



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

I'm sure by now everyone is aware of the Coronavirus, sadly we need to tell you that the first Veteran has died due to this horrible virus.

And I've reviewed many reports and still have people forwarding me links, etc. and it's really hard to tell how much worse that this can become.

Being an air born virus staying away from crowds like restaurants, public events, etc is the simple answer to protect yourself.

Another is to use hand sanitizers, and if you really need to be out it might not be a bad idea to invest in a box of disposable face masks, but keep in mind they are only viable for no more than 4 hours before they become useless.

We've added three questions to the POLLS on the VFC website, and we hope many will participate to help us judge what we need to do to bring you more information.

Please be safe when going out, you just never know who has been exposed and who hasn't!

The VA has added over 40 storage and test sites for Agent Orange to the list, this is a good thing, but I still wonder how many more stall tactics the VA will use to prevent providing benefits and medical care.

The concurrent receipt is in play again for Veterans and further in this newsletter is more information and a link to being active in this bill.

We need for this bill to pass too!

Tricare is shifting again! Now retirees are being pushed off bases to private clinics and hospitals, but at the same time we're hearing some benefits are being cut too!

There is a link to an article all retirees should read to become more informed.

Again I want to thank everyone who has been sending me E-Mails telling me of their particular stories, I've been able to answer many, but I still have many more to answer so please be patient, and if you've not told me your story, and choose to, there is still time.

I would still like to hear Veterans stories on the following:

- Claim Denials (any reason)
- MST (Military Sexual Trauma)
- Service at local VAMC (Good, bad and ugly)
- Specific Illness denied based on coverage

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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First All-Women Senior Veteran Flight

Operation HerStory is working with Honor Flight

Chicago, Daughters of the American Revolution, Illinois Joining Forces, and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to create the first all-women senior veterans flight from Illinois to Washington, D.C., in the fall of 2020. The women will have the opportunity to visit the Women in Military Service for America Memorial and the Vietnam Women's Memorial, memorials built to honor the service of female service members. [Learn more.](#)



Concurrent Receipt Bill Introduced in the Senate

On Wednesday, Senators Jon Tester (D-MT) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) introduced a VFW-championed bill, S.3393, which would expand concurrent receipt eligibility to combat-wounded veterans who were medically discharged. The bill would provide total offset relief for certain veterans. “The VFW would like to thank Senators Tester and Crapo for their leadership on this issue and their continued commitment to America’s military and veterans,” said VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Kyle Kalman. S. 3393 is the Senate version of H.R. 5995, the [Major Richard Star Act](#).



Links to Other Stories

1. VA
resolution
of
legacy
appeals
reaches
another
milestone
2. VA
publishes
proposed
regulations
to
improve
the
Program
of
Comprehensive
Assistance
for
Family
Caregivers
3. First
Person
Dies
From
Coronavirus
in
US

4. Veterans Experience Office uses customer feedback to build trust in VA
5. VA pays more than \$40K owed to disabled Veteran since 2018
6. New list of Agent Orange test and storage sites omits more

than
40
previously
identified
locations

7. Concurrent
receipt:

A
call
for
fair
and
equitable
treatment
of
military
retirees
with
disabilities

8. Some
Retirees
Have
Already
Been
Pushed
to
Off-
Base
Providers
in
Tricare
Shift

9. Addressing

Diet
Quality
and
Food
Needs
of
Veterans

10. 'I'm
gonna
carve
your
(expletive)
heart
out'

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racist
threats
to
VA
centers
days
after
Veterans
home
mass
shooting

11. Improving
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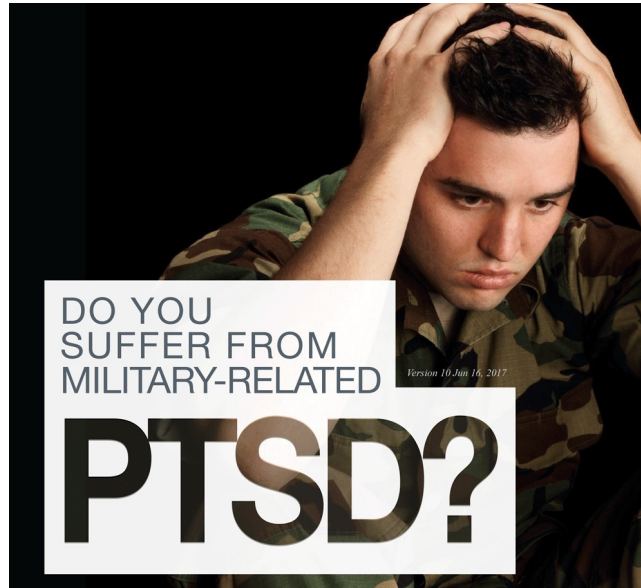
in
for
Veterans

