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Good afternoon Jim,

It's been just over a week now and I am still waiting to hear whether or not I will be allowed to visit the San Diego and Long Beach VA Medical Centers, and as soon as I know or have more information, I will be sure to share it with you.

I've also been busy checking into more cases of unopened claims stacks across the country, and so far I've not found anything and as much as I'd like to hope this is an isolated case I personally feel this is not the case. Again, if I find out more, I will be sure to share it.

Please be sure to check out the TAKE ACTION section, two more pieces of legislation have been added and need attention.

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

Founder

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PS: If you like what we're doing, have found the newsletter and website useful, please help us keep the site, newsletter and phone/fax lines operational so we can continue to provide in my humble opinion the best there is to offer Veterans. Click here to contribute what you can, please keep in mind this cannot be used as a tax deduction, it's merely a contribution in support.

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**Bill Introduced to Block VA Resources Going to
Southern Border to Help Illegal Aliens**

Senator John Boozman (Ark.) has introduced legislation (S.4082) to block the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from diverting veteran's resources to manage the crisis at the southern border. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas confirmed that the Biden administration is considering diverting VA manpower and funding. According to VA staff testimony before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC), the VA is currently understaffed by 2,800 positions. At the hearing, SVAC Chairman Jon Tester (Mont.) pressed Gina Grosso, Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, on recent claims of sending VA employees to the border. She claimed that VA and DHS have not yet had discussions on this issue. Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on this issue with the [FRA Action Center online](#).



The future of policy for synthetic data in health care

In an important partnership, VA has sought policy recommendations for the use of synthetic data to improve Veteran patient experiences.

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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



HVAC Subcommittees Discuss VA Claims

Two House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittees held a joint hearing focusing on the quality of representation in the VA disability claims process. The hearing highlighted the importance of VA-accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO) claim representatives, attorneys, and agents who must adhere to professional and ethical standards. Unaccredited claim consultants, or "Claim Sharks," avoid VA oversight, charge unreasonable fees and offer inferior service. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) this problem of predatory claims practices has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FRA's VSOs oversee the association's VSO program and represent veterans throughout the claims process as well as before the Board of Veteran's Appeals. The association is congressionally chartered, recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and entrusted to serve all veterans who seek its help. The FRA also provides training for members to become a VA accredited veteran service officer. Our VSOs help veterans navigate their VA benefits and their claims and appeals process at no cost to the veteran. Veterans can reach out to their local FRA branch to inquire about VSOs or contact NHQ to seek assistance at: theoL@fra.org.



**Center for Women Veterans Book Corner, May:
Army Veteran Mari K. Eder**

Each month, VA's Center for Women Veterans profiles a different woman Veteran author as part of its Women Veteran Authors Book Corner. This month's author is U.S. Army Veteran Mari K. Eder, who served for 36 years from 1977-2013.

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Music therapy: Readjustment doesn't have to be a solo

Music therapy shows Veterans that readjustment doesn't have to be a solo performance. Here's two fellow combat Veterans jamming.

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Senate Probe Finds Problems with Military Housing Contractor

The Senate Homeland Security Committee's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations recently held a hearing on the mistreatment of military families in privatized housing on U.S. military installations. The subcommittee focused on privatized housing managed by Balfour Beatty Communities, LLC at Fort Gordon, Ga. This company is one of the largest providers of privatized military housing, which is still failing to correct mold and other structural problems - threatening the health and safety of service members and their families. The company pleaded guilty in December 2021 to committing fraud against the U.S. government from 2013 to 2019. The company was ordered to pay \$65.4 million in fines and restitution and placed under an independent compliance monitor for three years. The Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Jon Ossoff (Ga.) and Ranking Member Ron Johnson (Wis.) are conducting a bipartisan investigation into military privatized housing that has been plagued by problems for many years.

The FRA welcomes this investigation and wants to ensure service members and their families have safe, quality homes and communities. The association wants to increase the accountability of privatized housing companies by putting more oversight authority in the hands of local military leaders.



Live Whole Health #121: Yoga ball

There are so many ways that you can incorporate yoga practices and mindful movement into your daily routine, and using an exercise or yoga ball is one fun way to change up your practice.

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VE Day 77 Years ago

"*Victory in Europe Day*" is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of German's unconditional surrender on May 8, 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe 77 years ago.



