



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

Good evening Jim,

We've managed to get another 382 documents on-line this past week with another 200+ coming this coming week, in total approximately 12,400 pages have been uploaded. Many are in closed folders meaning you need to be a subscriber (**never a cost**) in order to access them. They cover several topics and you will be able to notice them quickly as it will have a red flag that says "New".

Lots of new information to be added, just takes us time to process them all.

It's beginning to look a little better in DC in that there are several new **TAKE ACTION** items that have been added to the list this week.

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.

If you've not visited our website, www.veterans-for-change.org or not visited in a while, please be sure to check often for updates on documents, web links, etc., we are a bit slow, but are moving as fast as we can, yet not over-loading to put more work on our Webmaster when we get to the transition into the new look.

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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SENATOR BOOZMAN INTRODUCES KEY HERBICIDE RELIEF BILL

Military-Veterans Advocacy, (MVA) a Louisiana based non-profit corporation based in Slidell, Louisiana, praised Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas for the introduction of a bill to cover those exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides at Royal Thai bases during and immediately after the Vietnam War.

The bill will create a presumption of service

connection between the occurrence of a covered disease and exposure to a herbicide agent while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era at a military base in Thailand without regard to where on the base the veteran was located or what military job specialty the veteran performed.

Sen. Boozman and Cong. Bruce Westerman, also of Arkansas, introduced a similar bill in 2019. Although it received a number of co-sponsors, it was never scheduled for a hearing.

MVA Chairman of the Board and Acting Executive Director Commander John B. Wells, USN (ret.) welcomed the introduction.

“This is critical legislation to cover tens of thousands of sick veterans who were exposed to deadly herbicide while serving in Thailand,” Wells said “I call on Sen. Jon Tester, Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, to bring this matter forward for a legislative hearing.”

MVA Director of the Veterans of Southeast Asia Section of Military-Veterans Advocacy Bill Rhodes played a key role in the introduction of the previous bills. “I worked with Sen. Boozman and Cong. Westerman to introduce legislation to help these

veterans and I am so happy that Sen. Boozman is continuing the fight,” said Rhodes, who was exposed to the herbicide while serving with the Marines in Thailand during the war.

Currently, the VA recognizes herbicide exposure for those who served on the base perimeters, Wells explained.

“This position is ludicrous,” Wells said. “They refuse to cover those who worked or slept near the perimeter, despite the fact that the Army Field Manual called for a 500-meter buffer zone to allow for wind drift.”

MVA currently has federal litigation pending to force additional coverage for those who served in Thailand. A decision is expected sometime in 2022.

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VIDEO: Get an inside look at working as a VA psychologist

Joel Schmidt, associate director of advanced fellowships, discussed VA psychology careers on our Talk About It Tuesday live broadcast.

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Updated tools and training improve TBI and concussion recovery

Up-to-date clinical tools help military health care providers diagnose and manage traumatic brain injury (TBI) on and off the battlefield.

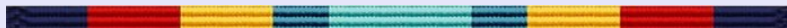
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Practicing cultural humility encourages patients to use digital health

Now that we finally made it to 2021, getting patients to understand and use digital health technology may be a matter of life and death until the coronavirus is under control.

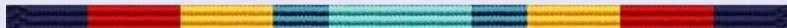
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**VVA National President John Rowan,
testifies before HVAC/SVAC on 117th
Legislative Priorities**

Mr. Rowan stated during his March 4, 2021, testimony, I am pleased to appear before you today to present highlights of the legislative agenda and policy initiatives of Vietnam Veterans of America for the second session of the 117th Congress. As you know, although VVA is the only Vietnam Veterans service organization chartered by Congress, we advocate on behalf of Veterans of all eras, those who served before us and those who have served most recently in the Persian Gulf War in 1991, and the Post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and in Syria, the Philippines, in Africa, and elsewhere.

