



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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Good evening Jim,

We do hope everyone had a truly wonderful and very Merry Christmas! And hopefully all are looking forward to a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

I had hoped there would be more news to provide to you, but it seems most government offices and agencies we rely on for feeds to the latest information had shut down for Christmas.

And although I should have published two days ago,

the time was not wasted!

During the past week we've uploaded a total of 293 more documents to the library, and have added 59 new libraries to choose from. And over the next few days we should be uploading another 90+ new weblinks to the site.

So please do check the site often, you never know what you've been looking for and not found that we may have just uploaded and keep in mind we still have more than 110,000 more documents to prepare and get on-line and in the appropriate library.

Weblinks are coming in constantly, but each one needs to be reviewed and determined if it fits in-line with what most Veterans and their family's might be looking for, and with the weblinks we try and gather at least 75+ at a time so we're not really wasting time going back and forth.

In addition to that we're slowly working on the addition of more to our Memorial Pages which we've not been able to confirm information and get taken care of, but we did manage to find a volunteer who could give enough time to work on the massive pile we have, confirm details, and prep for getting on-line.

Hopefully, come Monday afternoon, all of our sources

will be back at the job, and sending out more information we will be able to pass along to you and in keeping with our purpose of keeping you informed with as much information as possible.

We've received quite a number of E-Mails on COVID-19, the COVID Vaccine, other viruses and their vaccines.

While I am neither a physician or a scientist, I would never ask and/or insist anyone get any Vaccine they're opposed to, or quite possibly allergic to, the flu vaccine has already been a long-proven method to avoid getting the latest and greatest flu virus.

When it comes to COVID and the newest vaccines released, I'm still in doubt as to their ability to do the job properly without harming anyone.

I've read so much information both pro and con I myself can't even make a deliberate and informed decision, but in this newsletter as well as on the website is a lot of information available, I would very highly recommend reading so you too can either be as informed or as confused as I am.

But for the time being I would still strongly recommend using masks and keeping social distancing to at least protect yourself and your family.

On behalf of our Volunteers nationwide and myself,
we wish you and your family good health and a Very
Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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PDBR Review of Disability Claims Continues

The Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) was created by an FRA-supported provision in the FY2008 Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that reassess the accuracy and fairness of combined disability ratings of 20 percent or less for service members who were separated from service, rather than medically retired because of medical conditions.

To be eligible for a PDBR review, service members must have been medically separated between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2009, with a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less and found ineligible for retirement. According to Military.com only 19,000 of the more than 71,000 eligible have requested a review of their claim. The PDBR claims that more than half of the reviewed claims have been upgraded to a disability rating of 30 percent or more.

The review panel is authorized to recommend an increase in a disability rating, uphold the previous finding or issue a disability rating when the previous board did not assign one. The board, however, is NOT able to recommend a lower rating. Eligible veterans can request a board review by submitting a Department of Defense Form 294, Application for Review of Physical Disability Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States, which is [available online](#).

Veterans requesting a review must mail their completed and signed DD Form 294 to SAF/MRBR, 550 C St. W., Suite 41, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4743. Applicants may submit statements, briefs, medical records or affidavits supporting their application.

For more information about the PDBR, [go online](#).



COVID-19 Vaccine Distributed in Phases to TRICARE Members

The COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available for you and your family. The Department of Defense (DoD), in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will provide COVID-19 vaccines in phases. As this critical response begins, you may have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as when and how you can get it.

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

Links to Other Stories

1. Indictment:
Veteran
Falsified
Records
of
Travel
for
Treatment
2. GOVERNMENT
CONTRACTOR
ADMITS
SCHEME
TO
INFLATE
COSTS
ON
FEDERAL
PROJECTS
AND
PAYS
\$11
MILLION
TO
RESOLVE
CRIMINAL
AND
CIVIL
PROBES
3. Agawam
Man
Sentenced
for

Defrauding
VA
Hospitals
by
Failing
to
Inspect
Medical
Gas
Systems

4. Medical
Equipment
Company
Handicare
USA,
LLC,
Agrees
to
Pay
\$800,000
to
Resolve
False
Claims
Act
Action
5. Pulse
Oximeters
and
Oxygen
Concentrators:
What
to
Know
About

