



# **Veterans-For-Change Newsletter**

*A Voice of the Veterans*

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## **This-N-That**

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

I'm pleased to announce most prior issues with the website have been corrected by our former web master as part of the transfer agreement. There are a couple more little issues, and he will work on them over the next few days.

I am checking a few times a day for new

subscribers to the site, and manually approving them as they come up. If you attempted to log on once you were approved and were denied access, please do let me know ASAP and I will fix whatever the issue is, but please keep in mind for security all log in information is "case sensitive" and only allows you three attempts before it blocks you. So be sure to log in and enter passwords as originally entered or it will reject and after the third try will block you.

I was asked a few weeks ago to write a piece to be included in a publication, however due to personal health issues, changing hosting systems, etc. there simply wasn't enough time to manage that task. But I do want to move forward as there will be other publications in the future.

The areas of interest are as follows:

- Military sexual trauma
- Anger, Social support in U.S. Veterans
- Suicide prevention in the military
- Psychometric evaluation of the Military Suicide Attitudes
- Impact of different types of trauma on suicidality

in women veterans

- Suicide ideation to avoid action among psychiatrically hospitalized military personnel
- Depression and PTSD, trauma, overdose
- Prevention by Pastoral Counseling and mental health treatment.
- Confessions of a Soldier etc.

If you're interested in contributing, have a personal story to share I'd really like to hear from you, and should you decide to share please also let me know if you'd like to remain confidential so I can and will respect your wishes!

My primary area of interest are PTSD and Suicide and reason for these two specific areas of interest are first to help other Veterans and secondly to educate the civilian public, especially those who are Veteran friendly.

The more we can educate our civilian friends, the better our chances are at getting them to assist in getting various pieces of legislation passed to help all Veterans!

I'm looking to write a piece that will be approximately 20+ pages and will reach millions of

people not on our newsletter databases.

Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated.

This time of year is critical for all our Homeless Veterans due to declining temperatures and weather!

What I'd like to ask even though this is probably not the time of year for most to do any "spring cleaning", but if you could go through closets, and boxes and find items that could be donated to help our homeless Veterans, I know it would be immensely appreciated. And the one organization who has done the most over the years would be DAV (Disabled American Veterans), so if you have a local chapter, you can drop off or call and ask if they have a pick up service, and keep in mind it's also a tax deduction.

And update on Lois, she's been transferred to a rehab facility, been doing quite well, and has started her chemo treatments to fight off her leukemia. She is also able to breath for periods of time without oxygen now which is also a huge

improvement do to the pneumonia she had and has managed to fight off!

I would like to ask that she be kept in your prayers along with everyone else who is ill, and need our help with prayers.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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**New Sponsor for Military Retiree  
Survivor Comfort Act**

In the wake of Rep. Walter B. Jones (S.C.) passing, Rep. John Garamendi (Calif.) has become lead sponsor of FRA-supported Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act (H.R.463). This bill would authorize the retention of the full final month's retired pay by the surviving spouse (or other designated survivor) for the month in which the member was alive for at least 24 hours.

Surviving spouses who are unaware that the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) should be immediately notified about the death of the military retiree, are surprised to learn of this requirement. Those who had joint bank accounts, which retirement payments were made electronically, gave little if any thought that DFAS could swoop down and recoup any overpayments of retirement pay from such accounts. This action could easily clear the account of any remaining funds whether they were retirement payments or money from other sources. All these proposals go to the Senate for further consideration.

Members are strongly urged to go to the [FRA Action Center](#) to weigh in on this issue.



## **Calling all Veterans. Let your voice be heard!**

The US government has spent nearly 80 million dollars for veteran research to date and there are currently less than a handful of studies that have actually asked combat veterans what issues they face. This is completely unacceptable to us at Project Healing Heroes.