12. Nonprofit
organization
remodels
house
for
Veteran
Army
nurse

13. VA
Disability
Rating
Reexaminations
and
Reevaluations

14. Texas
man
arrested
after
conning
Vietnam
Vet,
senior
citizens
for
thousands
in
roof
repair
scam:
police

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1-800-273-8255 & Press 1
Ntl Call Center for Homeless Vets
1-877-424-3838



Lost Care and Broken Promises: Military Retirees React to Tricare Changes

After Tricare officials announced sweeping changes to the locations where retiree and military family health users can access on-base care, hundreds of Military.com readers have posted comments, feedback and worries via social media, email and the stories on this site. For many, feelings center around a pair of issues: access to needed care and broken promises.

The Defense Health Agency last month announced plans to halt care for military retirees, retiree families and active-duty family members at [38 stateside Military Treatment Facilities](#) (MTFs), instead treating active-duty patients only. Read more on [here](#).



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 our new webmaster has been making repairs to things that haven't worked properly in over a year.

There are still repairs being made, but the polls are now working 100% and there are five polls open to all to take.

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 **4,293** hits per day, and downloads average **6,439** per day with a total **5,949,037** visitors as of Friday.

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- Documents Library with over **18,648** documents in 171+ Libraries, added **90** documents on-line (Updated: 02/28/20)
- 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: **02/26/18**) (**115 Added**)
- News (Articles On-Line: **9,536**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **7,406**, Added **97** New Links (Updated: **02/27/20**)

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



Legislation Introduced to Recognize

Early Vietnam Veterans

On Wednesday, Representative T.J. Cox (D-CA) introduced VFW-supported H.R. 6082, the Forgotten Vietnam Veterans Act. This important legislation would allow veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam from Nov. 1, 1955, to Feb. 27, 1961, to receive wartime benefits. “More than 3,000 veterans served in Vietnam from Nov. 1, 1955, to Feb. 27, 1961, ten of whom were killed in action,” said VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Matthew Doyle. “However, veterans who served in Vietnam prior to Feb. 28, 1961, are not considered wartime veterans and likewise are ineligible for certain VA benefits. The VFW is proud to support this legislation, which would change the statutory definition of Vietnam veteran to include those who served in the Republic of Vietnam beginning on Nov. 1, 1955. The VFW thanks Rep. Cox and all original co-sponsors for their efforts to expand benefits for veterans.” [Learn more.](#)



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. Urge
Congress
to
Pass
the
Retired
Pay
Restoration
Act
3. Protect
Bankrupt
Disabled
Veterans

from
Losing
Benefits

4. S.
2966,
the
Rural
Veterans
Travel
Enhancement
Act
of
2019

5. S.
1003,
VET
OPP
Act
to
Reform
VA
Employment
Programs

6. H.R.
4574
-
Pass
the
Veterans'
Right
to
Breathe
Act

Now!

7. S.
2810,
the
Veterans
Hearing
Benefits
Act
of
2019
8. Support
H.R.4985,
the
Veterans
Residential
Care
Choice
Act



VA Braces for Potential Coronavirus Outbreak Among Veterans

Though there are no confirmed or even suspected cases of the novel coronavirus reported among U.S. veterans so far, the Department of Veterans Affairs has activated an emergency team to prepare for a potential outbreak. "We are testing our processes. We are making sure our supply chain is full," VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said at a hearing of the House Veterans Affairs Committee on Feb. 27. Read more [here](#).