At-
Home
Oxygen
Therapy

6. Protect
Your
Family
from
Fraudulent
Flu
Products
7. Agent
Orange
Diseases
and
Symptoms
Breakdown!
8. VA
unveils
first
coronavirus
vaccine
sites
as
case
numbers
continue
to
climb
9. Frontline
health
care
workers
among
first

in
DOD
for
COVID-
19
vaccine

10. Veterans
Affairs
nurse
receives
COVID-
19
vaccine
in
Minneapolis

11. What
are
the
Dangers
of
Burn
Pit
Exposure?

12. VA
Welcome
Kit
adds
10
new
guides
for
Veterans
and
their
families

13. VA
Debt
Management
Center
to
resume
sending
notification
letters
in
January
2021

14. VA
Profile
allows
Veterans
to
update
contact
information
on
VA
systems



Missed Open Season? How to Get TRICARE Coverage

If you missed the Dec. 14 deadline for open season, you'll have to wait until next year's open season to change your existing coverage unless you have a Qualifying Life Event (QLE). A QLE—at any time of the year—allows you to enroll in or change your

TRICARE Prime (including US Family Health Plan) or TRICARE Select plan. With the next open season not set to arrive until the fall of 2021, you need to understand the options available to you now.

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



Veterans-For-Change Web Site

The Veterans-For-Change website has been around since 2009. The looks pretty much stay the same for now, but in the background our new webmaster has been working on a whole new look and feel, a facelift so-to-speak.

Constant improvement and change are 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, whatever 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.

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 us a notification to approve your account. Once received, and we approve, the system will send you an E-Mail letting you know your account has been approved.

www.Veterans-for-change.org

- Documents Library with over **19,939** documents in **230+** Libraries, added **283** documents on-line
(Updated: 12/25/20)
- FAQ's on-line with **1,843** FAQ's on 104 topics!
(Updated 05/30/20 - 46 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: 04/23/20) (3 Added)
- News (Articles On-Line: **10,114**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **7,809**, Added 79 New Links (Updated: 11/02/20)

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



Jim, 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!

Jim you don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help! (Updated 11/27/20)

1. Support
Veterans
Economic
Recovery
Act!
2. NDAA
Amendment
to
Provide
Benefits
to
Vets
Exposed
to
Agent
Orange
3. Please
Support
Addition
of
Agent
Orange
Presumptive
Diseases
4. Support
Amendments

That
Add
Diseases
Caused
by
Agent
Orange!

5. H.R.
6027,
the
Restore
Veterans'
Compensation
Act
6. H.R.
5867,
the
STOP
Veteran
Suicide
and
Substance
Abuse
Act
7. H.R.
95,
Legislation
to
Allow
Homeless
Veterans
to
Stay
With
Their

Children
While
Receiving
Services

8. H.R.
303,
the
Retired
Pay
Restoration
Act

9. H.R.
553,
Military
Surviving
Spouses
Equity
Act

10. H.R.
1527,
the
Long-
Term
Care
Veterans
Choice
Act

11. S
179
and
HR
712,
VA
Medicinal
Cannabis

Research
Act
of
2019

12. H.R.
1200,
the
Veterans'
Compensation
Cost-
of-
Living
Adjustment
Act
of
2019

13. S.
785,
the
Commander
John
Scott
Hannon
Veterans
Mental
Health
Care
Improvement
Act

14. H.R.
96,
to
Provide
Dental
Care

for
All
Veterans
Enrolled
in
Veterans
Health
Care

15. H.R.
6590,
DAV
Supports
Deferring
Debt
Collections
during
COVID-
19
Crisis
16. H.R.
6933,
the
Caring
for
Survivors
Act
of
2020
17. Support
S.
3761/H.R.
7443
to
re-
establish

VSO
review
period
on
VBA
decisions

18. Please
Ask
Your
Member
Of
Congress
To
Support
Tester/Harder
Amendment
In
The
Fy2021
National
Defense

19. S.
2950,
the
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Pits
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Recognition
Act

20. Tell
Congress
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Vietnam
Veterans!

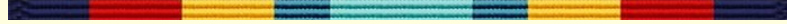
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Last Chance: Set Up Payment for TRICARE Select Enrollment Fees

The Dec. 31 deadline to set up payment for your new [TRICARE Select 2021 enrollment fees](#) is just around the corner. If you're a TRICARE Select Group A retiree, this is your last chance to set up payment. If you don't set up your payment by the Dec. 31 deadline, you'll be disenrolled from TRICARE Select or TRICARE Overseas Program Select on Jan. 1, 2021.