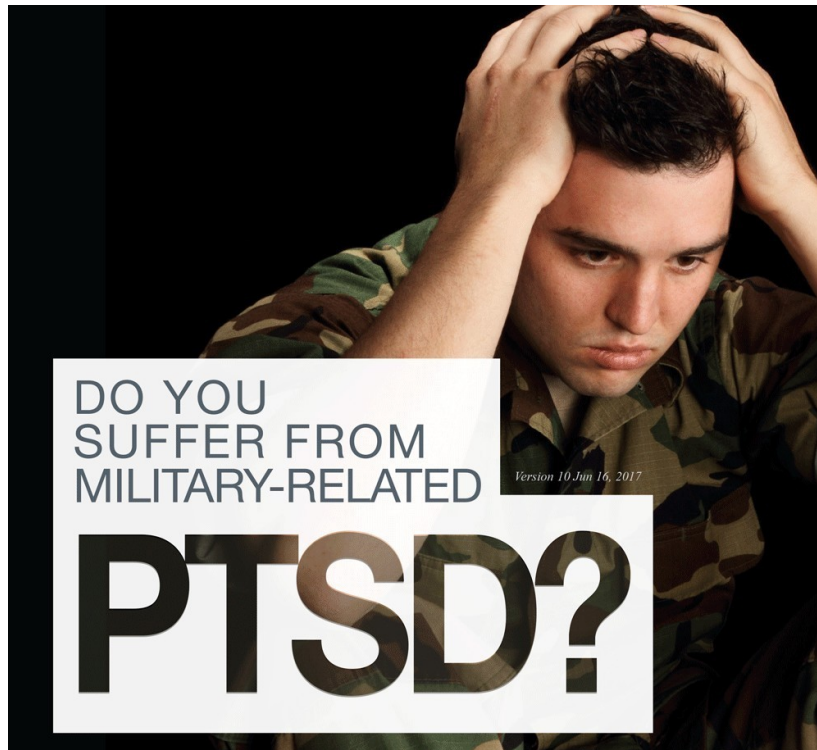
PHH is a veteran-led, grass-roots, non-profit organization that wants to not only get to the root of these issues, but provide treatments options that are specific to combat veterans. Treatment that will actually be created, based on what you indicate. Instead of superimposing data onto

combat veterans from car accidents and military sexual assault. MST and auto accidents, although incredibly devastating, are not the same as combat trauma!

We encourage you to let your voice be heard loud and clear. At Project Healing Heroes, we are listening. Attached is an IRB-approved protocol that we developed with Auburn University to get to the heart of the matter. Please consider taking this questionnaire as it most likely will take you less than 10 minutes to complete. But what it will do is provide us with exactly what we need to know in order to create the best treatments for combat veterans. Please consider sharing as well. The direct link is: <http://aub.ie/vets>







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



**Secretary of the Navy Relieved of  
Command**

On Sunday, the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer was fired at the request of Defense Secretary Mark Esper. The president announced that he will nominate Kenneth Braithwaite, the Ambassador to Norway, to replace Mr. Spencer. In the meantime, the Under Secretary of the Navy, Thomas B. Modly, will assume the position as acting Secretary of the Navy until Braithwaite is confirmed by the Senate. [Learn more.](#)



## 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 **2,788** hits per day, and downloads average **3,682** per day with a total **5,576,650** 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.

[www.Veterans-for-change.org](http://www.Veterans-for-change.org)

- Documents Library with over **17,937** documents

in 149+ Libraries, added **25** documents on-line  
(Updated: 11/22/19)

- 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: **9,169**)

- Polls

- Web Links, more than **5,617**, Added **110** New

Links (Updated: 11/21/19)

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



## **NED Meets with TRI-West on VA Community Care Program**

NED Chris Slawinski and several other Veteran Service Organizations met with Tri-West to get an update on the Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care program. TriWest, in partnership with the VA, helps to ensure that high-quality network providers are available to deliver health care when it is needed and cannot be provided by VA providers. They help ensure that claims are paid accurately and timely and quickly address any opportunities to refine the Community Care program to be as efficient as possible so that it works for beneficiaries.

TriWest was contracted to provide these services for the entire United States and territories. They began implementing this contract in December 2018 and was completed at the end of January

2019. This nationwide effort was not intended to be a permanent solution and TriWest has now begun to transfer responsibility for the Northeast and Midwest regions to other service providers. TriWest will maintain the West region. Nationwide, TriWest receives more than 450,000 requests and handles more than 1,100,000 calls each month through the VA Community Care program. They have processed over 21 million claims with 96 percent paid with 30 days. The FRA is monitoring VA health care programs and supports improvements to ensure veterans have timely access to medical care.