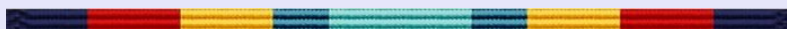
[Read testimony.](#)



Travel pay claims made easy

Eligible Veterans and caregivers can now file reimbursement claims for travel related to medical appointments from a PC, tablet or smart phone. Check out VA's Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System.

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Links to Other Stories

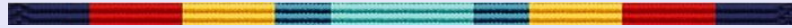
1. Former Employee of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Charged with Stealing More Than \$8.2 Million Worth of HIV Medication
2. Stoughton Man Sentenced for Distributing Fentanyl
3. Construction Company Owners Pleaded Guilty to Defrauding Federal Program Intended for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
4. Manhattan U.S. Attorney Announces Resolution Of Civil And Criminal Healthcare Fraud Charges Against Vascular Surgeon For Fraudulently Billing Medicare For Medically Unnecessary Procedures
5. New Jersey Physician and Medical Practice Agree to Pay \$106,255 to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations
6. A 99-year-old World War II Veteran finally gets his medals
7. WWII Navy Veteran finds home, thanks to Buffalo VA and HUD-VASH
8. 'He is one of the uncounted,' says daughter of Marine Vet who died after contracting COVID in NY nursing home
9. Getting Veterans COVID-19 vaccinations high priority, says SecVA

10. [VA Is Asking DOJ for Help Getting Back](#)

[GIBill.com After Losing Domain Rights](#)

11. [Secretary orders review of VA's transgender policies](#)

12. [Tim O'Brien On Late-In-Life Fatherhood and The Things He Carried from Vietnam](#)



Innovative VA Program, NOHAP, is saving lives and improving patient care

NOHAP is a VA-led effort to reduce NV-HAP across the country in both VA and private sector hospitals, improving patient safety, saving lives and money.

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President Signs COVID Relief Package into Law

Congress passed and President Biden signed it into law the "American Rescue Act" (H.R.1319-COVID relief package). The bill provides additional resources for the VA to continue vaccinating veterans and VA staff, as well as potential improvements to bolster the nation's vaccine supply

chain.

The relief package includes an FRA-supported provision that closes the so-called 90/10 loophole. Currently, for-profit schools must collect at least 10% of their revenue from non-federal sources. The 90/10 rule does not count the GI Bill as federal revenue, despite it coming from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- The relief package provides \$1.9 trillion in spending in numerous government programs that includes:
 - Providing economic impact payments of \$1,400 for individuals/\$2800 for those making up to \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for couples;
 - Delivering a \$300 weekly supplemental unemployment compensation payment until September for unemployed individuals;
 - Exempting student loan forgiveness payments from taxation;
 - Providing a 100% subsidy of COBRA health insurance premiums for laid-off workers can keep healthcare coverage through the end of September; and
 - Expanding child tax credits and SNAP (Food stamps program).

An attempt to add a phased in \$15 an hour increase in the minimum wage failed in the Senate.



VVA President Rowan Presents VVA's Legislative Priorities before Congress; Calls for Recognition of Toxic Wounds

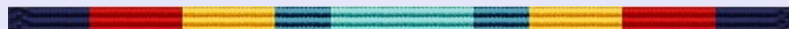
Toxic exposures, not only to Agent Orange, remain our prime concern," noted Rowan. "We are seeking champions in Congress to introduce and enact the Toxic Wounds Registries Act of 2021. Toxic Wounds registries would enable epidemiological research by linking, in Electronic Health Records, a Veteran's military history by encoding their location and time of service. VA techs would be able to access the appropriate registry to locate others with whom they served. We call on Congress to ensure this capability is built into the VA's IT system," noted Rowan. [Read full press release.](#)



Flight through winter storm to get Veterans vaccinated

VA Portland flew 144 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine during a winter storm from Portland to Redmond, Oregon. Trip bypassed a lofty and icy mountain pass to get Veterans vaccinated at the Bend clinic.

