



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

Good evening Jim,

It's been a long week as we've spent a lot of time going through several hundred documents in order to see what information was contained in each one, whether or not they were worthy or of any value to anyone and receiving quite a number of web link submissions for approval and addition to the website.

We didn't make a lot of progress in getting new

documents on-line, however, we did add I believe eight or nine new documents regarding TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) which might be useful and of some value to many of our Veterans.

This coming week we anticipate adding probably 80+ new web links and hopefully adding to and updating the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page on the website, so do visit often and check for new additions.

We've also added a few more articles regarding the COVID-19 vaccine which might be of interest, as well as one noting that 1 in 3 active-duty military are rejecting the vaccine.

In the last two weeks we discussed the new Sec VA and in our initial comments we didn't have any information on whether or not he had actually served, and between that time and last weeks newsletter we did find that he had.

For that I apologize for confusion caused, mostly due to lack of adequate information found.

We have posted a number of articles from Justice.gov noting those who have committed fraud or in some way have violated laws and been able to

rob the VA and Government of millions of dollars, and we will continue to do so for the simple reason that it helps explain, not excuse the VA's inability to process claims due to lack of funds available.

There has been no real accountability within the VA Healthcare system for quite a number of years if ever, and when errors are found, the person or persons responsible for disbursement of funds or authorizing contracts don't even bother to monitor to ensure all funds being disbursed are fully legitimate or not.

This is where we have the biggest issue, that not one person is ever being held accountable. And it's long over-due that someone needs to make sure that when these costly errors are allowed that someone's head rolls.

But then this also applies to Government in general as well and billions if not trillions of dollars are being tossed away so easily and without consequences.

While we do work hard on countless Veteran issues, we do also work on the spending habits of Congress.

Most of it is pointless, helps NO Americans or our

Veterans, and in many if not all cases aren't justified.

We'd like to continue to remind everyone to please continue to practice safe practices like masks when out, keeping safe social distancing, steer clear of anyone sneezing or coughing to help protect yourself and your family.

We continue to gain momentum on [MEWE](#), and some of our followers that we'd lost when we migrated from Face Book over to [MEWE](#) are finding us again, and we're pleased to have them rejoin us. And we encourage all of our readers to join us there, links to all our pages are further down in this newsletter.

And I'd like to encourage everyone who can to help and support Military-Veterans Advocacy go to www.militaryVeteransadvocacy.org. They helped all our Blue Water Navy Veterans, and are still working on BWN and now many other issues, and I offer a hat off to them and Commander John Wells!

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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Migration of MTF websites to TRICARE.mil complete

The Defense Health Agency recently completed the migration of 140 military medical treatment facility (MTF) websites to the [TRICARE.mil](https://www.tricare.mil) domain, a key milestone in the transition of management and administration of the MTFs from the services to the DHA.

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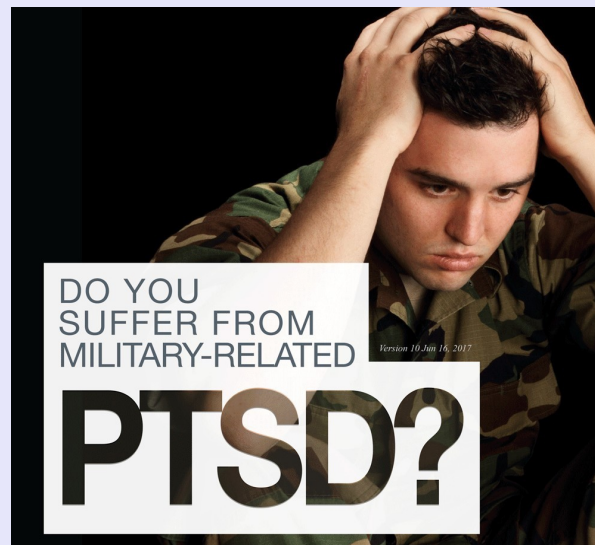
HVAC Approves VA Portion of COVID-19 Relief Package

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee approved key provisions of the COVID-19 relief package that provides additional funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The bill passed on a partisan roll call. The committee approved the following provisions:

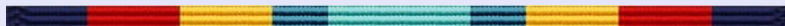
- \$272 million for the VA to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on the benefits claims and appeals backlog;
- \$13.5 billion for the VA to provide health care services and related support to eligible veterans, including COVID-19 vaccine distribution, expanded mental health care, enhanced telehealth capabilities, extended support for veterans who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, and PPE and supplies for clinical employees;
- \$100 million for accelerated deployment of the VA's supply chain modernization initiative to improve the department's preparedness and response to public health emergencies;
- \$750 million for the VA to support COVID-19 response, staff and veteran safety, and preparedness at state Veterans homes through one-time payments to support operations and additional construction grants to support shovel-ready projects;
- \$10 million for the VA Office of Inspector General to provide oversight;
- \$386 million for up to 12 months of retraining assistance for veterans who are unemployed due to COVID-19 and do not have other veteran education benefits; and

- Providing VA health care copayment relief by waiving medical debts and billing during the pandemic, as well as costs for COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccination services at the Department.

The FRA will continue to monitor the COVID-19 relief effort as it moves through legislative process.



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



**DHA IT helps beneficiaries,
providers, and workforce through
pandemic**

Defense Health Agency information technology

(DHA IT) teams demonstrated their versatility and responsiveness ensuring Military Health System patients continued to receive high quality health care during the COVID-19 pandemic and throughout 2020.

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House MilCon/VA has Oversight Hearing on Military Housing

The House Appropriations Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies subcommittee (H. MilCon/VA) held an oversight hearing on the quality of privatized military housing. Mr. Paul Cramer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment (Installations) and Ms. Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Government Accountability Office (GAO) were the only witnesses.

A series of Reuters News articles in August of 2018, focused on deplorable conditions in military privatized housing that included faulty wiring, exposed plumbing, poor water quality, vermin infestations, mold and lead contamination, raw

sewage and other toxic exposures that have had negative health impacts for all residents - many of whom are young children. In response Congress passed the Tenant Bill of Rights (18 separate provisions) for service members and their families who are in privatized housing that was included in the FY2020 NDAA.

It was later determined that only 14 of the 18 provisions were ever implemented. H. MilCon/VA Chairwoman Debra Wasserman-Schultz asked why there was no one person at the Department of Defense who was solely responsible for the quality of military housing? She claimed that was the intent of recently passed legislation. It was also noted that the FY2021 NDAA requires an Inspector General report on the quality of military housing within 90 days of enactment of the FY2021 NDAA, which will be available in about five weeks. Members of the subcommittee asked about the financial consequences for companies that allowed housing to become substandard. The FRA welcomes these oversight committee hearings to help ensure that the bureaucracy follows through with legislative mandates.



Links to Other Stories

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4. Renovated
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5. The
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6. WWII
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8. Veterans:
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16. Man
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17. Doctor
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Milley highlights importance of heart health during visit to WRNMMC

The nation annually observes American Heart Month during February to raise awareness about heart disease as the leading cause of death among

Americans, especially women.

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Disenrolled from TRICARE Select? Here's How to Reinstate Your Coverage

As of Jan. 1, 2021, TRICARE Select Group A refers to; if a beneficiary or their sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment occurred before Jan. 1, 2018, they are in Group A. TRICARE Select retirees (NOT TRICARE-for-Life beneficiaries) are required to pay a monthly enrollment fee. According to the Defense Health Agency (DHA), 26 percent of TRICARE Select beneficiaries have NOT set up method to pay the monthly enrollment fee. If beneficiaries did not set up your enrollment fees for TRICARE Select coverage last year, they were disenrolled from their plan effective Dec. 31, 2020 (TRICARE Select replaced TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra in 2018). Beneficiaries wanting TRICARE Select coverage this year, must request reinstatement with their [TRICARE contractor](#) (Health Net or Humana). TRICARE Select beneficiaries have until June 30, 2021 to make a

request.



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. And we're sincerely hoping to roll out the new website sometime this coming June.

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, 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 **2,602** hits per day, and downloads average **3,174** per day with a total **7,127,647** visitors as of Sunday evening.

