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This-N-That

Good evening Jim,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the 4th of July, great BBQ's, great company, great beverages, conversation and of course any fireworks available.

Where I live fireworks are illegal which is good, we're low desert area and too much risk of fire, but they do hold an annual 2-day event of fireworks at the race track, once all the field are cleaned up surrounding the race track.

My family didn't attend but we were able to enjoy them from a distance and of course noise level was so low it didn't frighten our four-legged babies.

I've listed a couple of links in "Links to other Stories" and after you

read them, I believe you too will be just as angry as I am.

What I'd like to ask is anyone willing to help but telling me your story in dealing with the VA, good or bad and send it to me I'd really appreciate it, confidentiality is guaranteed, I just would like to create a "hit list" so-to -speak to address as many common issues you all experience and provide me information I can approach congress with.

Once I start with my hit list again, it will give me the ability to push and push hard for the cut backs not to happen. Saving money isn't helping Veterans, especially those at risk. Many VAMC's are too far away for some to travel to, so outside clinics are and absolute must have.

Putting more stress on Veteran in uncalled for, and certainly not necessary.

I'm not certain why but Congress has put the halt on a system wide over haul, but this too I will be looking into.

One of the things I am pushing for is full disclosure on financial matters VAMC by VAMC, and addressing forced accountability. Maybe if we can accomplish this, things will begin to truly change for the better.

I don't think anyone is ever being held accountable, example would be the construction of a new VAMC last year where the cost over runs were in the millions of dollars and no one, and I do mean NO ONE was held accountable, it was merely signed of on as ok, and money was paid.

Someone and/or people need to be held accountable, this is our country's most precious asset, our Veterans! You can't shove them under the rug and hope they go away, not now, not tomorrow, not ever.

So, if you don't mind sharing your story with any experiences good or bad in the VAMC system, all I need to know is city and state, and a brief explanation of what you'd like to share.

Please do visit 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!

Kindest regards,

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PTSD Bytes #12: Mindfulness for Self-Care

In this episode, host Pearl McGee-Vincent discusses mindfulness with Dr. Timothy J. Avery, clinical psychologist and readjustment counselor.

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Setting the "pace" with leadless pacemaker

Coast Guard Veteran the first patient in the state of Texas to receive a new leadless pacemaker implant designed to regulate his heart.

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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.

We are offering free lifetime memberships to widows/widowers of Veterans who died of service connected diseases? Please contact Robin Barr for more information.

Click [HERE](#) and help a Veteran.

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



No slowing down: Get VA's mobile app and keep moving

VA's new mobile app lets Veterans access benefits and health care resources when they want, where they want—right from their smartphone.

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An Accidental AI Professional

However, her interest in AI was "a mistake," says Ciesielski. During her undergraduate fellowship at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the principal investigator assigned her to work on neural networks, thinking it was close to her major of neural engineering. As she learned more about neural networks, she became fascinated with AI's blend of mathematics, statistics, and psychology.

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Your actions could save a life.

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

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Phoenix VA's new 200,000-square-foot clinic

The new Phoenix VA clinic provides much-needed outpatient space to consolidate primary care and outpatient mental health services.

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VA's challenge to house 38,000 homeless Veterans

Tune in for second episode of VA's podcast Ending Veteran Homelessness Episode #2: VA's national challenge to house 38,000 homeless Veterans

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Honoring those who served



VA researcher leads project to evaluate Veteran screening for malnutrition

Chew and her colleagues use a malnutrition screening tool (MST) for all patients admitted to the Phoenix VA hospital, three-quarters of whom are 65 and older, a demographic that is susceptible to malnutrition.

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Artist designs creative guitars for Veterans' music therapy

Gabriela Mejia is an artist using her talents to decorate guitars for Veterans participating in Challenge America's Music Therapy Program.

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Links to Other Stories

- 1) [Senators kill sweeping plan to reshape sprawling VA health care system](#)
- 2) [As a soldier, he escaped Nazi captors. At 97, he finally got his medals.](#)
- 3) [WWII Veteran, last member of 'Band of Brothers,' Bradford Freeman dies at 97](#)
- 4) [12 senators oppose moving forward with VA plan to close hospitals, other facilities](#)
- 5) [Last remaining WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel 'Woody' Williams, dies at 98](#)
- 6) ['It's outrageous:' Disabled Vietnam War Vet still fighting to get mail delivered to his home](#)
- 7) [Deal on toxic exposure bill includes more VA staff, dozens of new VA medical clinics](#)
- 8) [VA Weighs Limiting Access to Outside Doctors to Curb Rising Costs](#)



Find your calling with these VA police career paths

As federal law enforcement officers, VA police serve and protect Veterans every day. Take a look at some of the specialty positions available.