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
41. S. 2950, the Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2019



## VFW-Supported Burn Pit Legislation Introduced

On Friday, Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Senator Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) introduced VFW-supported S. 2950, the Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Recognition Act of 2019. This important bipartisan legislation would recognize that veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates were exposed to more than 45 toxins, chemicals, and airborne hazards. Although this bill would not grant a presumption of service-connection, it would help veterans prove that any disability or illness resulting from exposure to these environmental hazards occurred during military service. The VFW thanks Sen. Sullivan and Sen. Manchin for introducing this legislation and for their continued efforts to expand disability benefits for veterans. [Learn more.](#)





## **The Flu Vaccine Protects You, Your Family, and Your Neighbors**

The best way to prevent flu is to get a seasonal influenza vaccine each year. This vaccine protects against the flu, a potentially serious disease. The vaccine can also reduce the severity of flu-related illness.

Flu activity generally begins in November, peaks between December and February, and ends as late as May. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, now is the time to get your TRICARE covered flu vaccine.

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



## **~Follow us on MEWE ~**

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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## Links to Other Stories

1. [Is the New VA Appeals AMA System Better?](#)
2. [Burn Pits: the New Agent Orange?](#)
3. [Emory Healthcare Veterans Program: Healing invisible wounds](#)
4. [Together We Served: A website to help you find old service-friends](#)
5. [Precise Robotic Knee Surgery at Houston VA fast-tracks Veteran recovery](#)
6. [Unemployability Requirements You Need To Know -Part 1](#)
7. [How Veterans Affairs denies care to many of the people it's supposed to serve](#)

8. How the VA Rates Migraine Headaches
9. Why the epidemic of Veteran suicide? And where is the outrage?
10. Covenant Health's 'featured fighter' program honors caregiver's fallen husband, father
11. The VA at a crossroads
12. Veteran tells Donald Trump Jr. to join Military if he wants to understand 'sacrifice'
13. Veterans suffered, investors lost millions in nationwide schemes
14. Service in Air Force influences Lubbock's Wagon Shop Veteran
15. Agent Orange and cancer: Veteran dies 1 month after VA reverses denial of benefits
16. Study: Global War on Terror Vets' experiences differ from previous wars

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 5TH  
BRIGADE USACC, YSLETA  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL Army Junior  
Reserve Officers' Training Corps 731  
N. Yarbrough El Paso, TX 79915**

SUBJECT: Bel Air High School JROTC  
Fundraiser

1. The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets of Bel Air High School in El Paso, Texas are working on raising money for this school years upcoming events. One such event is the 2020 Bataan Death March which will have at least 3 Teams and several individuals participating in this prestigious event. We are also looking at conducting a Staff Ride to San Antonio, Texas to provide some educational overview on military history.

2. If you are able to help with the fundraiser, we ask that you make your donation to the snap raise link: <https://www.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/bel-air-hs-jrotc-2019>

3. Once again, thank you for your time, support and hope you can help our Cadets, future leaders,



attain this goal. .

4. The point of contact for this letter is the undersigned at (915) 491-1181 or [amunoz119@yisd.net](mailto:amunoz119@yisd.net)

ARMANDO MUNOZ JR  
CW4, US ARMY (RET)  
SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR  
Bel Air High School - JROTC



## **John Lowry III Confirmed as Assistant Secretary of DOL-VETS**

Last week, John Lowry III was confirmed by the Senate to be assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS). Lowry's nomination passed the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs by a voice vote on March 13. His nomination has also been approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Lowry will be responsible for a range of programs that should help veterans in the civilian workplace. [Learn more about Lowry.](#)



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To call Different Members of Congress:

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TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

**PLEASE... STOP Making Excuses!**

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## **Sharing Whole Health: Peer-to-Peer**

Nationwide, more than 1,600 Veterans are helping their peers learn about VA's Whole Health approach. Hear from Jerry, a former Army Ranger and Whole Health Peer Facilitator, as he shares his Whole Health journey.

[Read the full story](#)





# **The VA Card Is Required for Some Veterans to Have Access to Commissary, Exchanges & MWR**

As noted in last week's [NewsBytes \(11-22-19\)](#) the Department of Veteran's Affairs has expanded access to commissary, military exchanges, and to morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) services for Purple Heart recipients, VA designated caregivers of disabled veterans, former prisoners of war and veterans with VA documented service-connected disability. This expansion is mandated by the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 and takes effect Jan. 1, 2020.