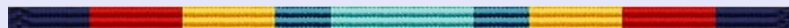
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Proper nutrition impacts overall health & readiness

Nutrition is one the eight Total Force Fitness domains, and having safe, high-quality foods available to members of the military goes a long way toward sustaining and optimizing physical and cognitive performance, as well as health, well-being, and readiness.

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[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 **2,392** hits per day, and downloads average **2,966** per day with a total **7,166,468** visitors as of Friday evening.

If you subscribe you will have full access to the entire website and best of all it's **FREE of CHARGE!** You just need a valid E-mail address so the system can send 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. Be sure to check your junk and spam folders just in case you don't receive it in your In-Box.

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- Documents Library with over **20,648** documents in 235+ Libraries, added **191** new documents on-line (Updated: 03/08/21)
- 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: **10,307**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **8,016**, Added 74 New Links (Updated: 03/02/21)

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



**Mark Takano, Chairman House
Veterans Affairs Committee
announces Priorities for the 117th
Congress**

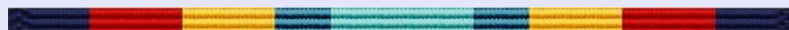
Chairman Takano, states "From finally getting Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans the benefits they've earned to passing the Veterans' COMPACT Act and making real strides to reduce Veteran suicide, I'm so proud of what we accomplished in the 116th Congress. [Source](#).



Patient Safety Awareness Week 2021 highlights role of technology

The Military Health System will once again join the annual national Patient Safety Awareness Week education campaign to bring awareness to health care safety and promote patient safety practices.

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DHA leaders tour DPAA facility, highlighting enduring partnership

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) hosted the Defense Health Agency (DHA) Director, Army Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, and the Senior Enlisted Leader of DHA, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gragg, at the Senator Daniel K. Inouye DPAA Center of Excellence at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii, in late Feb. 2021.

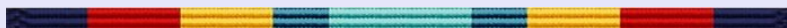
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Jim, below are links to all currently active pre-written E-Mails to many pieces of legislation. We ask that you go to each one, and send the pre-written E-Mails, and to also call your Reps or Senators and ask for their support on a weekly basis!

Jim you don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help!
(Updated **03/12/21**)

1. Ask your Member of Congress and Senators to co-sponsor HR 1014
2. Ask your Member of Congress and Senators to co-sponsor HR 109
3. Concurrent Receipt Legislation Introduced
4. Expand Concurrent Receipt
5. FRA and Others asks SecDef Not to Raise TRICARE Fees
6. H.R. 333, Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act
7. H.R. 344, Support the Women Veterans TRUST Act
8. H.R. 914, the Dental Care for Veterans Act
9. Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act
10. Oppose TRICARE fee Increases
11. S. 134/H.R. 637, the Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2021
12. S. 437, Take Action for Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits
13. S. 89, Ensuring Survivors Benefits during COVID-19 Act of 2021
14. STOP TRICARE Fee Increases
15. Support Bills to Expand Coverage for ChampVA and TRICARE Young Adults
16. Veterans Economic Recovery Act Introduced



Army announces FDA clearance of field deployable TBI blood test

The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, in partnership with Abbott, announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of the Abbott i-STAT™ Alinity™ Traumatic Brain Injury plasma assay, a rapid blood test for TBI in January.

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Bipartisan Bill Expanding COVID-19 Vaccine Access for Veterans and Families

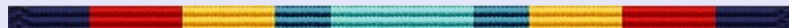
Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (SVAC) Chairman Jon Tester (Mont.), Sen. John Boozman (Ark.), SVAC Ranking Member Jerry Moran (Kan.), and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (Conn.) introduced bipartisan legislation that would expand COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to veterans and their families under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The "Strengthening and Amplifying Vaccination Efforts to Locally Immunize all Veterans and Every Spouse (SAVE LIVES) Act" (S.682) would allow the VA to provide no-cost COVID vaccination services

to all veterans, veteran spouses, caregivers, and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) recipients to the extent that such vaccines are available. The legislation also urges the Department of Health and Human Services to adjust the VA's vaccine allocation based on this increased eligibility pool, as much as the supply chain allows.

