



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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Good afternoon Jim,

Again, I apologize for missing the past two weeks newsletter posting. Being a one man show so to speak, I don't have anyone who can pick up and go from where I left off, and although I should be in a bit better health right now, things just don't always work out as expected.

This weekends newsletter is mostly things that are going on across the board and I just didn't have any

time to post news articles to the website, but am hoping I can pull it together long enough this week to get up to speed there too.

If you subscribed to the website and can't get logged in, please allow me till Sunday to make repairs and approve accounts and I will send you an E-Mail when all is good to go.

If you have any ideas or thoughts, please do share them with us and we will certainly look at them and see if we can merge some or all of it into the new look.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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Save the Date!

Herbicide Exposure and the VA
Presented in conjunction with the Fleet Reserve Association

When: June 30, 2020

Where: Westin Alexandria Old Town
400 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, VA 22314

Hotel: Fleet Reserve Association has arranged discounted rooms (\$109.00 n-er night) at the hotel. Use the following link to register or call 703-253-8600
[Book your group rate for FRA Herbicide Exposure Training Meeting](#)

Due to social distancing requirements, the course is limited to the first 50 persons to register. Anyone in excess will be placed on a wait list .

Cost: Attorneys - \$180.00
MVA/FRA Members - \$55.00
Others - \$90.00

MVA has requested 5.0 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit from the State of Louisiana including ½ hour of ethics. For more information please contact John Wells, Director of Litigation at 985-641-1855 or email John.Wells@madvocacy.org. To register go to <https://www.militaryveteransadvocacy.org/reception.html>



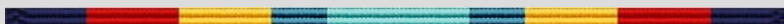
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SASC Approves FY 2021 NDAA

The Senate Armed Services Committee marked up and approved the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act behind closed doors and sent it to the Senate for consideration. The text of the bill was not available at press time. After speaking with staff, we have determined that the bill includes the following provisions important to FRA members:

- Waives co-payments for prescriptions filled by mail order during the pandemic, eliminating the need to visit pharmacies;
- Provides for an annual active duty pay increase of three percent to keep pace with civilian pay increases;
- Makes it easier for military spouse to transfer professional licenses as they move with their service member across state lines;
- Requires post-deployment health assessment to include questions about burn pit exposures;
- Mandates retirement benefits for Reserve Component members deployed for COVID-19 missions;
- Authorizes the Inspector General to audit medical conditions of military families living in on-base housing; and
- Requires the Department of Defense to provide active duty women with body armor created for the female body.

Unfortunately, the bill does NOT include any concurrent receipt reform, delaying scheduled cuts to military medical staff during the pandemic, or a study of

possible Agent Orange exposure of service members on Guam. The FRA will be working to file floor amendments for these and other issues of importance to FRA members.

The House is expected to start the markup process on its version of the NDAA soon. After both chambers pass their version of the NDAA, a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills. Once that occurs, both chambers will vote on the final bill, and if approved by both chambers the bill will go to the president to be signed into law or be vetoed.



Today, Rep. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.) and Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.), the Ranking Member and Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, released the following statements after Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.) and Rep. Mike Levin (D-Calif.), the Ranking Member and Chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to expand and strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) services for homeless veterans d... [Read more](#)

Congressional Leaders Introduce Veterans Economic Recovery Act

Press Releases on June 4, 2020

Economic Opportunity

Today, Rep. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.), the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Rep. Mike Levin (D-Calif.), the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, along with Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kans.), the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.), the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, introduced the Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2020. The Members released the following statements about t...

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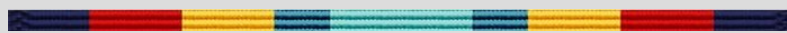
Veterans Economic Recovery Act (H.R.7111/S.3899) that directs to Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans.

