



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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Good evening Jim,

We're facing rising numbers again when it comes to suicides and homelessness.

We've been fighting these two issues for quite a long time now, and for a short time I personally felt progress was being made, however, seems I was wrong.

With all the VA Medical Centers we have nationwide, the one big problem I personally see, even though there are written policies and guidelines for operations, most seem to run independently based on the Directors position and financial choices being made.

I also don't really see any accountability anywhere, no heads rolling, no one being held responsible for taxpayer money which funds the VA Healthcare System as well as many other programs.

Accountability is one thing we've been pushing for since 2007. The VA needs to publish monthly financial for each VAMC so we can see where taxpayer money is being spent.

I recall not too long ago where one VAMC Director closed down his ER and turned into a bio-contamination unit which was not needed, but the ER was, and was proven when a Veteran went to be seen in the ER and it was closed and he passed away in the parking lot of the hospital.

There were other incidents at other locations, but as I said it's been a while ago and I can't recall all of them.

Non-accountability could possibly explain why many Veterans have issues in getting proper and timely care, I can't say with 100% conviction, but I do suspect this is a portion of the problem.

In this issue of the newsletter there are a couple of blurbs regarding suicide and prevention, please, take the time to read them if not for you, maybe a family member or a Veteran buddy.

As I've said quite a number of times, people "clean out" their homes at different times of the year. DAV (Disabled American Veterans) has a great program in helping both the homeless, those who are potentially homeless, and those with mental problems in getting our Veterans the proper care needed.

So please consider making donations to the DAV. I know they'd appreciate it!

This week we're adding one more item to the TAKE ACTION category, but we'd like to remind you to please take action on all items.

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.

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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Debt Collection and Debt Relief

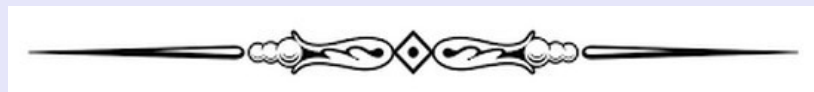
VA's Debt Management Center resumed sending debt notification letters on October 1, 2021. If you owe money to VA for an overpayment related to VBA benefits, here is what you need to know.

VA automatically deferred collection on VBA benefit debts created on or after April 6, 2020, through September 30, 2021,

to provide relief from the COVID-19 pandemic. Benefit debts created prior to April 6, 2020, had collection deferred upon request. VA also paused all collection activity on debts under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Treasury until September 30, 2021.

Most VBA benefit debts are collected by the VA [Debt Management Center](#) (DMC). This includes debts for benefits, like compensation, pension and education. If VBA created a debt for you while collection was deferred, you likely received informational letters from DMC letting you know your debt existed, but you didn't need to act until after September 30 unless you chose to do so.

For more information on resumption of debt collection, check out the latest information on <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/95184/debt-management-center-what-you-need-to-know-about-vba-debts-and-debt-relief/>.



Military Veterans Advocacy



Military Veterans Advocacy is offering some free memberships

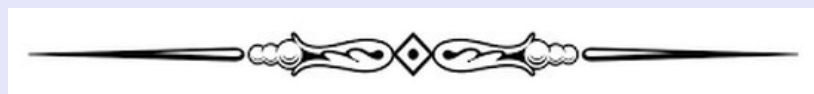
for those who are struggling to get their claims through, are having financial difficulties. Annual dues are \$25.00 per year. Our organization includes special sections, Blue Water Navy, Veterans of Southeast Asia, Central Pacific Islands, Veterans of Panama Canal Zone, and Okinawa. We have gift members available which can be paid by your fellow brother or sister Veterans. Gift members are kept confidential. Click [HERE](#) and help a Veteran.

You may contact Robin Barr at robin.barr@madvocacy.org



VFW Testifies Before House

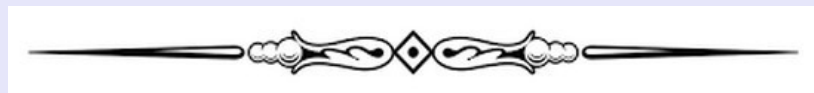
VFW National Legislative Service Deputy Director Tammy Barlet testified before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs regarding innovation research and expanded public health efforts for veteran suicide prevention. Barlet spoke about multiple VFW programs and outreach opportunities to engage our membership and communities in suicide prevention awareness including Give an Hour's Campaign to Change Direction, Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ATLAS), Green Alert system, #StillServing campaign, health surveys, VFW Unmet Needs, and donations from VFW Posts for suicide prevention innovation. "Veteran suicide prevention awareness is not just a VA, congressional, or veteran organization issue, it is an everyone issue," Barlet said. [Watch the hearing](#) or [read the testimony](#).