These eligible individuals are required to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHID) from the VA in order to gain entry to Department of Defense and Coast Guard facilities. Caregiver eligibility will be limited to caregivers who are designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the VA Caregiver program and will need to show an acceptable credential, along with their eligibility letter. The other eligible groups without a VHID card can shop exchanges online. For more information, [go online](#).





## **State Programs and Benefits for Veterans**

The Veteran Benefit Finder – and corresponding Center for a New American Security (CNAS) report “State-Level Benefits for Veterans,” is a new online tool catalogue that displays benefits offered by each state across the U.S. According to CNAS, a total of 1,814 unique benefits exist across the 50 states and the District of Columbia, but there is significant variation across states in terms of available benefits, who is eligible to access them, and their value. For more information or to locate benefits that may pertain to you, visit the [Veteran Benefit Finder](#)



## **Even if All Goes Right with Overhaul, Veterans Still Face a Health Records Mess**

A House hearing this week exposed a major roadblock to the \$16 billion plan to put in place a single electronic health record system for the Departments of Defense and [Veterans Affairs](#). And it has nothing to do with technological challenges. The VA and Pentagon have not yet begun to address old bureaucratic turf wars on data sharing that scuttled past efforts to let veterans and doctors have access to their entire health records, according to testimony Nov. 20 by VA officials. Read more [here](#).

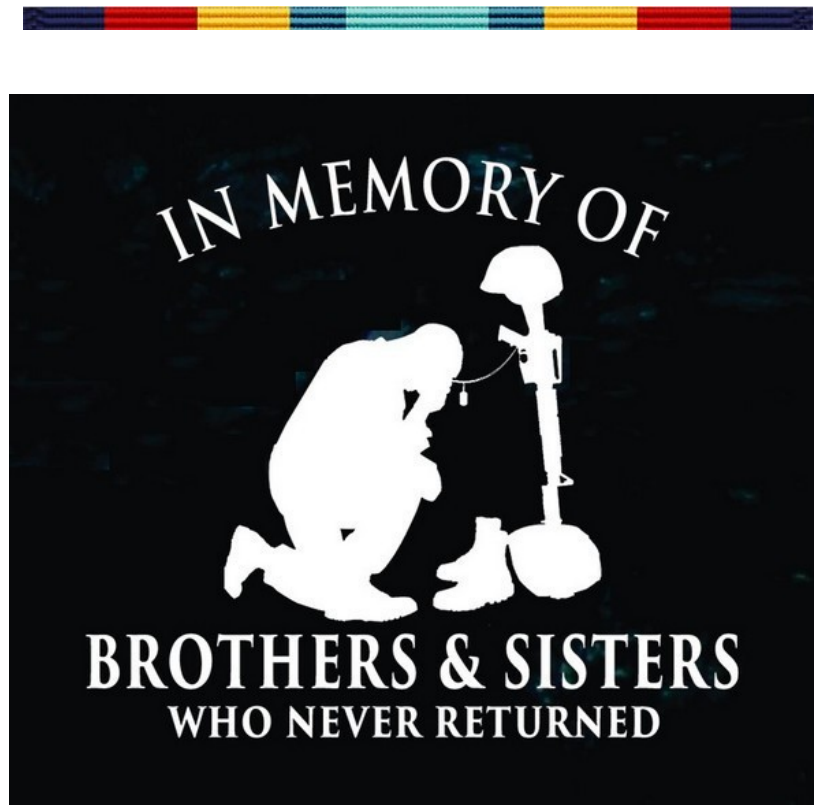


**Listen to New TRICARE Beneficiary  
Bulletin Podcast #529**

Listen to this latest podcast to hear about:

- TRICARE Reserve Select
- New Covered Services
- Flu Prevention Tips

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



## **The Debra Sampson Act Passes the House**

The House approved (399-14) the FRA-supported Deborah Sampson Act (H.R.3224), sponsored by

Rep. Julia Brownley (Calif.), which will address inequities and barriers that female veterans face when accessing VA care and benefits. The bill is named after a Revolutionary War veteran, Deborah Sampson Gannett, who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War and who was awarded a full military pension for her service.

"Currently, women veterans comprise the fastest growing demographic within the veteran community, yet their invaluable service is often overlooked and forgotten, leading these women to feel invisible. The Deborah Sampson Act recognizes and honors women veterans by ensuring inclusivity and equitable access to resources, benefits, and services," said Rep. Brownley.