In 2019, the veteran unemployment rate was 3.1 percent, the lowest in 19 years. However, following the COVID-19 pandemic, veteran unemployment rose to 11 percent in April 2020. The unemployment rate for Post-9/11 veteran women reached 20 percent in April 2020, compared to 15.5% for non-veteran women. The program will rapidly retrain unemployed veterans so that they have the knowledge and skillset they need to quickly reenter the workforce and thrive in the post-pandemic economy. The centerpiece of this legislation would be the creation of a rapid retraining program to provide unemployed veterans and reservists with 12 months of educational benefits, to pursue training in high-demand occupations. The education benefits available under the rapid retraining program would be equivalent to the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. To be eligible to participate in the rapid retraining program, veterans must:

- Be between the ages of 25-60;
- Be unemployed on the day of application;
- Have an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge;
- Not be eligible for any other VA education benefit;

- Not be enrolled in another Federal or State job training program;
- Not be receiving disability compensation for reasons that have led to un-employability; and
- Not be in receipt of any unemployment benefit when they begin training under this program.

Members of the National Guard or Reserve who were called up on Federal orders to assist states with the COVID-19 response would also be eligible for the rapid retraining program as long as they meet other age, unemployment, discharge requirements.



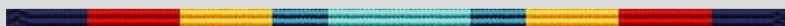
VA National Cemeteries Re-Open

FRA Assistant Director, Legislative Programs, Theo Lawson participated in a conference call with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries Administration regarding the resumption of committal services on June 9th, 2020, in all but two VA national cemeteries. The cemeteries had been closed since March 23, 2020. The VA is following the White House Opening America Again guidelines as well as state and local guidelines. Some of the heavily hit areas such as Long Island and Calverton National Cemetery will be opening much later. The number of attendees allowed will vary based on the local guidelines.

The VA is seeking to enforce strict safety guidelines to avoid the spread of COVID-19. All funeral honors attendees including VA employees will be required to wear masks, the VA will provide disposable masks on premises.

There will be a shortage of funeral honors details from Guard and reserve component due to mobilization. The VA NCA is reaching out to VSOs to assist on completely voluntary basis. All VSO funeral honors providers will be required to certify their honors details as well training from the VA. The certification will be maintained at the local cemetery, so the VA hopes a local representative of the VSO is the one receiving the certification.

The VA made commitment to offer memorial services to those who had direct interment from March 23rd to June 8th. Starting July 20th, the VA NCA will provide memorial services for the families who could not get honors for their deceased. The VA will also be communicating with the families that have yet to reschedule memorial services. There is no time limit for the families to request memorial services.





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. [Urge Congress to Pass the Retired Pay Restoration Act](#)
2. [S. 2966, the Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act](#)

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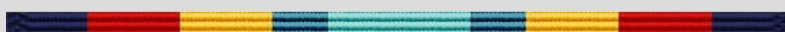
VA Disability Claims Backlog Increases with Pandemic

The backlog of Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims increased by 64,000 since November 2019. The backlog has recently reached 119,000. The VA classifies a backlog claim as any disability claim to be those that take longer than 125 days to approve or deny. The VA stopped performing in-person

compensation and pension exams April 2, 2020 to encourage veterans to stay home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Compensation and pension exams are appointments with doctors, during which disabilities are evaluated. The results of the exams help the VA rate veterans' disabilities, which determines the compensation they receive each month, as well as their eligibility for VA programs.

Without the exams, the claims backlog has grown, and thousands of veterans are waiting for decisions. The coronavirus pandemic coincided with the start of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, which prompted a surge of new claims by thousands of Vietnam War veterans newly eligible for VA benefits beginning in January. To help handle the months-long delay, the VA has asked Congress to approve legislation, not yet introduced, that would allow non-physicians, such as nurse practitioners, to conduct the exams.

The FRA views this growing backlog of disability claims as a threat to the Nation's solemn commitment to properly care for disabled veterans. The cost of defending the Nation should include timely and adequate treatment of our wounded warriors.



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How TRICARE Is Responding to COVID-19 and What It Means for You

The Military Health System (MHS) is working to improve your access to care during these trying times. In response to the national emergency due to the pandemic, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) introduced temporary changes. Whether you're an active duty service member or a military retiree, these changes can help you and your family. Here are four changes that you need to know.