Must Pass CR Still Pending

As NewsBytes goes to press, the Senate and House are expected to approve a stopgap funding measure, known as a Continuing Resolution (CR-H.R.5305) to prevent the U.S. government from partially shutting down on Oct. 1, 2021, the start of the new fiscal year. This CR will keep the government open at current spending levels until Dec. 3, 2021. This will give Congress time to approve appropriations (spending) bills and to be signed into law by the president.

In the event of a government shutdown, active-duty military personnel will be paid because they are considered "essential workers." Retirees will continue to be paid because funding for their benefits are not required to be appropriated by Congress (mandatory funding). TRICARE benefits also will continue if there is a shutdown. Those receiving veterans' benefits will continue to get benefits because the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has two-year funding (an FRA supported initiative) and already has funding for FY2022.



House Holds Hearing on Pending Legislation

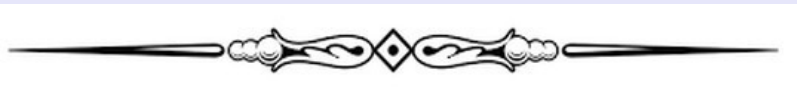
This week the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on proposed legislation to improve many veteran benefits. Two of the bills discussed originated from VFW/SVA Fellowship proposals including improvements to the VA Work-Study program and stipends for child care. Non-traditional students are the majority of student veterans, and they have different needs from traditional

students such as employment and family obligations. Improving success in education for student veterans is one of the VFW's long-standing resolutions and we are glad to see support from Congress to help make these improvements. [Read VFW testimony.](#)



Debt Suspension Pending in Senate

A bill (H.R.5304) that combined the debt limit suspension and a Continuing Resolution (CR) passed the House but failed in the Senate this week. Subsequently, another debt limit suspension bill (S.1301) passed the House on a mostly partisan roll call vote (219-211). This bill is also not expected to pass the Senate. The bill suspends the debt limit through Dec. 16, 2022 and would enable the U.S. government to continue to borrow money to pay its bills. The debt limit came back into effect at \$28.4 trillion on Aug. 1, 2021, following a two-year suspension. The Treasury Department is using "extraordinary measures" such as delaying certain payments to allow the government to finance operations. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen claims these measures will run out on Oct. 18, 2021.

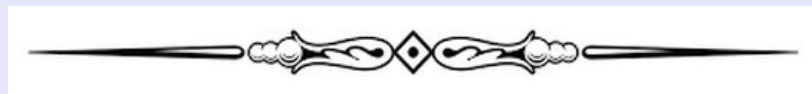


New VA Directive Provides Benefits to LGBT+ Veterans

On the 10th anniversary of the repeal of the policy known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," VA announced a new directive to provide full benefits to veterans unfairly discharged under this

policy. It is estimated that more than 14,000 service members were given other than honorable discharges, preventing them from applying for VA benefits like VR&E, home loan guaranty, compensation & pension, health care, homeless program and/or burial benefits. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Takano responded to this announcement by saying, "With today's announcement, VA is sending a clear message that LGBTQ+ veterans' service matters and that VA acknowledges the long lasting effects that the draconian Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy had."

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Your actions
could save a life.

Showing you care can make a big difference to someone in crisis.

VeteransCrisisLine.net

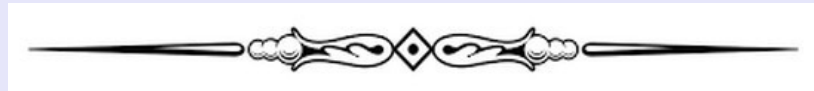
 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

An advertisement for the Veterans Crisis Line. It features two men, one in a light blue shirt and glasses, and another in a dark sweater, with the second man's arm around the first. The text is in blue and black, with a white background. The logo for the Veterans Crisis Line is at the bottom right.