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



**CONTACT YOUR
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS!**

To Call your Representative:

202-225-2305

To Call your Senators:

202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

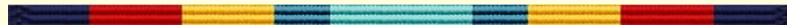
To call Different Members of Congress:

202-224-3121

TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

PLEASE... STOP Making Excuses!

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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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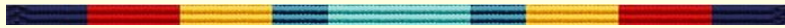
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FOR-CHANGE

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SERVED OUR GREAT NATION

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"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."



Office of Inspector General

1. Defense
Health
Care:
Efforts
to
Ensure
Beneficiaries
Access
Specialty

Care
and
Receive
Timely
and
Effective
Care

2. Emergency
Responder
Safety:
States
and
DOT
Are
Implementing
Actions
to
Reduce
Roadside
Crashes
3. Medicaid
Long-
Term
Services
and
Supports:
Access
and
Quality
Problems
in
Managed
Care
Demand
Improved

Oversight



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1. Controlled
Correspondence
Related
to
Generic
Drug
Development
Guidance
for
Industry
2. Coronavirus
(COVID-
19)
Update:
December
21,
2020
3. Coronavirus
(COVID-
19)
Update:

FDA
Issues
New
Authorization
for
the
BinaxNOW
COVID-
19
Ag
Card
Home
Test
(12/16/20)

4. Coronavirus
Disease
2019
(COVID-
19)
(12/20/20)

5. Coronavirus
Disease
2019
(COVID-
19)
(12/21/20)

6. COVID-
19
Frequently
Asked
Questions

7. DA
Approves
First
Adjuvant

Therapy
for
Most
Common
Type
of
Lung
Cancer

8. FDA
Advises
Consumers
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Root
Juice
Due
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Potentially
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Ingredient

9. FDA
Approves
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10. FDA Approves First Oral Hormone Therapy for Treating Advanced Prostate Cancer
 11. FDA Approves First Oral Hormone Therapy for Treating Advanced Prostate Cancer
 12. FDA Approves Prosthetic Implant for Above-the-Knee Amputations
 13. FDA Approves Treatment

for
Ebola
Virus

14. FDA
Authorizes
Marketing
of
New
Implant
to
Repair
a
Torn
ACL
15. FDA
Drug
Shortages
16. FDA
Statement
on
Vaccines
and
Related
Biological
Products
Advisory
Committee
Meeting
17. FDA
Takes
Additional
Action
in
Fight
Against

COVID-
19
By
Issuing
Emergency
Use
Authorization
for
Second
COVID-
19
Vaccine

18. FDA
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19. FDA
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Amazon,
eBay
and
Other
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Dangerous
Drug
Ingredients
20. FSMA
Proposed
Rule
for
Food
Traceability
21. List

of
Off-
Patent,
Off-
Exclusivity
Drugs
without
an
Approved
Generic

22. O&H
Danish
Bakery,
Inc.
Issues
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Potential
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Undeclared
Pecans
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Almond
Kringle

23. Penumbra's
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Health
Care
Providers

25. Vaccines
and
Related
Biological
Products
Advisory
Committee
October
22,
2020
Meeting
Presentation

26. Weight
Loss,
Male
Enhancement
and
Other
Products
Sold
Online
or
in
Stores
May

Be
Dangerous

27. Shane
Erickson,
Inc.
DBA
Innovative
Marketing
Consultants
Issues
Voluntary
Nationwide
Recall
of
Wash-
Free
Hand
Sanitizer
Due
to
Potential
Presence
of
Undeclared
Methanol