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



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TRICARE FAQs: COVID-19 and Face Masks

During these uncertain times, you may have questions about your TRICARE benefit. You can find answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQs) and more on the TRICARE Coronavirus FAQs page. The following are some of the most frequently asked questions about face masks or coverings and COVID-19.

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



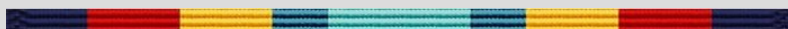
VA HQ Damaged by Protesters

The Department of Veterans Affairs headquarters in Washington, D.C. was damaged Sunday night (May 31, 2020) from protesters involved with demonstrations related to the killing of Floyd George by a Minneapolis policeman. George was African American and happened to be face down in handcuffs at the time. Unidentified attackers broke several windows and spray-painted profanity along the sides of the VA's main offices, which sit a block away from the White House. Also a car was set on fire near the main entrance to the building. According to several news sources, several buildings surrounding the VA were set on fire as protesters were forced from areas around the

White House to streets north of Lafayette Park.

The VA did not appear to be the target of any protests that focused on police brutality and racial inequality. In addition, VA officials said several department offices in other downtown buildings suffered some damage. In a statement, VA press secretary Christina Noel said leaders are still assessing the full cost of the damage. "We know of no injuries to VA employees," she said. "VA will take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of VA employees."

Protests in Washington, D.C., centered around the White House but spread throughout the city. At the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, vandals wrote "Do black vets count?" along the main fountain at the center of the monument. National Parks Service officials reported additional graffiti at other well-known sites along the Capitol Mall.



HVAC Asks VA for More Support of MST Survivors

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano (Calif.) and Ranking Member Dr. Phil Roe (Tenn.) sent a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie emphasizing the need

for increased support for survivors of military sexual trauma (MST) - especially as the COVID-19 pandemic and social-distancing may exacerbate stressors for these veterans. Following a joint hearing of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and the Women Veterans Task Force, which is examining how the VA supports survivors of military sexual trauma, Reps. called for an internal working group to perform a comprehensive review of the VA's policies and procedures that affect MST survivors. Subcommittee on Health and Women Veterans Task Force Chair Julia Brownley (Calif.) and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Ranking Member Jack Bergman (Mich.), and Chair Chris Pappas (N.H.) also joined the letter. A copy of the letter is [available online](#).



TRS Health Plan Reinstatement Request Period Extended

The Defense Health Agency has extended the period for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) beneficiaries who lost coverage because of unpaid premiums to request reinstatement from three to five months. The extension is in recognition of the financial turmoil the COVID-19 pandemic has caused some members of the Reserves. Once qualifying members pay all delinquent and

current premiums, they can request reinstatement back to the date their coverage terminated. This policy is in effect until 90 days following the end of the national health emergency. [Learn more.](#)



DoD IG Report on Military Voting Program

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General recently issued an evaluation of the DoD voting assistance programs administered by each separate service. The Navy and Marine Corps programs were rated as "effective" and these programs complied with Federal statute and DoD policy. In 2018, 53 percent of the ballots sent to military and overseas voters were successfully counted - compared to only a third in 2006, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program's examining post-election research from the 2018 General Election.

Military members stationed away from their voting residence face more difficulties compared to local voters. The ability to receive and submit an absentee ballot on time remains a problem. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986 requires states to allow active-duty military members, their eligible family members and overseas

citizens to vote absentee in federal elections. The FRA-supported Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) amended and improved UOCAVA in 2009 by providing greater protections, such as requiring states to send absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters at least 45 days before federal elections and provide an electronic option for sending ballots to voters.