Similar legislation (H.R.1276) sponsored by House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano (Calif.) has passed the House. This bill would provide vaccines to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system, and veteran caregivers.

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AI Tech Sprint brings outside innovations to VA

NAll and VHA IE's CTI is giving 12 weeks to organizations to develop solutions for some of VA's most pressing problems through the NAll AI Tech Sprint.

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Women's health emerging priorities series highlights mental health

Transitioning from being an active service member to veteran or beneficiary can affect the mental health of women in ways that differ from men.

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202-224-3121

TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

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VA Mission Act Sec. 203 - Procedure for Making Recommendations

VA is hosting public virtual listening sessions to hear from Veterans in their VISN on how to design a health care system of the future and grow services for Veterans in a way that reinforces VA's role as a leader in the U.S. health care system in accordance with Title II -VA Asset and Infrastructure (AIR) Review Act of the Mission Act P.L. 115-182.

Go to

<https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/listening.asp> to participate in the listening session when they are held at your VISN and please send your feedback to Shodge@vva.org.



Q&A: Are COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

As the fight against [COVID-19](#) continues, vaccination is one way to slow the spread and protect yourself.

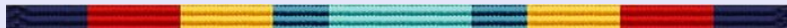
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Veterans receive assistance through VA social workers

When a Veteran struggles with finances, transportation, mental health, accessing services and readjusting, it's often a VA social worker there to help.

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We hope you will join us on this new site.

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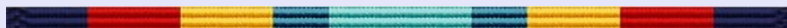
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"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."



VA secretary promises 'urgency' in implementing new Agent Orange presumptive benefits rules

With the enactment of P.L. 116-283 the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act, that included the three Agent Orange-related diseases, bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism to the Department of Veterans Affairs list of conditions linked to herbicide exposure in Vietnam and elsewhere. New Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough on Tuesday promised an "urgent" review of new rules regarding [presumptive benefits status for Vietnam Veterans](#) suffering from serious illnesses related to toxic chemical defoliant exposure, but offered no specific timeline for when Veterans may see those changes put in place.



Free Veteran training for Microsoft Software and Systems Academy

Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA) is offering free Veteran training in some of the technology industry's most in-demand roles.

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World War II Veteran left legacy of Veteran support

Prior to his passing in 2017, World War II Veteran John Cornelius was recognized by VA for his donations that continue to be raised in his honor. Raised more than \$200,000 for Veteran patients.

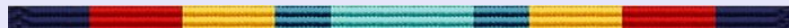
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My Life, My Story #6: Steve, Mein Freund

If someone asked you to tell your life story, where would you begin? For a lot of people, the answer to that question is "I was born in..."

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1. [Davis-Bacon Act: Army Corps of Engineers Provides Guidance on Wage Requirements, but Opportunities Exist to Improve Monitoring](#)
2. [Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request: U.S. Government Accountability Office](#)
3. [Covid-19: Key Insights from GAO's Oversight of the Federal Public Health Response](#)

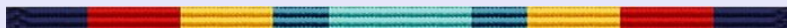
4. Medicaid in Times of Crisis
5. Operation Warp Speed: Accelerated COVID-19 Vaccine Development Status and Efforts to Address Manufacturing Challenges
6. Science & Tech Spotlight: Vaccine Safety
7. VA Health Care: Community Living Centers Were Commonly Cited for Infection Control Deficiencies Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic
8. DOD Health Care: DOD Should Monitor Implementation of Its Clinical Practice Guidelines
9. Electronic Health Records: VA Has Made Progress in Preparing for New System, but Subsequent Test Findings Will Need to Be Addressed
10. Medicaid in Times of Crisis
11. Medicaid: CMS Needs to Implement Risk-Based Oversight of Puerto Rico's Procurement Process
12. VA Health Care: Community Living Centers Were Commonly Cited for Infection Control Deficiencies Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic
13. Veterans Community Care Program: Immediate Actions Needed to Ensure Health Providers Associated with Poor Quality Care Are Excluded
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Legislation Introduced to Improve Adaptive Automobile Grant Program