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Clifton Schroeder: Clinging to dirt

Marine Veteran Clifton Schroeder served as an executive officer in Vietnam and a senior liaison officer during the Balkans Conflict.

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PTSD and exercise: Finding recovery through fitness

Listen to the podcast Short Takes on Suicide Prevention on the topic of PTSD and Exercise: Finding recovery through fitness.

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America250: Marine Corps Veteran James Livingston

This week's America250 salute is Marine Corps Veteran James Livingston, who received a Medal of Honor during Vietnam and served 34 years.

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Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS) News [June 2022]

Get the Recruitment & Retention, Employment & Integration, Well Being & Treatment, Servicewomen in the News, Women Veterans, and Upcoming Events DACOWITS news from June 2022.

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Live Whole Health #128: Connecting mind and body, session 4

How can your body help your mind? How can we work on connecting them? What role does your breath play? The fourth session in this series, Connecting Mind and Body, will help to answer these questions. A big part of yoga is breathwork and connecting your breath with movement. Often in yoga a particular movement is paired with either an inhale or an exhale.

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**Center for Women Veterans Book Corner, July:
Army Veteran Tanya R. Whitney**

This month's Women Veteran Authors Book Corner author is U.S. Army retired Master Sergeant Tanya R. Whitney, who served from 1983-2010. Whitney wrote "A Soldier's Journey Home," a collection of poetry written as part of her therapy for overcoming PTSD. The poems highlight her Army ideals and her transition from combat to retirement.

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Fresh Focus "Heart to Home" episodes: #61-63

There is a crucial time after being discharged from the hospital where making nutrition changes could prevent the need to go back. As dietitians, we understand how hard it can be to digest nutritional information when discharged from the hospital.

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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 07/09/22)

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) Please Support H.R. 3452 —Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act
- 52) HR 2192, The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2021
- 53) HR 5026, The Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act of 2021
- 54) HR 3368, HR 5026, HR 2269, S 657 are all Toxic Exposure Bills that need special attention and more pressure to get passed!
- 55) H.R. 4627, Veterans' Culturally Competent Care Act of 2021
- 56) S. 2172, Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
- 57) H.R. 4571, the SERVICE Act of 2021
- 58) H.R. 4732, Protect Individual Unemployability Benefit for All Disabled
- 59) S. 1937, the Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Act of 2021
- 60) S. 2283 and H.R. 5073—the Crisis Hotline REACH for Veterans Act
- 61) HR 852 and S 221, United States - Israel PTSD Collaborative

Research Act

- 62) Ask Congress to Preserve Arlington National Cemetery
- 63) HR 4949 and S 692, the Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021
- 64) HR 2963, the VOW to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2021
- 65) S 1970, The Clean Water for Military Families Act
- 66) Support S. 1198/H.R. 2819—the Solid Start Act of 2021
- 67) H.R. 3402/S. 976—Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
- 68) HR 3537 and S 1813, Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act
- 69) S. 2386/H.R. 4575, the Veteran Peer Specialist Act
- 70) H.R. 5721—the VIPER Act
- 71) H.R. 5607, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 72) HR 2601 and S 1188, SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act
- 73) S. 3017, Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act
- 74) HR 1361 and S 444, AUTO for Veterans Act
- 75) H.R. 4880 and S. 2720, the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act
- 76) HR 2800, the WINGMAN Act
- 77) H.R. 5944, Veterans Administration Backlog Accountability Act of 2021
- 78) HR 3400, VA Emergency Transportation Act
- 79) HR 2992, TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act
- 80) HR 6260, the Casualty Assistance Reform Act of 2021
- 81) H.R. 5819, Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act
- 82) HR 3596, the Lawrence J. Hackett, Jr. Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Fairness Act
- 83) H.R. 2327 – to Remove Delimiting Dates for Survivors and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- 84) S. 2513/H.R. 4772, Improved VA Clothing Allowance Benefit for Disabled Veterans
- 85) S. 3293, the Post 9-11 Veterans Mental Health Care Act of 2021