House Passes Automatic COLA Increase

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs passed VFW-supported [S.189](#), the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2021. This bill would ensure that whenever there is a cost-of-living increase in benefits for Social Security

recipients, VA would increase by the same percentage the amounts payable for veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children. This legislation, which was passed by the Senate in July, now heads to the president for signature.



House Approves Annual COLA for Veterans Programs

The House passed the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act" (S.189), sponsored by Sen. John Thune (S.D.) that authorizes cost-of-living increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents of veterans, clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses and their children. This legislation, which was passed by the Senate in July, now will be sent to the president to be signed into law.

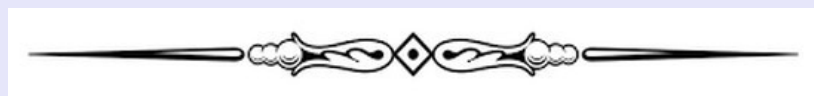
The COLA increase for retirees is automatic and does not require legislative action. The amount of the COLA increase for 2022 has not yet been announced.



DoD Temporarily Increases BAH in Certain Areas

The Department of Defense (DoD) has temporarily increased 2021 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates for 56 housing markets (commonly referred to as Military Housing Areas, MHAs) across the U.S. Uniformed service members who have incurred increased housing costs above their current BAH may be eligible to apply and receive BAH at the temporarily higher rate. The increased BAH rates for affected active duty in these MHAs will take effect Oct. 1, 2021 and expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

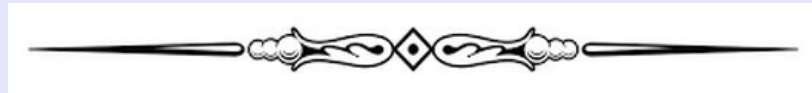
Assuming there is no government shutdown, active-duty service members who may be eligible for the higher BAH rates will receive an email in the coming days with additional information on how to apply for the higher rates with their service. Additionally, each service will publish information related to how to apply in administrative messages and other media channels. These higher BAH rates will be replaced by 2022 BAH rates on Jan. 1, 2022. A list of locations with temporary increases can be found [online](#).



You Asked, Benefits.gov Answers: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) FAQs

On Benefits.gov, our goal is to make it easier for citizens to find the help they need and connect them to valuable government assistance programs and resources. Here are a few common questions about Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) answered for you!

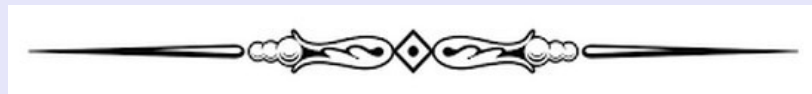
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Your Guide to Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Have you recently become unemployed through no fault of your own? Are you looking for temporary financial assistance while searching for new employment opportunities? In this article, you will learn about how Unemployment Insurance may help you, how to check your eligibility on Benefits.gov, where to apply, and more.

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Veterans: Reach Out for support when you need it

Suicide Prevention Month, held each September, is a good time to remember that you don't have to go through anything alone. Reach out. Resources are available this month and all year to help you face life's challenges.

This year's Suicide Prevention Month theme, Reach Out, reminds Veterans to take a moment and reach out for support when you need it..

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Know the Warning Signs **It Matters.**

Sometimes, a crisis may involve thoughts of suicide. Learn to recognize these warning signs:

- Hopelessness, feeling like there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

The presence of the following signs requires immediate attention:

- Thinking about hurting or killing themselves
- Looking for ways to kill themselves
- Talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse

..... Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net) or text to **838255**



Why I get my health care at VA: Army Veteran Woodi

Army Veteran Woodi dealt with pain by taking medication for years until she found an alternative: regular yoga at the Salt Lake City VA.

The program is only one of many alternative therapies designed to help Veterans improve their quality of life. Woodi and her yoga instructor, Yael, sat down to talk about their experiences.

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Veterans can receive Pfizer COVID-19 booster

Some Veterans, spouses and caregivers can receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster shot from VA.

In line with recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control, only people who have already received a full series of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at least six months ago have been authorized to receive a Pfizer booster shot.