Sens. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Susan Collins (R-ME), and Reps. Daniel Meuser (R-PA) and David Trone (D-MD) introduced legislation to improve the VA adaptive automobile grant program. [S. 444](#) and [H.R. 1361](#) would allow eligible disabled Veterans to receive an adaptive automobile grant every 10 years. Currently, they may only receive one adaptive automobile grant during their lifetime, despite the fact that automobiles are typically only useful for 10 years. [Learn more.](#)



VA seeks executive to lead Veteran care in North Carolina

Help advance health care for Veterans in western North Carolina as a VA Medical Center executive director. Licensed physician/dental officers and health system administrators are invited to apply for the position in Salisbury, North Carolina, by March 18. Make an impact As a VA Medical Center executive director, you'll use your skills and expertise as a physician or health care leader to manage medical care delivery for our nation's heroes. You'll lead a team of clinicians, nurses, mental health professionals, medical technicians and support personnel who are all dedicated to providing top-notch medical care to Veterans and supporting our core values. "We are seeking:

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WWII soldier and his wife receive COVID-19 vaccine

It's not every day a Soldier has the opportunity to meet a member of the greatest generation.

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VFW Commemorates 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, marked the 30th anniversary of the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm. The operation lasted 43 days from Jan. 17 - Feb. 28, 1991, and involved several hundred thousand service members. The VFW and its Auxiliary members will always be thankful for the service and sacrifice of all Veterans who served during the Gulf War. Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn are eligible to complete the Gulf War Registry health exam to identify possible long-term health problems that may be linked to their military service. Please contact your local [VA Environmental Health Coordinator](#) to schedule an exam. [Learn more.](#)



Visibility and care for those who served in the shadows

VA North Texas is committed to serving the needs of its LGBTQ population. There are approximately one million lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/or questioning (LGBTQ) Veterans in the US.

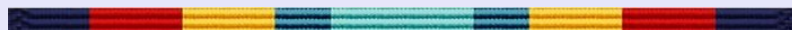
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Burn Flight Team chief discusses mission, care at USAISR Burn Center

For Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Alicia Williams, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research's multi-faceted mission provides opportunities as a surgeon and a medical professional and truly lives up to the institute's tenants of research, clinical care, and education.

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March is Women's History Month

Women Veterans comprise approximately 10% of the Veteran population and are the fastest-growing cohort within the Veteran community. A great way to show support for women Veterans is to ensure their voices are heard. The University of Alabama is seeking women-Veteran participants in a survey about your health care experiences. The results of the study are intended to help assess the needs of women Veterans. [Take the survey](#) and share it with other women Veterans.



She Wears the Boots podcast: women's health experts

Women are the fastest growing group of Veterans, making up 30% of all new VA patients. Many have health concerns unique to their military service and experiences. Here are some very helpful podcasts.

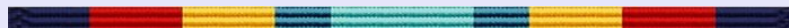
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You can help design VA's future

VA will hold public, virtual listening sessions across the country from March to June to hear the voices and insights of Veterans and the communities that VA serves.

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**AARP Foundation Providing Free
Tax Assistance**

AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide is available to assist people with filing their state and federal tax returns. Tax-Aide can provide in-person service, virtual assistance, and hybrid options for assistance. While the nationwide program is designed with individuals over 50 years old in mind, it is open to everyone free of charge. [Learn more.](#)



Birmingham VA dental clinic implements new technology

When Marine Veteran James Evans arrived at the Birmingham VA Dental Clinic to have a crown installed, he expected it to take weeks. To his surprise, the crown's design and fitting were done the same day.