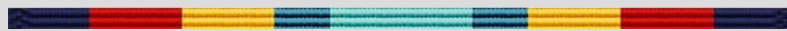
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VA Improves Veterans Legacy Memorial

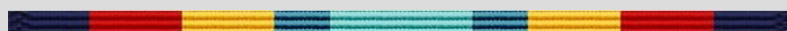
The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration has announced that it has improved capabilities on the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website to allow family, friends, and visitors to leave "tributes" or comments on a veteran's memorial page. The VLM website is the nation's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the preservation of the memory of the 3.7 million veterans interred in VA national cemeteries. "Online memorialization becomes more prominent these days, allowing people to remotely honor the service and sacrifice of our Veterans," said VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves. "The increased capabilities of VLM are in

place at a critical time to ensure "No Veteran Ever Dies" by telling their stories to a larger audience through an enhanced digital platform. In addition, VLM allows people to express their appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service of our Nation's heroes." The VLM is [available online](#).



Washington Post to Host Toxic Exposure Event

On Tuesday, June 16 at 12 p.m. ET, the Washington Post will host a virtual event entitled, [Veterans Frontline Concerns](#), to discuss the harmful effects of burn pits and other toxic exposure incidents during military service. The event will feature a discussion with Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D-CA), and actor Jon Stewart on the legislative efforts to address toxic exposure. [Learn more](#) about the VFW's proposed framework for providing VA disability benefits and treatment to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during military service.

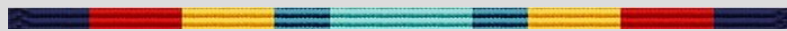


TRICARE FAQs: Protecting Your Child Against COVID-19

Do you have questions about how the national health

emergency due to the pandemic affects you or your child's TRICARE benefit? You can find answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQs) and more on the TRICARE Coronavirus FAQs page. The following are some of the most frequently asked questions about children and COVID-19.

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



First African American U.S. Military Service Chief Confirmed

On Tuesday, the Senate confirmed General Charles Q. Brown Jr. as the first African American Air Force chief of staff. Gen. Brown was commissioned in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Texas Tech University. He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron and wing levels, including an assignment to the U.S. Air Force Weapons School as an F-16 Fighting Falcon instructor. His last assignments were the commander of Pacific Air Forces; Air Component commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The confirmation makes Gen. Brown the second African American officer to sit on the Joint Chiefs of Staff since Chairman Gen. Colin Powell.

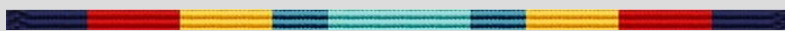
Gen. Brown is one of only two African Americans among the 41 four-star general officers in the military. Last week, he [delivered a timely message](#) regarding his experiences as a African American airman. His leadership was praised by Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) shortly after the vote, “Not only is Gen. Brown accomplished in his military career, but he is an inspiring leader -- brave, authentic, and unifying. I congratulate him on his historic promotion, and look forward to seeing his continued leadership in action.” [Read more.](#)



Want to Quit Tobacco? TRICARE Can Help

You just threw out a pack of cigarettes. You've vowed never to smoke again. You know that using products, like cigarettes, vapes, and smokeless tobacco can be harmful to your health over time. Now what? With TRICARE, you have access to a number of resources to help you quit tobacco, stay quit, and get your health back on track.

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

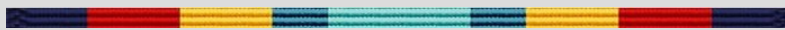


TRICARE Plan Options for Young

Adults

Graduation season is upon us. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 2.96 million students are expected to earn their associate's or bachelor's degree this year. But celebrations look different. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, high school and college graduates aren't gathering in auditoriums wearing caps and gowns. Still, as they age, it's good to know that TRICARE transitions with your kids as they become adults.

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



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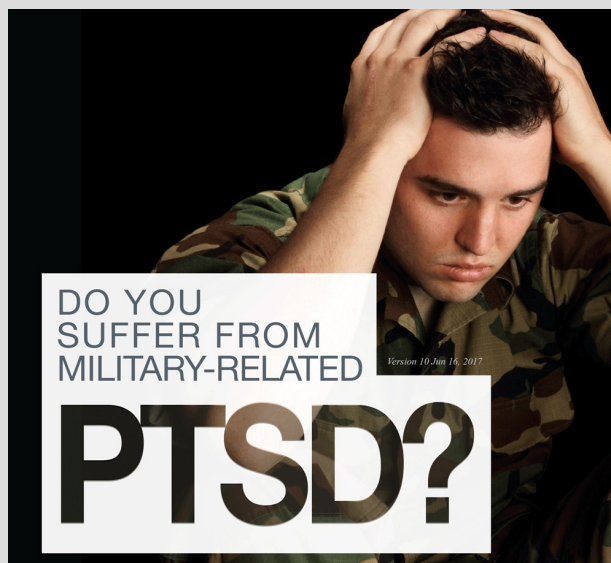