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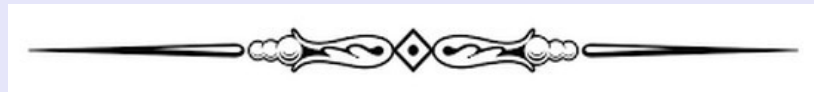


Recent and coming improvements to the Board of Veterans' Appeals

Cheryl L. Mason is the first woman chair of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. She talks about recent and coming improvements to the board and what brought her to work with Veterans.

Mason understands that military spouses bring talents and insights that are valuable to the board. "We owe it to military members and military families to support our military spouses," she said.

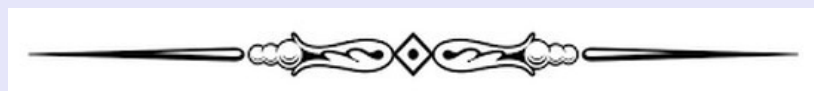
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Prevent Opioid Misuse and Overdose with These Safety Tips

When used correctly, opioids can be a useful part of your healing process. However, it's far too easy to misuse and overdose on opioids if you don't follow certain safety tips. Learn how you can safely use and dispose of opioid medications and how to help someone in need.

[Watch Video](#)



Opioid Prescriptions Decline Across the Military Health System

The Military Health System has shown a significant decline in prescriptions for opioids as a primary tool for pain management.

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Your Pain on a Scale of 1-10? Check Out the New DOD Way to Evaluate Pain

If you receive care in a military medical treatment facility, you might notice your health care team is using a new method for assessing your pain.

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Links to Other Stories

- 1) [Biloxi VA Employee Pleads Guilty to Stealing VA Property](#)
- 2) [Bucks County Man Sentenced to Over Three Years for Faking Military Hero Status and Stealing from the Government](#)
- 3) [CEO, CFO and Boston-Area Spinal Device Company Charged in Bribery and Money Laundering Scheme](#)
- 4) [Cost of Aurora VA hospital complex tops \\$2 billion; becomes one of world's most expensive health facilities](#)
- 5) [El Paso Businesswoman Arrested for Health Care Fraud](#)
- 6) [Federal & State Officials Advise Wisconsinites That Making or Buying Fake COVID-19 Vaccine Cards is Illegal](#)
- 7) [Fort Riley Mandates Counseling for Every Soldier to Help Battle Suicide, Stigma of Seeking Help](#)
- 8) [Georgia WWII Veteran to be honored by French government](#)
- 9) [Louisiana Doctor Indicted for Illegally Dispensing Over One](#)

Million Doses of Opioids and for \$5.1 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme

- 10) Parkville Man Pleads Guilty to \$335 Million Fraud, \$615,000 Tax Violations
- 11) Portsmouth Woman Sentenced for Fraud Schemes Targeting Veterans
- 12) Storage Company Must Pay Airman \$60,000 After Selling His Property While He Was Deployed
- 13) Tennessee Doctor Pleads Guilty to Maintaining an Illegal Drug Premises
- 14) The Only American Female POW in WWII Europe Had to Fight for Her Status
- 15) VA to restore benefits for LGBTQ Vets who received other-than-honorable discharges: report




Retiring From the Service? Get to Know Your TRICARE Options



"You need to actively enroll in a TRICARE plan to continue health care coverage as a retiree," said Elan Green, chief of TRICARE Health Plan's Member Benefits and Reimbursement Section. "It doesn't happen automatically, so you need to take action."

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TRICARE Pharmacy Copayments to Increase in 2022



Do you get your prescription drugs through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a TRICARE retail network pharmacy? If so, you'll pay anywhere from \$1 to \$8 more in copayments starting Jan. 1. These costs changes won't affect all beneficiaries.

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Need a COVID-19 Test? Here's What You Need to Know

As the highly contagious Delta variant spreads, it's now more important than ever to protect yourself and your family. Getting vaccinated is the number one way you can do this, along with mask wearing, social distancing, and washing your hands. Another critically important step is knowing when and how to be [tested for COVID-19](#).

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You Are Not Alone – Mental Health Care is Not One Size Fits All

If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health problem or suicidal thoughts, it's important to know that there is not a one-size-fits-all solution, and finding the best option is key to a successful recovery.

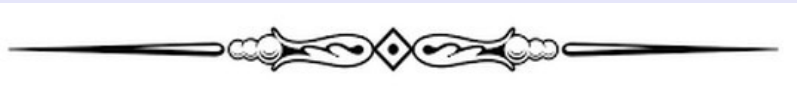
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Suicide Is Preventable and Should Be Treated Like a Health Problem

Suicide is a health issue that needs to be treated to reduce risks – similar to the way heart disease needs treatment to prevent a heart attack.