TRICARE Overseas Program Health Matters Newsletter Issue 1, 2020

Eager to learn more about your TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) benefits? Here are just some of the articles you can read in the latest issue of the TOP Health Matters Newsletter:

- TRICARE Rules for Enrolling and Disenrolling
- Your TRICARE Payment Options
- Are You Ready for Your New Stateside Assignment?
- Take Action to Enroll in a TRICARE Plan When You Retire
- File Complete Claims for Expedient Processing

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6 More Service Decorations Congress Should Create or Bring Back

A list of 11 service medals and decorations the Pentagon should consider published early this year by Military.com sparked an outpouring of reader feedback. Many felt overlooked because dangerous missions they were sent on didn't qualify for certain awards, such as those issued during the Vietnam War. Others were concerned that we'd forgotten the health struggles some Vietnam and Desert Storm veterans still face today -- and that Iraq War veterans are beginning to face. Based on that feedback, here are six more such decorations that Congress should consider. Read more [here](#).





Legislation Introduced to Modernize Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance

Last Friday, Representative Mike Bost (R-IL) and Representative Kathleen Rice (D-NY) introduced VFW-supported H.R. 6013, the Veteran Families Financial Support Act. This important legislation would increase the maximum payment under the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program from \$10,000 to \$40,000 and extend eligibility beyond the current two-year period after a veteran receives notification of a new service-connected disability. “The current payment amount of \$10,000 under the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program does not cover the rising cost of end-of-life expenses,” said VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Matthew Doyle. “The VFW is proud to support this legislation, which would increase the coverage amount of Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance and expand eligibility beyond the current two-year window after a

veteran receives notification of a new service-connected disability. The VFW thanks Rep. Bost and Rep. Rice for introducing this legislation and for their efforts to expand disability benefits for veterans.” [Learn more.](#)



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To call Different Members of Congress:

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TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

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Tricare to Exclude Controversial Back Pain Therapy from Coverage

After years of not issuing guidance on the use of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) to treat lower back pain, Tricare is officially excluding the machines from coverage, effective June 1. Tricare officials said they decided to stop letting the program's contractors decide whether TENS was medically necessary after studies by the American College of Physicians, along with the Defense Department and

Department of Veterans Affairs, found "insufficient evidence" that the treatment is effective in treating acute, subacute and chronic lower-back pain. Read more [here](#).



Office of Inspector General

1. VA
Health
Care:
VA
Faces
Challenges
in
Meeting
Demand
for
Long-
Term
Care
2. Military
Housing:
Preliminary
Recommendations
to
Strengthen
DOD's
Oversight
and
Monitoring

of
Privatized
Housing

3. Identity

Theft:
IRS
Needs
to
Better
Assess
the
Risks
of
Refund
Fraud
on
Business-
Related
Returns



Online Commissary Privileges Finally Available to Newly Eligible Shoppers

Nearly 4 million veterans and caregivers who were granted privileges to shop at commissaries and exchanges Jan. 1 can finally enjoy access to online features, a Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) news release said Feb. 28. However, the new patrons' access to American Forces Travel (AFT), the official Morale, Welfare and Recreation travel site, is still

spotty, according to the latest AFT Facebook post.
Read more [here](#).

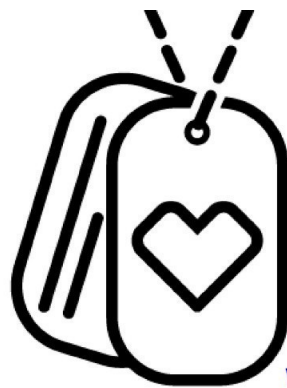


Health Record Delay Means More Capabilities for Veterans

On Thursday, House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing to discuss the root causes of the delay in implementation of VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization.

Subcommittee members discussed how delivery of health care would be impacted at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. VA officials indicated a lack of confidence in a seamless implementation as the core reason for delaying the go-live from March to July, 2020. VA Veterans Health Administration Executive in Charge Dr. Richard Stone indicated that the delay means veterans will be able to continue to request prescription refills through an

online portal, like they do today through www.myhealth.va.gov, which would not have been included if VA kept the March 2020 go-live rollout. It was unclear to the VFW whether veterans who receive telehealth from the Mann-Grandstaff Medical Center will have the ability to continue to do so in July 2020. [Watch the hearing](#). [Contact the VFW](#) with concerns regarding the new health care record.



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After Delay, VA Sets New Timeline for Electronic Health Record Pilot Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs has delayed deploying its new electronic health record (EHR) pilot until this July, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie told Congress on Feb. 27. "That is my goal. I'm confident that we can fulfill our mandate," Wilkie said during a House Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on the VA's proposed 2021 budget. "I would hope that it would be earlier." Read more [here](#).