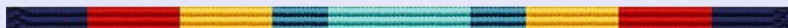
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- Documents Library with over **20,104** documents in 233+ Libraries, added 7 new documents on-line (Updated: 01/12/21)
- FAQ's on-line with **1,843** FAQ's on 104 topics! (Updated 05/30/20 - 46 NEW)
- Multiple Forums
 - o Afghanistan Veterans

- 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: **10,241**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **7,942**, Added 47 New Links (Updated: 02/03/21)

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



DOD participates in new COVID-19

antibody treatment trial

While the Military Health System continues to support the development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to counter the ongoing public health threat of the disease, it's investing in other efforts to counter the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

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New VFW ALTAS Site Open for Patients

This week, VFW Post 7842 in Linesville, Pennsylvania, became the second VFW Project Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ALTAS) location, allowing veterans and their families to virtually connect to care with the Erie VA Medical Center. For many rural and underserved veterans, connectivity remains a critical issue. Through Project ATLAS, the VFW has worked with VA and Philips to leverage VA's anywhere-to-anywhere authority to expand telehealth options for rural veterans. More than 20 VFW Posts have been identified as possible Project ATLAS telehealth locations. The VFW-supported Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care

Improvement Act of 2019 will provide grant programs to expand telehealth capabilities such as [ATLAS](#) sites. [Read more.](#)



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 02/21/21)

1. [Oppose TRICARE fee Increases](#)
2. [Veterans Economic Recovery Act](#)

Introduced

3. S.
134/H.R.
637,
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Recovery
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4. Please
Support
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Plummer, Goggins first Black nursing leadership duo at Fort Belvoir

Fort Belvoir Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is in the unique position of having African Americans serving as both chief and deputy chief of nursing services.

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**CONTACT YOUR
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS!**

To Call your Representative:
202-225-2305

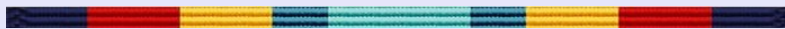
To Call your Senators:
202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call Different Members of Congress:
202-224-3121

TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

PLEASE... STOP Making Excuses!

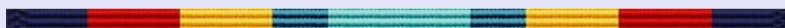
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**USU researchers earn prestigious
tech transfer award**

Uniformed Services University researchers working on a new gamma radiation vaccine development platform have been recognized for their efforts, earning the prestigious 2021 Federal Laboratory Consortium's (FLC) Award for Technology Transfer.

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VA Continues COVID-19 Debt Relief

VA will continue to suspend debts in order to provide critical financial relief for veterans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. VA's suspension of collections will apply to all veteran benefit overpayments and medical copayment debts incurred after April 1, 2020. VA will notify veterans of their current debt and their options for relief. For benefit overpayment questions, you can [submit a request online](#) or call 800.827.0648. For health care debts, veterans should contact the Health Resource Center at 866-400-1238.



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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[HOMELESS HEROES PROGRAM OF](#)

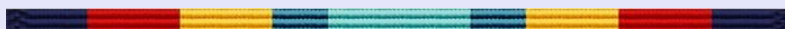
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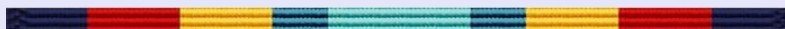
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SERVED OUR GREAT NATION

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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."

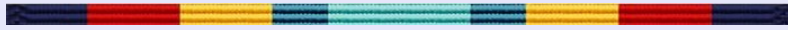


COVID-19 vaccinations reaching smaller clinics, facilities

COVID-19 vaccinations are making their way through the military health system at installations

both large and small in the most equitable way possible.

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VA Extends Existing Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures

VA's current moratorium on evictions and foreclosures was set to expire on March 31, and is now extended to June 30, 2021. VA will also extend VA loan forbearance requests. VA home loan borrowers can find helpful information from the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, online from VA](#), or they can call VA at 877-827-3702.



Office of Inspector General

1. [Electronic Health Records: VA Has Made Progress in Preparing](#)

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6. Military
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USAISR Burn Center observes National Burn Awareness Week

Since 2003, more than 1,200 U.S. service members have received 'burn injuries' requiring specialized burn care treatment and rehabilitation.

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Navy Lt. stresses importance of being proactive during winter training

The most important lesson for Navy Lt. Victoria Selkirk during a recent five-day leadership course at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) was that learning about cold-weather training in a lab or clinic is very different from experiencing cold-weather training.

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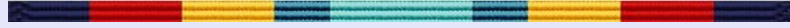
CLICK HERE TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER !

DOD Announces Use of Masks, Other Public Health Measures

On February 4, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III signed a memo that, effective immediately, directs all individuals on military installations and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces, to wear masks in accordance with the [most current Centers for](#)

[Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidelines.](#)

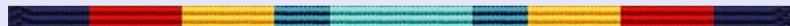
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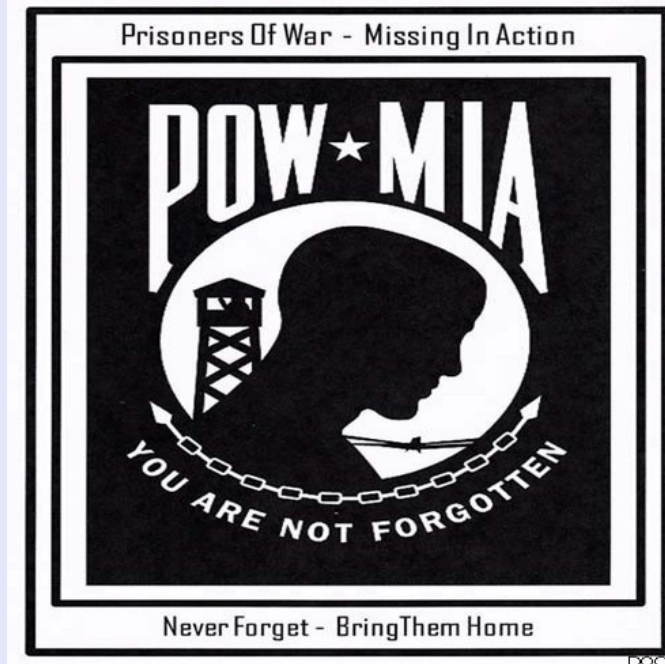


USU cohort study investigates COVID-19 impacts on DOD personnel

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program is leading a multi-year study to identify risk factors for COVID-19 in the military population, understand the symptoms and disease course, and investigate clinical outcomes.

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COVID-19 vaccine rollout ongoing in U.S. Army Central footprint

The COVID-19 vaccination program in the U.S. Army Central's area of operations is underway.

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Keeping kids' teeth healthy during a pandemic: brush, floss, no sugar

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and when it comes to pediatric dental health, you can't but help think of the mantra: 'Brush after every meal, floss daily, see the dentist twice a

year for checkups, and avoid sugary foods and drinks.'

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1. FDA Approves Drug to Reduce Bone Marrow Suppression Caused by Chemotherapy
2. Outbreak Investigation of Listeria monocytogenes –

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(February
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3. Boston
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5. Coronavirus
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6. FDA
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7. Pulse
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FDA
Safety
Communication

8. FDA
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9. COVID-
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12. Outbreak Investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes*

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Hispanic-style Fresh and Soft Cheeses (February 2021)

13. Litehouse Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Anchovies in Product

14. FDA Approves First in the World, First-of-

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16. FDA
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17. FDA
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18. Coronavirus
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Military, medical leaders discuss COVID-19 issues with service members

Top military and medical officials gathered earlier this month for a virtual town hall meeting with service members and their families to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations.


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Improving health outcomes, readiness is aim of new grant funding

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) Research and Development Directorate released a grant opportunity to support research aimed at improving health care and military readiness within the Military Health System.

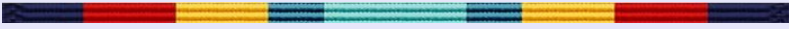
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Army leader finds rewarding position through Operation Warfighter

Army Sergeant First Class Samuel Ortiz was in Kuwait when he got hurt and had to return home from his military duties.

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COVID-19, influenza provide twice the challenge to health care workers

It's a double whammy that public health experts across the country had indicated could happen.

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Navy Lt. Earns Geriatric Pharmacological Board Certification

Michael McDonnell with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) talked with leaders of the Mayo Clinic and the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on April 21, 2015.

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DOD initiatives address the sexual health of our military

When it comes to sexual health statistics and the military, there is promising news – and concerning news.

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More Options to Get COVID-19 Vaccine

Are you and your family looking to get a COVID-19 vaccine near you? If so, you'll soon have more options for where you can go to get it. As part of the ongoing response to COVID-19, the federal government has launched the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination.

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

COVID-19 vaccine does not affect fertility, immunization experts say

You're pregnant, or you're breastfeeding. Should you get a COVID-19 vaccine?

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Proactive communication remains paramount during COVID-19 pandemic

Crisis and innovation seem intricately linked throughout history, perhaps most notably in the field of health care.