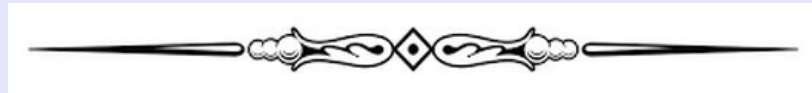
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Ask the Doc: I've Got a Friend I'm Worried About – What Should I Do?

I know he had a difficult childhood and he's seen a rough deployment or two. My fear is that he might also think he's too "tough" to get help.

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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 10/02/21)

Please note, we've added 1 new items to the TAKE ACTION list.

1. [HR 1014](#)
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[Furnish Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy \(HBOT\) to a Veteran who has a Traumatic](#)

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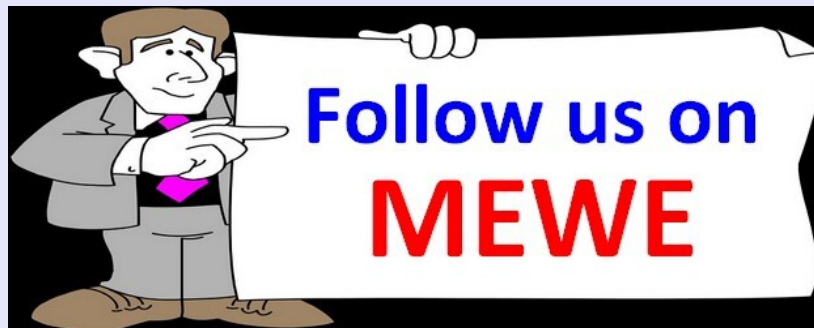
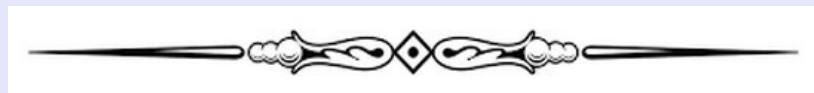
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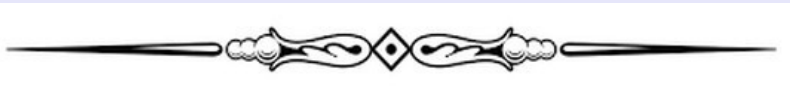
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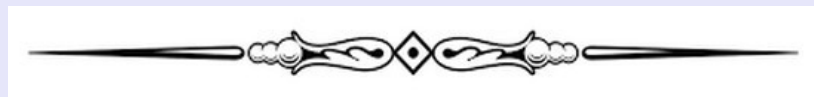
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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced four burial updates and two new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Army 1st Lt. James E. Wright, 25, of Parkton, North Carolina, was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Sept. 11, 1944, after a fighting withdrawal at the Moselle River near Dornot, France. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Wright will be buried on Oct. 12, 2021, in Lumber Bridge, North Carolina. [Read about](#)

[Wright.](#)

Army Pvt. Donald A. Fabrize, 17, of Chayuga, New York, was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action on July 16, 1950, after a fighting withdrawal along the Kum River in South Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Fabrize will be buried in May 2022 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. [Read about Fabrize.](#)

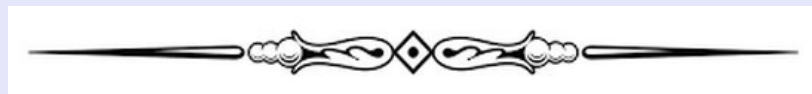
Army 1st Lt. Anthony R. Mazzulla, 26, of Bronx, New York, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, after a fighting withdrawal near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Mazzulla will be buried in Cranston, Rhode Island. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Mazzulla.](#)

Army Sgt. Stanley L. DeWitt, of Royal City, Indiana, was assigned to Medical Detachment, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 6, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. DeWitt will be buried in his hometown. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about DeWitt.](#)

Navy Seaman 1st Class Buford H. Dyer, 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 Dyer. Interment services are pending. [Read about Dyer.](#)

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Benjiman C. Terhune, 19, of Watervliet, Michigan, 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 Terhune. Interment services are pending. [Read about Terhune.](#)



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