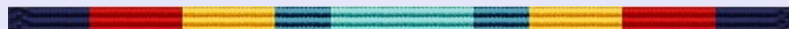
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Navy Veteran and medical student has a new mission

Navy Veteran Gabriel Carrillo enlisted fellow medical students to help vaccinate thousands of Veterans during Durham VA's vaccine blitz – all while pursuing his medical and law degrees at Duke University.

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1. [Allergy Alert Issued for Undeclared Tree Nuts in Mislabeled Cranberry Biscotti at Six Whole Foods Market Stores](#)
2. [Sagent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Phenylephrine Hydrochloride Injection, USP, 10 mg/mL Due to Potential Lack of Sterility Assurance](#)
3. [Combat Medical Systems, LLC, Recalls Valkyrie LTOWB Collection, Valkyrie LTOWB Administration, Low Titer Type O FWB Transfusion Set, Fresh Whole Blood Transfusion Set, Fresh Whole Blood](#)

Donor Set for Possible Broken or Bent Needles

4. FDA Drug Shortages

5. Know Your Treatment Options for COVID-19

6. Bryant Ranch Prepack Issues Voluntary

Nationwide Recall of Spironolactone 25 mg and 50 mg Tablets Due to Mislabeling with the Incorrect Strength (Revision to Press Release with Same Title Dated 3/9/2021. Revision Includes Number of Bottles Impacted by Recall)

7. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: March 9, 2021

8. Outbreak Investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes* – Hispanic-style Fresh and Soft Cheeses (February 2021)

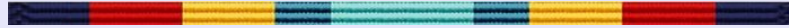
9. Roadmap to 2030 for New Drug Evaluation in Older Adults

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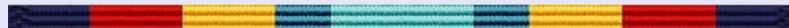
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Distinguishing between TBIs, psychological conditions key to treatment

Dr. Marjorie Campbell, section chief for prevention and early intervention at the Defense Health Agency's [Psychological Health Center of Excellence](#), says traumatic brain injuries and the psychological effects of experiencing a traumatic event can go hand in hand, but they don't have to.

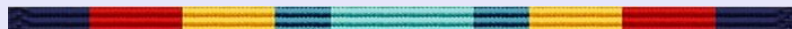
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New Army surveillance program designed to keep service members safe

This spring, the Army's Public Health Command-Pacific's Entomology and Environmental Molecular Biology Laboratory service lines will launch the first ever Pre-Exercise Vector Surveillance program for the Indo-Pacific region.

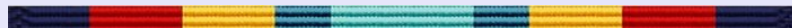
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Face of Innovation: Kalyn Essex

Face of InnoVAtion is a regular series from the VHA IE focusing on VA employees who are working to change and save Veteran lives through innovation.

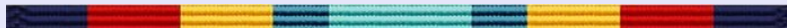
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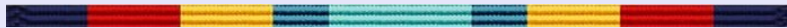
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MHS GENESIS MassVax system rolling out with COVID-19 vaccines

MHS GENESIS, the Department of Defense's new electronic health record system, has recently created a large digital record of COVID-19 vaccinations administered to service members and their families.

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DOD identifies more troops to help administer COVID-19 vaccine

The Defense Department has identified additional personnel authorized to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in administering COVID-19 vaccinations at community vaccination centers around the country.

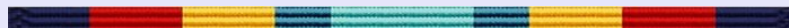
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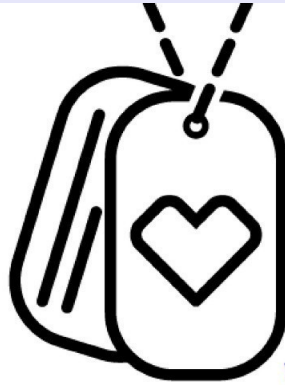


Secretary McDonough on International Women's Day

Today, March 8th, is the 110th anniversary of International Women's Day. It is the perfect time to pause, recognize, and honor the enormous contributions and accomplishments of women from all walks of life who have long served as champions of social change and equal rights for all Americans.