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Tax & Credit Information



1. IRS seeks applications for the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee through March 1
2. IRS sends Taxpayer First Act Report to Congress
3. Treasury issues millions of second Economic Impact

Payments
by
debit
card

4. Treasury,
IRS
provide
regulations
to
help
businesses
claim
credits
for
carbon
capture
5. Eligible
Paycheck
Protection
Program
expenses
now
deductible
6. IRS
releases
2020
Progress
Update;
annual
report
details
unprecedented
year

7. Form
1024-
A
Revisions
and
Required
Electronic
Submission

8. IRS
revises
Form
1024-
A,
application
for
Section
501(c)
(4)
tax-
exempt
status
as
part
of
ongoing
efforts
to
improve
service

9. Economic
Impact
Payments
on

their
way,
visit
IRS.gov
instead
of
calling

10. All
taxpayers
now
eligible
for
Identity
Protection
PINs
11. Get
a
federal
tax
refund
faster
with
direct
deposit
12. IRS
urges
taxpayers
to
gather
tax
documents
now
for

smooth
filing
later

13. Tax
time
is
seasonal,
but
the
Taxpayer
Bill
of
Rights
applies
all
year

14. Taxpayers
can
start
the
new
tax
year
off
right
by
checking
their
withholding

15. Employers
can
withhold,
make

payments
of
deferred
Social
Security
taxes
from
2020

16. Taxpayers
can
visit
[IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
from
the
safety
of
their
home
for
answers
to
tax
questions

17. 2021
tax
filing
season
begins
Feb.
12;
IRS
outlines
steps

to
speed
refunds
during
pandemic

18. IRS
Free
File
available
today;
claim
Recovery
Rebate
Credit
and
other
tax
credits

19. Millions
of
taxpayers
will
receive
their
second
Economic
Impact
Payments
by
debit
card

20. IRS
reminds

taxpayers
to
make
final
estimated
tax
payment
for
2020

21. IRS
ready
for
the
upcoming
tax
season;
last-
minute
changes
to
tax
laws
included
in
IRS
forms
and
instructions
22. Beware
of
'ghost'
preparers
who

don't
sign
tax
returns

23. Tips
to
help
people
choose
a
reputable
tax
preparer

24. IRS
names
Maloy
as
director
of
Taxpayer
First
Act
Office

25. Educators
can
now
deduct
out-
of-
pocket
expenses
for
COVID-

19
protective
items

26. Here
are
reasons
taxpayers
should
file
a
2020
federal
tax
return
—
and
why
e-
file
is
best

27. People
can
get
their
federal
tax
refund
faster
with
direct
deposit

28. IRS

offers
contact-
free
signature
options
for
authorization
forms

29. Many
taxpayers
can
file
their
state
and
federal
tax
returns
for
free

30. EITC
Awareness
Day:
Critical
tax
credit
provides
a
significant
refund
boost
to
millions

31. IRS
offers
guidance
to
taxpayers
on
identity
theft
involving
unemployment
benefits

32. 2021
tax
filing
season
set
to
begin
February
12

33. New
law
extends
COVID
tax
credit
for
employers
who
keep
workers
on
payroll

34. All
taxpayers
are
now
eligible
for
identity
protection
PINs

35. What
taxpayers
need
to
know
to
claim
the
earned
income
tax
credit

36. IRS,
Summit
partners
issue
urgent
EFIN
scam
alert
to
tax
professionals

37. Common

and
costly
errors
taxpayers
should
avoid
when
preparing
a
tax
return

38. Double-
check
for
missing
or
incorrect
Forms
W-
2,
1099
before
filing
taxes

39. The
first
step
of
tax
preparation
is
gathering
records

40. IRS
Free
File
can
save
families
money

41. New
IRS
form
available
for
self-
employed
individuals
to
claim
COVID-
19
sick
and
family
leave
tax
credits
under
FFCRA



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- Cost Terms You Should Know
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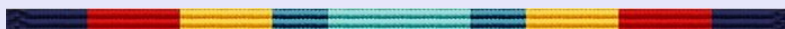


The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Navy Fireman 1st Class William D. Tucker, 19, 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 Tucker. Interment Services are pending. [Read about Tucker.](#)

Army Cpl. Paul Mitchem, 20, was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 7, 1950, after his unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean army's advance near Ch'onan, South Korea. His body was not recovered because his unit was forced to retreat, nor were any remains found that could be identified as Mitchem. Interment Services are pending. [Read about Mitchem.](#)

U.S. Army Pfc. Michaux Turbeville, 31, was a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, after his unit was attacked by enemy forces as they attempted to withdraw near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Turbeville.](#)



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