28. Cook
Medical
Recalls
Flexor
Check-
Flo
Introducers
and
Flexor
Tuohy-

Borst
Side-
Arm
Introducers
Due
to
Separation
in
Device

29. FDA
Takes
Further
Steps
to
Confront
Opioid
Crisis
Through
Risk
Evaluation
and
Mitigation
Strategy
Programs

30. FDA
authorizes
marketing
of
new
device
designed
to
remove
dead
pancreatic

tissue

31. B&G
Foods
Issues
Voluntary
Allergy
Alert
on
Undeclared
Soy
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a
Limited
Number
of
Containers
of
Food
Club
Garlic
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That
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Bacon-
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32. Coronavirus
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(12/22/20)
33. Outbreak
Investigation

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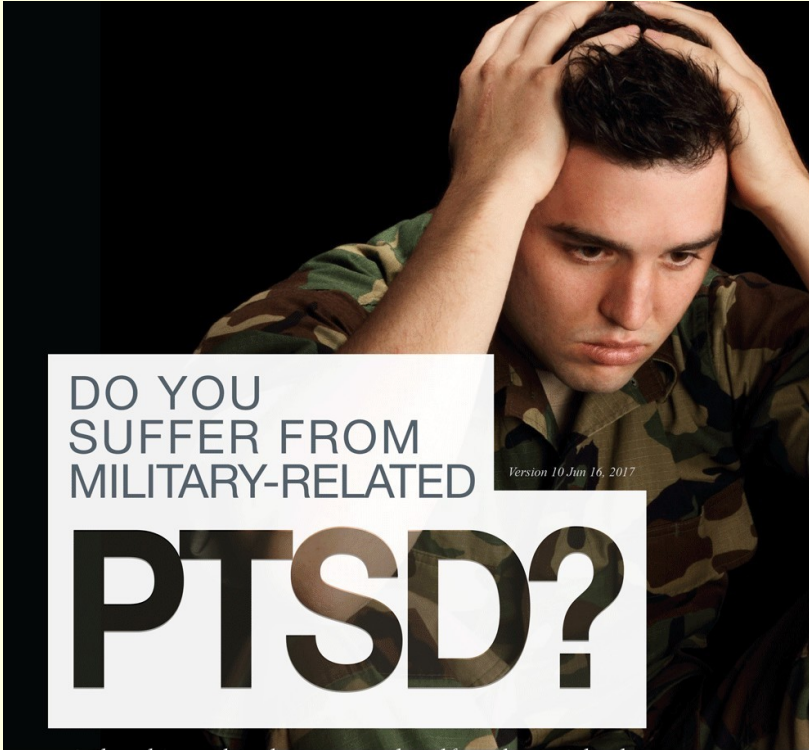
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Leafy
Greens
(December
2020)

34. FDA
Warns
Companies
Illegally
Selling
CBD
Products

35. FDA
In
Brief:
FDA
Issues
Warning
Letter
to
Whole
Foods
Market
After
Repeated
Recalls
of
Foods
Packaged
with
Incorrect
Allergen

- Labeling
- 36. FDA
- Warns
- Companies
- Illegally
- Selling
- CBD
- Products



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SUFFER FROM
MILITARY-RELATED

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PTSD?

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

SOUND OFF!

SHARE YOUR STORIES AND COMMENTS WITH US:

We know most Veterans have had issues both current and in the past with the Veterans Affairs, and we'd really like to hear from you!

So now is your chance to voice your concerns, opinions, problems, compliments, advice, etc., anything you'd like to have heard.

We will be creating another category in the "NEWS" section of the website called "SOUND OFF" and instead of us continually sending this type of information in fax blasts to all 535 members of Congress, we will be adding to the website as we know many members of Congress do watch us, and this makes it a lot easier for us to track the number of people reading the issues.

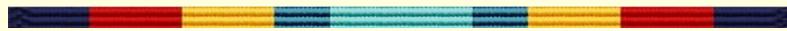
In addition, it might even open the door for your fellow Veteran's to see they're not alone, and they too might voice their concerns.

Your story can be as long or as short as you'd like to express what you have to say, we can post as anonymous, or if you want we can post your name to the article, just tell us how you would like for us to post

your story and we will adhere to your request.

We only ask that you keep it clean from foul language, and we will edit only to correct grammar, and if need be to edit out any foul language as that is an almost immediate cut off from Congress to pay attention.

Send your story to JIM.DAVIS@VETERANS-FOR-CHANGE.org and we will get it posted as quickly as we can. And if you have a title for your story that would be fantastic, as we will be providing the story title and link to Congress.



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