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Vaccines to go: VA North Texas offers drive through vaccines

With over 50,000 patients using VA's Fort Worth clinic, a drive-through option for the COVID-19 vaccine was very popular and highly utilized. Staff vaccinated 400 enrolled Veteran patients over 8 hours.

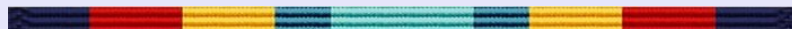
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Study: Favorable outcomes for Veterans who receive kidney transplant care in VA

Study identified Veterans who had kidney transplants between 2008 and 2016 and were enrolled in VA and Medicare at the time of their transplant...and had their choice of where to receive transplant care.

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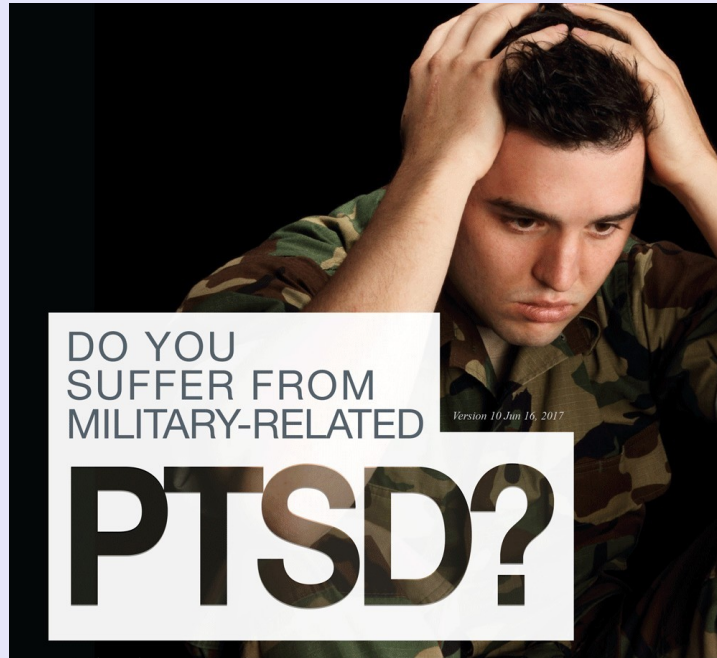


New NICoE commander sets an ambitious agenda for the future

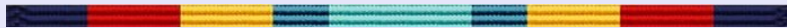
To Navy Capt. (Dr.) Carlos Williams, the National Intrepid Center of Excellence is a gem of the Military Health System, where victims of traumatic brain injury come for care that is intensive, interdisciplinary, holistic and family-based.

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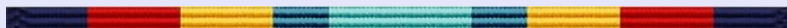
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Why I get my health care at VA: Jacqueline

Navy Veteran Jacqueline says her care team is "The best in this world." Diagnosed with breast cancer, she got all her care at VA and never plans to go back to the private sector for care.

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Partners in PROMISE provides special educational resources to mil-connected families

Partners in PROMISE bridges the education gap military families face during periods of transition by providing special educational resources.

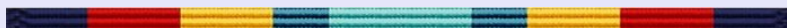
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Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans

Did you know that Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) advocates exclusively for Vietnam-era Veterans and their families? With over 85,000 members, VVA provides a community of fellowship for people with shared experiences, needs, and hopes for the future. March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. To honor the men and women who served in Vietnam, you can join one of more than 650 chapters for fellowship, volunteer opportunities, and community service. You can also simply be a proud member of VVA, knowing that your membership helps VVA support programs and services for Veterans and their families.

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Help Veterans improve their mental health as a VA social worker

Social workers at VA are a vital part of the team, pulling together treatment plans and providing comprehensive, personalized care to Veterans.