"This bill is a result of several roundtables, site visits, and meetings with women veterans across the country to identify issues and barriers they face, and will address many of the inequities and barriers that the Women Veterans Task Force has identified," Rep. Brownley said "The Deborah Sampson Act will build on the work that Congress



has done since our nation's founding to recognize women in the military. Our women veterans deserve nothing less." The House also passed eight other veterans bills unanimously that pertain to increase in VA remote health care services, expand GI bill eligibility, and increase oversight of certain VA construction projects.

This issue is listed on the [FRA Action Center](#) so members can weigh in on this important legislation.



## **TRICARE Open Season**

TRICARE Open Season will run from Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 2019. 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. Individuals already enrolled can change their TRICARE coverage. [Learn more.](#)



## Let's Help a WWII Vet Celebrate Her 100th Birthday

Second Lt. Willie Evelyn Webster served as an Army nurse during World War II, and she's turning 100 years old on Dec. 14. Let's all send her a birthday card in honor of her service and for reaching birthday triple digits. Webster graduated from Celina High School in Texas and then from St. Paul Hospital's nurses training course in Dallas. She received her Army commission in January 1944. Read more [here](#).



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## **Tricare Website Glitch Causes Problems as Open Season Gets Underway**

Active-duty families and military retirees will not be able to enroll in or change their 2020 Tricare health insurance plans online despite previous reports about the open enrollment period process, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) announced Nov. 22. This means eligible beneficiaries have only two options to sign up for Tricare or change their plans for next year during open season: call or mail. The enrollment period ends Dec. 9; it began Nov. 11. Read more [here](#).



**Your actions**  
could save a life.

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

VeteransCrisisLine.net



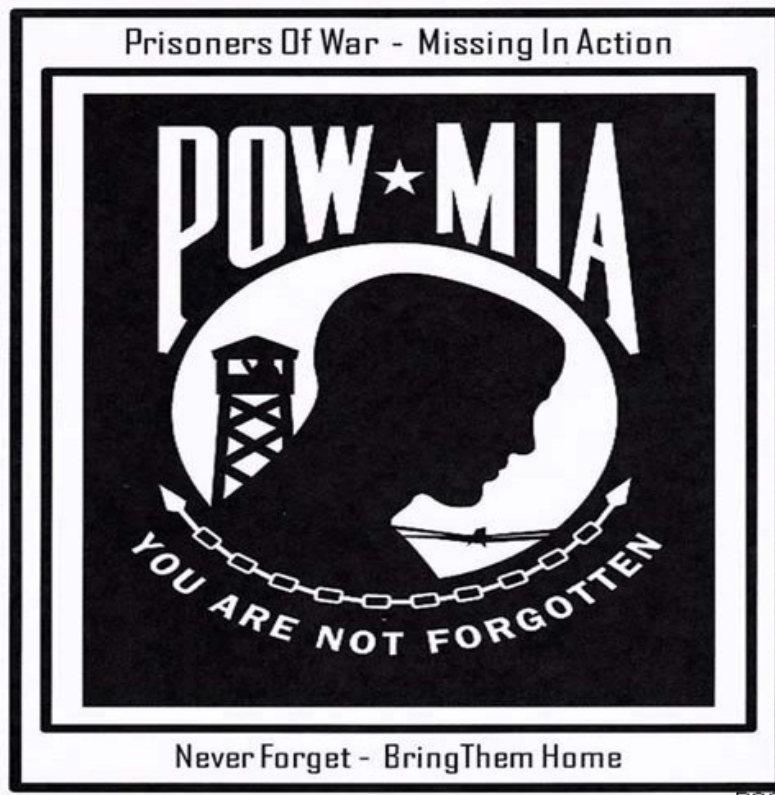
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## **Military Families Get Access to Hundreds More Child Care Centers in Pilot Program**

Military families struggling to find child care could get help if the Defense Department has success with a new two-year pilot program. Called Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood Plus, or MCCYN-PLUS, the expanded program will let military families living in Maryland or parts of Virginia (Central, Eastern, North Central, Northern and Peninsula) use state-licensed child care centers in addition to the nationally accredited ones that are already available. The program, which will end in 2021, began Oct. 1. Read more [here](#).