Veterans eligible for discounts on travel, hotel rates

Veterans are now eligible to book travel through this website to access exclusive discounts on hotels, flights and other travel deals.

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Links to Other Stories

1) [Should More States Try Contingency Management for Veterans?](#)



House Hearing on Predatory Claims Practices

VFW National Veterans Service Director Ryan Gallucci testified before a joint hearing of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittees on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, and Oversight and Investigations, on quality representation in the VA disability claims process. He highlighted the importance of VA-accredited claim representatives, attorneys, and agents who must adhere to professional and ethical standards. Unaccredited claim consultants, or "Claim Sharks," avoid VA oversight, charge unreasonable fees, and offer inferior service. "In our opinion, any group that fails to adhere to VA's well-established standards of accreditation and fee arrangements should be met at the door by Capitol Police, not offered a seat at the same table as hard-working, VA-accredited advocates who are held to professional and ethical standards designed to protect veterans," said Gallucci. "If a company asks a veteran to sign contracts, waivers, and disclosures but will not file a power of attorney with VA, then the veteran should not work with them." [Watch the hearing](#) or [read the testimony](#).



Mental health: Learn what your fellow Veterans Know

Veterans and those who care about them are encouraged to learn about healing from Veterans who know because they've been there.

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Suicide Prevention Resources for Military and Veterans

Military & Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255, Press 1
Text 838255, 24/7

Vets 4 Warriors

855-838-8255

InTransition

1-800-424-7877

Office of Warrior Care Policy

warriorcare.dodlive.mil/

Military One Source

1-800-342-9647

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors [TAPS]

1-800-959-8277



VA Adds New Presumptive Conditions

VA has added nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumptive conditions for particulate matter exposure from service in Southwest Asia. These conditions were proposed in March and have now been added to VA's regulations through an interim final rule. The VFW sees this as a step in the right direction to help veterans exposed to toxins but remains committed to passing the comprehensive toxic exposure legislation, *Honoring our PACT Act*, to codify VA's presumptive process. [Read more.](#)



VA's National Oncology Program: Providing Equitable Cancer Care for Veterans

VA's National Oncology Program is working to better deliver equitable cancer care through new initiatives and programs.

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver

On April 25, 2022, the Department of Education (ED) began allowing student loan borrowers seeking financial relief through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program to submit a DD-214 to certify periods of eligible employment. Many individuals with outstanding federal student loans may be eligible for PSLF, including eligibility from time served on active duty. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ED is offering a limited-time waiver to allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment on loans that would otherwise not qualify. Individuals must have been working full time for a qualifying employer. This waiver is available through October 31, 2022. [Learn more and check your eligibility.](#)



Borne the Battle #276: Navy Veteran Ken Harbaugh, Podcast Host, Nonprofit Entrepreneur

This week's Borne the Battle episode features Navy Veteran Ken Harbaugh, a podcast host, entrepreneur and co-founder of The Mission Continues.

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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 05/08/21)

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

- 1) [HR 1014 - Furnish Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy \(HBOT\) to a Veteran who has a Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTS\)](#)
- 2) [HR 109 will establish an advisory committee on the implementation by the DVA of an electronic health record](#)
- 3) [Concurrent Receipt Legislation Introduced](#)
- 4) [Expand Concurrent Receipt](#)
- 5) [H.R. 333, Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act](#)
- 6) [H.R. 344, Support the Women Veterans TRUST Act](#)
- 7) [H.R. 914, the Dental Care for Veterans Act](#)
- 8) [Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act](#)
- 9) [S. 134/H.R. 637, the Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2021](#)
- 10) [S. 437, Take Action for Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits](#)
- 11) [S. 89, Ensuring Survivors Benefits during COVID-19 Act of 2021](#)
- 12) [STOP TRICARE Fee Increases](#)
- 13) [Support Bills to Expand Coverage for ChampVA and TRICARE Young Adults](#)
- 14) [Veterans Economic Recovery Act Introduced](#)
- 15) [H.R. 855, the Veterans Expedited TSA Screening \(VETS\) Safe Travel Act](#)
- 16) [HR 1355 and S 454. These companion bills will provide health care and benefits to Veterans who were exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan.](#)
- 17) [Support Repeal of TRICARE Select Enrollment Fee](#)