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Veteran Job Board, top Veteran employers meet at RallyPoint

Ask top Veteran employers your questions and view the new Veteran job board on RallyPoint.

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Planning Your Legacy

VA offers a Survivors and Burial Benefits Kit to assist Veterans and their families with pre-need planning. The kit includes a guide through possible end-of-life and survivors' benefits eligibility and makes it easy to keep your personal information all in one place for you and your loved ones. Learn what VA benefits are offered and how to apply for them.

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COVID-19 vaccine, pregnancy and breastfeeding

You Asked, We Answered: You've asked us questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and pregnancy or breastfeeding. Here's what you need to know.

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SVAC Hearing on Toxic Exposure

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee held an oversight hearing to discuss the experiences of veterans living with exposure to Agent Orange or

Burn Pits, and the lifelong health consequences of the exposure. The hearing also examined the scientific evidence related to these exposures and their health outcomes. Chairman Jon Tester (Mont.) said we have not learned our lesson from Vietnam. There is too much arguing over the science and too much red tape. Ranking Member Jerry Moran (Kan.) noted those who are sick from exposure have been met with barriers to care from the VA. Witnesses include a Vietnam War veteran testifying about Agent Orange exposure, an Iraq War Veteran testifying about burn pit exposure, veterans' advocates and medical experts.

The FRA is a member of the Toxic Exposures in the American Military (TEAM) Coalition and wants to ensure that no veteran who had exposure to burn pits or other environmental toxins goes without access to VA health care benefits. The FRA supports oversight hearings on the negative effects of these hazards, and what steps the VA is taking to get veterans who are affected by burn pit exposure to get the care they need. The burn pit registry was created to allow eligible veterans and service members to document their exposures and report health concerns through an online questionnaire.

Register with the burn pit registry by [going online](#).



Medical support assistants are VA's unsung workforce

Behind the vaccination scenes, a few steps back from the "front line," are the support staff who enable care delivery for the 68,000 Veterans enrolled with the Central Virginia VA Health Care System.

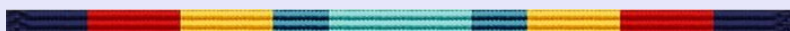
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Women Veterans can access on- demand Women's Health Transition Training

Transitioning servicewomen and recently separated women Veterans have access to information about VA women's health services a training course.

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Celebrating Women Who Served

In celebration of Women's History Month, we honor the women who have served our nation and encourage all women Veterans and service members to take advantage of the benefits available to them. We at the Veterans Benefits Administration are committed to providing you with the benefits and services you have earned and deserve.

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File a Claim Before Military Discharge

If you have an illness or injury that was caused or worsened by your active-duty service, you can apply for the Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) program 90 to 180 days before your discharge from the active duty. BDD can help speed up your claim decision process to get your benefits sooner!

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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one new identification and three burial updates 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:

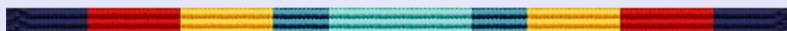
Army Pfc. Juan F. Gutierrez, 26, was a member of 200th Coast Artillery Regiment, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942. Interment Services are pending. [Read about Gutierrez.](#)

Army Master Sgt. James Hart, Jr., 25, of Hopkins, Texas, was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near

the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Hart will be buried June 8, 2021, in Winterfield, Texas. [Read about Hart.](#)

Army Cpl. Ralph S. Boughman, 21, of Union, South Carolina, was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Boughman will be buried May 15, 2021, in his hometown. [Read about Boughman.](#)

Army Cpl. David B. Milano, 17, of Chicago, was a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Milano will be buried in Ogden, Utah. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Milano.](#)



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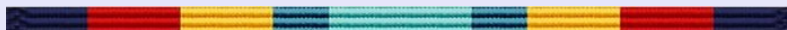
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