TRICARE Dental Program Health Matters Newsletter Issue 1, 2020

Eager to learn more about your dental benefits? Here are just some of the articles you can read in the latest issue of the TRICARE Dental Program Health Matters Newsletter:

- Coordinating Your TDP Coverage With Other Dental Insurance
- Time for Braces? Learn about TRICARE Orthodontic Coverage
- Continuous Dental Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Sponsors and Their Families
- Network or Non-Network Dentists: Which is Better to Use?
- Getting to Know Your TDP Wellness Program

Download the latest dental newsletter from the [TRICARE website](#).

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5 Great Scholarships for Military Veterans and Families

If you don't have the GI Bill and want to go to college, what can you do? Even more importantly, if you're not eligible to transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill to your family and your kids want to go to college, what can you do? Thankfully, there are literally thousands of scholarships out there, many available only to veterans or their children. We've gathered together a few here to help you. Read more [here](#).

NP Jansky Testifies Before Joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

The FRA's National President Donna Jansky testified before a joint hearing of the House and Senate

Veterans Affairs Committee expressing FRA member concerns on veteran's issues. Jansky thanked the House Chairman Mark Takano (Calif.) and Ranking Member Roe (Tenn.) for sponsoring the Agent Orange Blue Water Navy bill (H.R.299) last year. Jansky expressed concern about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sending a report to these committees asking to delay new presumptive conditions linked to exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide. NP Jansky informed the committees that FRA is supporting the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act (H.R.5610), which would add these presumptive conditions linked to exposure to Agent Orange.

Jansky voiced concern about the high rate of suicide in the veteran's community and urged Congress to pass the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act (S.785), sponsored Sens. Jerry Moran (Kans.) and Jon Tester (Mont.), SVAC chairman and ranking member respectively. The bill is a comprehensive and aggressive approach to connect more veterans with the mental health care they need and have earned. Jansky also applauded the VA for launching the Solid Start program, which informs new veterans about the benefits and support services available through the VA.

Jansky expressed support for the Deborah Sampson

Act (H.R.3224) sponsored by Rep. Julia Brownley (Calif.), which passed the House and is awaiting further consideration in the Senate. This legislation addresses barriers that women veterans face when trying to obtain VA benefits. Jansky also urged adequate Congressional oversight of the implementation of VA technology upgrades. The FRA wants to ensure there is funding for the VA health care and the Department of Defense resource sharing that will deliver a seamless, cost effective, quality services to personnel wounded in combat and other veterans.

Shipmates are urged to go to the [Action Center](#) and weigh in on legislation mentioned above (H.R.5610, S.785, and H.R.3224).





New Concurrent Receipt Bill Introduced

Director of Legislative Programs John Davis attended a press conference with Rep. Gus Bilirakis (Fla.) to announce that the legislator has introduced the Major Richard Star Act (H.R.5995), which would expand concurrent receipt eligibility for certain medically retired veterans seeking combat related special compensation. The FRA has long argued that retired pay and VA service-connected disability compensation are fundamentally different benefits, granted for different reasons. Military retired pay is an earned benefit for vested years of service. Service-connected disability compensation is for injury. To deny retired

pay because of a disability is an injustice. Sens. Jon Tester (Mont.) and Thom Tillis (N.C.) introduced similar legislation (S.3393) in the Senate. Members are urged to go to the [Action Center](#) to weigh in on these newly introduced bills as well as other pending concurrent receipt proposals.



Department of Justice Creates Elder Fraud Hotline

The Department of Justice announced that they have created an Elder Fraud Hotline. This hotline will be staffed by case managers who will provide personalized support for callers. The case managers will assist callers with reporting fraud cases to the correct agencies. The hotline is a toll-free number at 1.833.372.8311. People can also report fraud cases [online](#).

Privatized Military Housing Hearing

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Military Privatized Housing. Witnesses included housing company executives, tenants, acting assistant secretary of defense (Sustainment) and defense capabilities and management (GAO). As noted in last week's NewsBytes the secretary of defense signed only 15 of the 18 stated Tenants Bill of Rights authorized in last year's NDAA (S.1790). The following 3 rights that were excluded are:

- Access to maintenance history
- A process for dispute resolution
- Withholding of rent until disputes are resolve

Colonel Scott Gerber's testimony of horrendous living condition was echoed by many military families in the audience who have gone through similar ordeals. Gerber's petition was very simple; the families want a level playing field with the contractors. Gerber believes this can be accomplished by enacting three key points:

- Full implementation of the Tenants Bill of Rights
- Expanding military advocacy groups to partake in decision making
- Allowing independent party inspectors

Other tenants who testified believe military housing complaints should be handled differently than through the chain of command because lower enlisted personnel's hesitation to contact their command.