**VA Secretary Confers with House
MilCon/VA on VA Response to COVID-
19**

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie appeared before the House Military Construction-VA Appropriations subcommittee to discuss the VA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The secretary noted that out of the 11,500 veterans who tested positive for the virus, more than 9000 have recovered with 1500 currently being treated. The VA has maintained a minimum of a two-week stockpile of critical supplies used for combating the virus. The VA changed its hiring process to meet the demands of the virus, which lead to the hiring of more than 10,000 employees who were able to quickly get to the front lines. The secretary hopes to make the changes in the hiring process permanent because it allowed the VA to rapidly employ and deploy workers. Wilkie claimed that the policies put in place to safeguard employees is, in part, the reason the VA had a very low infection rate among the staff. He vowed that the VA would continue to provide rapid testing for all employees.

The VA has met with the CEO's of major companies in order to put a plan in place for supplies in case the virus boomerangs. The expansion of telehealth has helped the VA to continue the mission of taking care of veterans even in rural areas through a supply of internet equipped tablets. The VA is assisting state run veterans' centers manage the onslaught of the virus.

The hearing marks the first in-person appearance by a cabinet-level official at a House hearing since much of the Capitol campus was locked down in mid-March to stem the spread of the virus. Only 25 people were allowed into the hearing. That includes the panel of witnesses as well as up to 11 lawmakers on the appropriations subcommittee.



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SecNav Confirmed by Senate

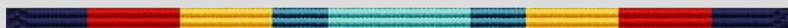
The U.S. Senate recently confirmed Kenneth J. Braithwaite as Secretary of the Navy. He most recently served as the U.S. ambassador to Norway. He was selected for the top civilian post in the Navy in

November and will succeed Richard Spencer. Braithwaite is a former naval aviator and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. During his nomination hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Braithwaite promised to set the proper tone at the top and work to restore the appropriate culture at the Navy.



Memorial Services Have Resumed at VA National Cemeteries

On Tuesday, all but two VA national cemeteries resumed memorial services. Burials and visitations continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the memorial services with military honors had been paused for over two months. These services have resumed with a set of measures in place to ensure the safety of all who attend, including limiting the number of individuals at the ceremonies, requiring face masks, practicing physical distancing, and asking sick individuals to stay home. Families who were unable to have these ceremonies since the start of the pandemic will have a VA representative reach out to them to reschedule. [Learn more](#).



TRICARE Can Help if You Have a Substance Use Disorder


A substance use disorder (SUD) can affect anyone, and chances are you may know someone who's battling one. According to the most recent statistics by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1.9 million Americans sought treatment in 2017 for a SUD. If you think you or a family member might be misusing prescription drugs, illicit drugs, or alcohol, TRICARE can help you.

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



HVAC Hearing to Review VA COVID-19 Response

On Thursday, members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing entitled, "Assessing VA's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: 90 Days Later." Veterans Health Administration representatives Dr. Richard Stone, Ms. Deborah Kramer, and Dr. Larry Mole testified on VA's procedures for COVID-19 testing, telehealth, supply chain for PPEs, and VA's fourth mission. Dr. Mole stated VA's testing capacity is being underutilized due to a current limited supply of cotton swabs and testing media. [Watch the hearing](#).



MIA Update



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three new identifications 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 Cpl. Pete Conley, 19, was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 12, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Conley.](#)

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Thomas E. Griffith, 20, 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 Griffith. Interment services are pending. [Read about Griffith.](#)

Army Sgt. Stanley L. DeWitt, 18, was a member of Medical Detachment, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 6, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about DeWitt.](#)



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