- 18) HR 1585 & S 565- Provide for the treatment of Vets who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as Radiation Exposed
- 19) Please Support S. 344, the Major Richard Star Act
- 20) Support the Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act
- 21) S. 810 & H.R. 1972, the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2021
- 22) HR 109 Establish an Advisory Committee on Implementation by the DVA of an electronic health record
- 23) HR 2372 and S 952 will Provide for Presumption of Service Connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins
- 24) Please Ask you Senator to support S.952 the Warfighters Act
- 25) Support Improving VA Homelessness Program
- 26) S. 976, Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
- 27) H.R. 303, the Retired Pay Restoration Act
- 28) H.R. 912, American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act
- 29) S. 976, the Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
- 30) HR 2269 and S 657 cover herbicide exposure in Thailand
- 31) Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Help Military Survivors
- 32) Legislation asks for Study of Involuntary Discharges for Women
- 33) H.R. 2436, the Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Recognition Act
- 34) H.R. 958—the Protecting Moms Who Served Act
- 35) HR 2127 and S 927, the TEAM bills Veterans Exposed to Toxic Substances
- 36) Ask your Senator to Support S.1520 Military Justice Improvement Act
- 37) Ask your member to support S.810 and H.R. 1972 The Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2021
- 38) Ask your member and senator to support HR 2580 and S 1151 to provide for a presumption of service connected disability for certain Veterans who served in Palomares, Spain, and for other purposes

- 39) Ask your Senator to Support S.1520 Military Justice Improvement Act
- 40) HR 855, VETS Safe Travel Act
- 41) HR 3368, the Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Island bill
- 42) H.R. 2521, Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Affairs Act of 2021
- 43) H.R. 1273, the Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act
- 44) H.R. 2968, the Military and Veteran Student Loan Relief Act
- 45) H.R. 845, the VA Billing Accountability Act
- 46) Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Bill Introduced in House
- 47) HR 303 and S 1147 The Retired Pay Restoration Act
- 48) Ask Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt Reform HR-1282
- 49) HR 1656 TREAT PTSD Act
- 50) S. 1664, the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Processing Claims Improvement
- 51) H.R. 2724 — VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act
- 52) Please Support H.R. 3452 —Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act
- 53) HR 2192, The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2021
- 54) HR 5026, The Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act of 2021
- 55) HR 3368, HR 5026, HR 2269, S 657 are all Toxic Exposure Bills that need special attention and more pressure to get passed!
- 56) H.R. 4627, Veterans' Culturally Competent Care Act of 2021
- 57) S. 2172, Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
- 58) H.R. 4571, the SERVICE Act of 2021
- 59) H.R. 4732, Protect Individual Unemployability Benefit for All Disabled
- 60) S. 1937, the Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Act of 2021

- 61) S. 2283 and H.R. 5073—the Crisis Hotline REACH for Veterans Act
- 62) HR 852 and S 221, United States - Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act
- 63) Ask Congress to Preserve Arlington National Cemetery
- 64) HR 4949 and S 692, the Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021
- 65) HR 2963, the VOW to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2021
- 66) S 1970, The Clean Water for Military Families Act
- 67) Support S. 1198/H.R. 2819—the Solid Start Act of 2021
- 68) H.R. 3402/S. 976—Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
- 69) HR 3537 and S 1813, Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act
- 70) S. 2386/H.R. 4575, the Veteran Peer Specialist Act
- 71) H.R. 5721—the VIPER Act
- 72) H.R. 5607, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 73) HR 2601 and S 1188, SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act
- 74) S. 3017, Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act
- 75) H.R. 4794 and S. 2533, the Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act
- 76) HR 1361 and S 444, AUTO for Veterans Act
- 77) H.R. 4880 and S. 2720, the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act
- 78) HR 2800, the WINGMAN Act
- 79) H.R. 5944, Veterans Administration Backlog Accountability Act of 2021
- 80) HR 3400, VA Emergency Transportation Act
- 81) HR 2992, TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act
- 82) HR 6260, the Casualty Assistance Reform Act of 2021
- 83) H.R. 6064, VA Compensation and Pension exams for claims related to military sexual trauma
- 84) H.R. 5819, Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act
- 85) HR 3596, the Lawrence J. Hackett, Jr. Vietnam Veterans