The contractors testified that they have collectively lost sight of their responsibility of supporting the services and they pledge to make drastic changes. They all agreed to adhere to the full Tenant Bill of Rights. The GAO testified that privatized housing is underfunded. They also suggested a complete audit be conducted on BAH calculations, proper staffing of military housing officers and standardized oversight across the services.

The FRA supports full implementation of the Active Duty Tenant Bill of Rights and wants to ensure service members and their families have safe, quality homes and communities. We also support increasing the accountability of privatized housing companies by putting more oversight authority in the hands of local military leaders.

Members can weigh in on this issue through the [FRA Action Center](#) located online.





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Moving with TRICARE from Overseas to Stateside Duty

When you move from an overseas assignment to a new location stateside, your TRICARE eligibility doesn't change, but your health plan options may. You need to take action by updating your personal information, reviewing health plans you may be eligible for, and transferring your and your family's TRICARE enrollment. Following some simple steps can help you make a smooth transition to your new location.

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





TREA and 5 VSOs support H.R. 5995

TREA has joined VFW, WWP, NMFA, MOAA, and FRA by submitting a letter of support for H.R. 5995, the Major Richard Star Act.

Currently, concurrent receipt is only eliminated for retirees who are rated 50% disabled or greater. Remaining to be approved are those who are 40% disabled and below, and those who were unable to complete 20 years of service due to service-connected injuries or illness.

TREA has long argued that retired pay and VA service-connected disability compensation are fundamentally different benefits, granted for different reasons. Military retired pay is an earned benefit for vested years of service. Service-connected disability compensation is for injury. To deny retired pay because of a disability is an injustice.

TREA looks forward to working with Congressman Bilirakis to move this bill forward in the 116th Congress. A copy of the letter can be found in the attachment.

TREA members should contact their Member of Congress and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 5995.



Tax & Credit Information

1. Some taxpayers may

benefit
from
the
credit
for
other
dependents

2. Interest
rates
remain
the
same
for
the
second
quarter
of
2020

3. Tax
Time
Guide:
IRS.gov's
'Where's
My
Refund?'
tool
is
fastest,
easiest
way
to
check
on

tax
refunds

4. Child
tax
credit
by
the
numbers

5. Tax
Time
Guide:
Check
out
these
free
tax
return
preparation
options

6. Members
of
the
military
and
veterans
can
visit
[IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
for
tax
help

7. IRS

Criminal
Investigation
veteran
selected
as
new
Fraud
Enforcement
Director

8. Tax
pros
should
remember
to
safeguard
EFINs

9. Five
steps
taxpayers
can
take
now
to
protect
against
identity
theft



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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced one new identification, and three 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 Pvt. James J. Cansler, 21, of Bolivar, Missouri, was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Vossenack, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was reported as missing in action on Dec. 19. A year later, Army officials had received no evidence he had been captured or otherwise survived combat, and so released a presumptive finding of death. While

studying unresolved American losses in the Hürtgen area, a DPAA historian determined that one set of unidentified remains, designated X-2505 Neuville, recovered from a minefield north of Vossenack in 1946 possibly belonged to Cansler. He will be buried on April 15, 2020, in Springfield, Missouri. [Read about Cansler.](#)

Navy Fireman 1st Class Dan E. Reagan, 20, of Haslet, Texas, was assigned to the battleship 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 sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Reagan. He will be buried on April 14, 2020, in North Little Rock, Arkansas. [Read about Reagan.](#)

Navy Fireman 1st Class Leo T. Keninger, 20, of Ackley, Iowa, was assigned to the battleship 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 sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Keninger. Interment services are pending. [Read about Keninger.](#)

Navy Fireman 1st Class Andrew J. Schmitz, 26, of Richmond, Virginia, was assigned to the battleship 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 sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Schmitz. He will be buried on March 6, 2020, in Amelia Court House, Virginia. [Read about Schmitz.](#)



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