. American Health Packaging Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Ranitidine Syrup (Ranitidine Oral Solution USP) 150 mg/10 mL Liquid Unit Dose Cups Due to the Detection of N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Impurity
2. Med Man Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Up2 Due to Presence of Undeclared Sildenafil
3. Russ Davis Wholesale Voluntarily Recalling Products Due to Possible Health Risk
4. Taher Voluntarily Recalls Veggie & Ranch Cups With Cauliflower Because of Possible Health Risk
5. Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC. Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Ranitidine Tablets, USP, 150mg and 300mg, and Ranitidine Syrup (Ranitidine Oral Solution, USP), 15 mg/mL, Due to Possible Presence of N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Impurity
6. Nature's Rx Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Silver Bullet 10 Male Enhancement Capsules due to an Undeclared PDE-5 Inhibitor Found in The Product
7. CHS Inc. Recalls Payback® Feeds Because of Excess Magnesium Health Risk
8. Natural Grocers Issues Recall on Organic Soybeans Due to Mold
9. Kettle Cuisine Issues Allergy Alert on

Undeclared Fish and Wheat in Marketside
Creamy Cauliflower Parmesan Soup 16oz



Tax & Credit Information



1. Organizations take these easy steps to apply for tax-exempt status
2. Get Ready for Taxes: Get ready today to file 2019 federal income tax returns
3. Here's basic info for businesses filing excise taxes
4. Farmers and ranchers affected by drought have extra time to sell livestock
5. Some taxpayers might need to amend a tax return...here's what they should know
6. 6 Things Everyone Should Know About Personal Finances
7. IRS (dot) gov resources help small businesses have big success
8. Veterans who own small businesses can follow the IRS on their smart phones
9. IRS provides tax inflation adjustments for tax year 2020

10. 401(k) contribution limit increases to \$19,500 for 2020; catch-up limit rises to \$6,500
11. Small business owners should find out if they can benefit from claiming this deduction
12. Good recordkeeping is just good business
13. Get Ready for Taxes: Important things to know about tax credits
14. IRS increases enforcement action on Syndicated Conservation Easements
15. Members of the military can check out these resources to help answer tax questions
16. Taxpayers can start to Get Ready now for filing their taxes next year



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MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one new identification 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:

U.S. Army Cpl. Jackey D. Blosser, 21, was a member of Dog Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action Dec. 2, 1950, in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces. Following the battle, his remains could not be

recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Blosser.](#)

Army Cpl. Kenneth E. Ford, 18, of Albia, Iowa, was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces. Interment services are pending. [Read about Ford.](#)

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Max. W. Lower, 23, of Lewiston, Utah, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 aircraft on which Lower was the radio operator 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. Lower will be buried Nov. 23, 2019, in his hometown. [Read about Lower.](#)

Army Cpl. Joe T. Avant, 20, of Greenwood, Mississippi, was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry

Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, engaged in intense fighting near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He was reported missing and unaccounted for on Nov. 30, 1950. Avant will be buried Dec. 13, 2019, in his hometown. [Read about Avant.](#)

Army Pfc. Karl L. Dye, 17, of Marion, Ohio, was a member of Battery B, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, engaged in combat operations against North Korean forces, near Taejon, South Korea. In July 1950, he was seriously wounded by an enemy mortar shell and placed in an ambulance. The ambulance allegedly encountered an enemy roadblock. Dye was reported missing in action on July 16, 1950. Dye will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The date has not been set. [Read about Dye.](#)

Army Cpl. Leon E. Clevenger, 21, of Durham, North Carolina, was an infantryman with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 11, 1950, while involved in combat operations against the North Korean People's

Army in the vicinity of Chonui and Choch'iwon, South Korea. The Army amended his status to deceased in December 1953 when there was no updated information regarding his status.

Clevenger will be buried in Mims, Florida. The date has not been set. [Read about Clevenger.](#)

Marine Corps Pfc. Jack B. Van Zandt, 22, of Danville, Illinois, was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. Van Zandt 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 Van Zandt on the third day of the battle, Nov. 22, 1943. Van Zandt will be buried in Danville, Illinois. The date has not been set. [Read about Van Zandt.](#)



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