Agent Orange Fairness Act

- 86) H.R. 2327 – to Remove Delimiting Dates for Survivors and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- 87) S. 2513/H.R. 4772, Improved VA Clothing Allowance Benefit for Disabled Veterans
- 88) S. 3293, the Post 9-11 Veterans Mental Health Care Act of 2021
- 89) HR 6402 and S 1725, will grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated
- 90) HR 6659 and S 3541, the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Acts
- 91) Ask your member to support S.810 and H.R. 1972 the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2021
- 92) H.R. 6543, Restore Veterans Compensation Act
- 93) H.R. 3967, Honoring Our PACT Act Going to House Floor for a Vote
- 94) H.R. 2916/S. 1467, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021
- 95) S. 3483, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 96) H.R. 6273 and S.3397, the VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021
- 97) HR 7050, Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act
- 98) S. 3851/H.R. 7089, the Veterans Exposed to Toxic PFAS Act
- 99) S. 3854/H.R. 6823, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act
- 100) HR 4601 and S 2405, Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act
- 101) S. 3304/H.R. 5754, the Patient Advocate Tracker Act
- 102) Please Support H.R. 7369, VENTURE Act
- 103) Please support of HR 7524, the ACES Act





Gulf Coast VA honors social worker for going above and beyond

Social worker honored for "Going above and beyond her job. An empathetic listener to our Veterans who ensures their needs can be met."

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In their own words: Why nurses love working at VA

Why do nurses love working at VA? Hear from them here, in their own words, and learn more about how you can join them.

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What you should know about advance care planning

Advance care planning is the process of considering what's important to you and what your preferences are for care now and in the future.

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Study finds higher prevalence of mental health concerns for Vietnam Veterans

VE-HEROeS is the first nationwide survey of both the physical and mental health of Vietnam War Veterans in more than 30 years. It sought

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The VetChange mobile app can help you to stop or cut back on drinking and learn healthier ways to manage PTSD symptoms.

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Birmingham VA cardiologist celebrates decades of achievement in research

Dr. Louis Dell'Italia, Birmingham VA associate chief of staff for research, is dedicated to improving the health of Veterans and others.

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PTSD Bytes #8: Treatments for PTSD 5: EMDR

In this episode of PTSD Bytes, we learn about EMDR for PTSD from licensed clinical social worker and certified EMDR-therapist Marianne Silva.

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John Thach: Pacific Wildcat

Navy Veteran John Thach served in World War II and the Korean War. He invented the Thach Weave and Big Blue Blanket Defense.

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Stent surgery study reinforces quality of VA cardiac care

Stent surgery: Common procedure but has some risk. Four-year study shows those treated by VA facility had 25% lower risk of complications.

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- 1) Potential Risk of Exposure to Toxic Compounds When Using Certain Hemodialysis Machines Manufactured by Fresenius Medical Care – Letter to Health Care Providers
- 2) FDA Roundup: May 6, 2022
- 3) A Real-World Case Study of Levothyroxine Use Addresses Institutional Concerns About Generic Product Interchangeability
- 4) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Limits Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Individuals
- 5) FDA Drug Shortages
- 6) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Limits Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Individuals
- 7) Medtronic HeartWare Ventricular Assist Device (HVAD) System
- 8) FDA Updates and Press Announcements on Nitrosamine in Varenicline (Chantix)
- 9) FDA grants regular approval to fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki for breast cancer
- 10) FDA Permits Marketing for New Test to Improve Diagnosis of Alzheimer’s Disease
- 11) FDA Updates on Paxlovid for Health Care Providers
- 12) FDA Issues Warning Letters to Companies Illegally Selling CBD and Delta-8 THC Products
- 13) FDA Issues Warning Letters to Companies Illegally Selling CBD and Delta-8 THC Products
- 14) The TJX Companies, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Certain Vegan Chocolate Products
- 15) FDA Roundup: May 3, 2022
- 16) Counterfeit At-Home OTC COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests



Exhibit inspired by her mother wins gold medal

Veteran Catherine D'Angelo received gold medal in National Veterans Creative Arts competition in festival held in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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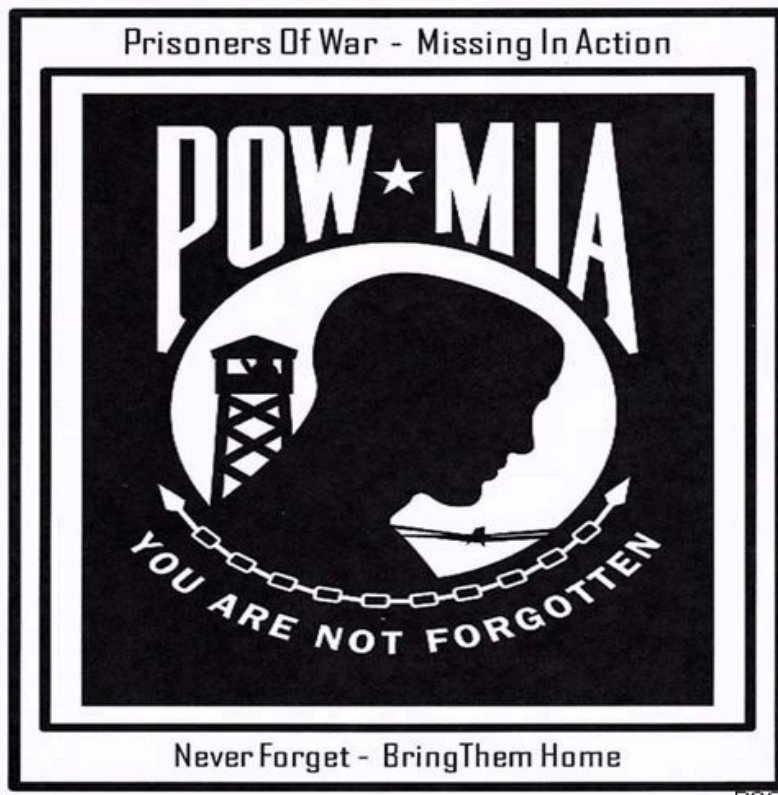


Improving access to virtual care for homebound rural Veterans

VA Geriatric Scholar Christy Rothermel is helping homebound and rural Veterans keep pace with VA's rapid telehealth expansion.

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Sign in to My HealtheVet changing soon — here's what to expect

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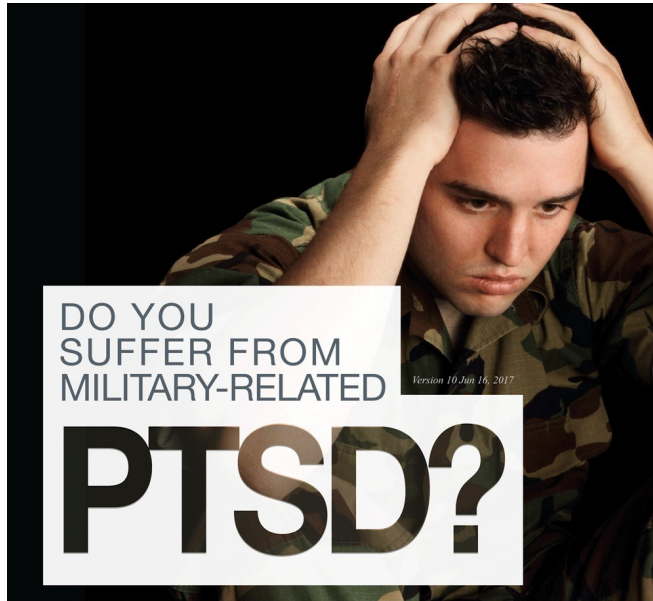


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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates and one new identification for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Laverne A. Nigg, 23, of Browns Valley, Minnesota, 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 that caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Nigg. He will be buried on June 4, 2022, in his hometown. [Read about Nigg.](#)

Army Air Force Lt. Col Addison Baker, 36, of Chicago, was commander of the 328th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft Baker was piloting crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The date and location of his funeral have yet to be decided. [Read about Baker.](#)

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. William F. Teaff, 26, was assigned to the 351st Bombardment Squadron, 100th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On March 6, 1944, he was serving as a radio operator on a B-17 Flying Fortress when it was destroyed during a bombing mission. The entire crew, except for the navigator, survived and bailed out, but were captured by the Germans and sent to POW camps. Teaff died on July 10, 1944, in a nearby village while receiving medical treatment for diphtheria. Interment services are pending. [Read about Teaff.](#)



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