## **Air Force Is Latest Service to Warn Against Using CBD Product Use**

The U.S. Air Force is reminding airmen that while taking cannabidiol, or CBD, is the hot new trend, it's off limits to all service members and federal employees. In an announcement published Nov. 19, the service said using CBD oil -- which may contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and might result in a positive test for marijuana -- is against the rules for all Defense Department troops. Read more [here](#).



## Office of Inspector General

1. Defense Health Care: Opportunities to Improve Future TRICARE Managed Care Support Contract Transitions
2. Federal Research: Additional Actions Needed to Improve Public Access to Research Results
3. Defense Procurement: Ongoing DOD Fraud Risk Assessment Efforts Should Include Contractor Ownership
4. Child Welfare: Various HHS Offices Provided Input on Decision to Grant Exception from Religious Nondiscrimination Requirement



**Traveling Overseas This Holiday Season? TRICARE Travels With You**

'Tis the season for holiday travel. According to the Transportation Security Administration, a record number of flyers is expected this holiday season. Kicking it off will be the more than 26.8 million passengers traveling during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday travel period. Remember, when you travel, your TRICARE coverage goes with you. But the rules for getting care vary based on your sponsor status, your location, and your health plan. Your TRICARE health plan has slight differences when you're traveling out of the country.

If you intend to travel overseas this holiday season, follow these tips.

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



## Tax & Credit Information





1. [VPN](#)
2. [Growing rate of robocalls threatens user privacy](#)
3. [IRS Scam Red Alert: No One Is Cancelling Your Social Security Number](#)
4. [When can we get rid of passwords for good?](#)
5. [Backdoor](#)
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**GI Bill Housing Allowances May  
Change Soon**

Department of Veterans Affairs employees testified to Congress on Nov. 19 that the more than yearlong delay in implementing changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) may soon be over. Previously, if you went to a school with multiple campuses, your MHA was based on the ZIP code of the main campus. However, a provision of the Forever GI Bill changed that, effective Aug. 1, 2018. For any classes taken after that date, your housing allowance was supposed to be calculated based on the ZIP code of the campus where you attend the majority of your classes. Read more [here](#).



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:

**Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Charles G. Ruble**, 20, of Parker City, Indiana, was a member of the 99th Troup Carrier Squadron, 441st Troup Carrier Group, serving as an aerial engineer aboard a C-47A aircraft. On Sept. 17, 1944, his aircraft was carrying a crew of five and transporting 10 paratroopers, approaching a drop-zone near Groesbeek, Netherlands. The plane was seen taking direct anti-aircraft fire to the wing. The paratroopers successfully exited the plane; however, only three crewmembers survived. The remaining two, including Ruble, could not be accounted for. Ruble will be buried March 2, 2020, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. [Read about Ruble.](#)

**Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class Adolph J. Loebach**, 22, of Peru, Illinois, 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 Loebach. Loebach will be buried Dec. 19, 2019, in LaSalle, Illinois. [Read about Loebach.](#)

**Army Cpl. Gerald N. Wilson**, 19, of Camden, Missouri, was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was last seen July 25, 1950, while participating in the defense of Yongdong, South Korea. His remains could not be recovered. Wilson will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Wilson.](#)

**Army Pvt. William D. Hedtke**, 28, of Iola, Wisconsin, was assigned to Battery B, 319th Glider Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. Army officials reported he died of injuries sustained in a hard glider landing near Groesbeek, Netherlands, during Operation Market Garden on Sept. 18, 1944. His remains were not recovered after the war. Hedtke will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Hedtke.](#)

**Navy Fireman First Class Bethel E. Walters**, 25, of Bellevue, Texas, was killed during World War II. On Dec. 7, 1941, Walters was assigned to the battleship USS West Virginia, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS West Virginia sustained multiple torpedo hits, but timely counter-flooding measures taken by the crew prevented it from capsizing, and it came to rest on the shallow harbor floor. The attack resulted in the deaths of 106 crewmen, including Walters. The funeral date and location have yet to be decided. [Read about Walters.](#)

**Navy Fireman 1st Class Lawrence E. Woods**, 28, of Greenwood, Texas, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which capsized after sustaining multiple torpedo hits as it was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Woods. The funeral date and location have yet to be decided. [Read about Woods.](#)

**Navy Fireman 1st Class Rex E. Wise**, 21, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which

capsized after sustaining multiple torpedo hits as it was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Nielsen. Interment services are pending. [Read about Wise.](#)



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