- 86) HR 6402 and S 1725, will grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated
- 87) HR 6659 and S 3541, the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Acts
- 88) H.R. 6543, Restore Veterans Compensation Act
- 89) H.R. 3967, Honoring Our PACT Act Going to House Floor for a Vote
- 90) H.R. 2916/S. 1467, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021
- 91) S. 3483, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 92) H.R. 6273 and S.3397, the VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021
- 93) HR 7050, Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act
- 94) S. 3851/H.R. 7089, the Veterans Exposed to Toxic PFAS Act
- 95) S. 3854/H.R. 6823, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act
- 96) HR 4601 and S 2405, Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act
- 97) S. 3304/H.R. 5754, the Patient Advocate Tracker Act
- 98) Please Support H.R. 7369, VENTURE Act
- 99) Please support of HR 7524, the ACES Act
- 100) HR 7589, Remove Copays Act
- 101) Support Concurrent Receipt Bills
- 102) S. 3025 and H.R. 5666, the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act of 2021 to Improve the Claims Process for MST Survivors
- 103) Support S. 4156, the VA Workforce Improvement, Support, and Expansion (WISE)
- 104) Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans
- 105) They must pass the Honoring our PACT Act NOW
- 106) HR 7048, Protect Lifesaving Anesthesia Care for Veterans Act of 2022
- 107) HR 1476, PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act
- 108) S. 4223 and H.R. 7846, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-

Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2022

109) HR 7158, Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act

110) H.R. 3950, the Veterans Medical Legal Partnerships Act



Kansas City VA annual Salute to Women Veterans

The Kansas City VA welcomed women Veterans and their families to honor and celebrate the service of women in the military over the years. The annual Salute to Women Veterans event began as a small ceremony in 2017 for WWI and WWII women Veterans. In 2018, Vietnam-era women Veterans were honored and, in 2019, Persian Gulf women Veterans were honored. The event has now grown to celebrate all women Veterans.

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#VADidThat: Caring for Veterans' Whole Health

Navy Veteran Tammy D'Alesandro was struggling. "I'm not ashamed to say I was in a really bad place. There were days I didn't want to be here anymore because I didn't know who I was," she recalled. "That was hard."

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You Asked, We Answered: Staying up to date with COVID-19 booster doses

Your COVID-19 questions answered. We're listening to your questions about COVID-19 vaccines and hosting blogs on questions from Veterans.

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Helping transgender Veterans find their voice

Communication is fluid: the situation, information, and people we talk to shape how we deliver a message. For Veterans in gender transition, finding their voice can be enhanced with the help of specially trained speech-language pathologists (SLPs). The Gender Affirming Program for Speech (GAPS), is a collaborative project between VA's LGBTQ+ Health Program, the Audiology & Speech Program Office, and the ORH Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Portland, Oregon, to provide voice and communication training for transgender and gender diverse Veterans.

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This Pride Month, VA is proud of all LGBTQ+ Veterans

VA joins President Biden in saluting our LGBTQ+ Veterans this month, and every month. Pride Month is also a reminder that just as LGBTQ+ Veterans volunteered to defend our freedom, it is our responsibility to help defend theirs. "I often say that America can be defined by one word: possibilities," said President Joe Biden. In his Proclamation on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, And Intersex Pride Month, the President affirmed, "This month, we celebrate generations of LGBTQI+ people who have fought to make the possibilities of our nation real for every American."

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Halt to VA's Asset and Infrastructure Review Process

The Independent Budget Veterans Service Organizations (IBVSOs) — the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), DAV (Disabled American Veterans), and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) — supported the VA MISSION Act of 2018, which established the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) process, including the independent AIR Commission. We have testified numerous times about our concerns with the AIR process and the need for oversight. Success would depend upon complete buy-in and full transparency. The IBVSOs believe the best course of action is to stand down the process rather than to proceed with a half-measured attempt at a major overhaul of VA's infrastructure. While the AIR process appears over, it spotlighted the urgent need to prioritize VA facilities. This reenergized conversation cannot be allowed to crumble apart, like too many of the VA buildings this commission was meant to address.



Fraud Alert Issued by VA

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) has issued a [fraud alert](#) regarding VA being billed for care veterans did not receive. This alert advises veterans and their representatives to help detect health care fraud by carefully reviewing benefit explanations and bills they receive from VA. If you see potential evidence of fraud or have concerns about patient care, please contact the VA OIG office at va.gov/oig/hotline or 800.488.8244.

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News Flash



(U.S. Senate) – Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester (D-Mont.), U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), and Rob Portman (R-Ohio) today released the following joint statement announcing their collective opposition to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission process moving forward in the Senate, which signifies the end of the AIR Commission:

“As Senators, we share a commitment to expanding and strengthening modern VA infrastructure in a way that upholds our obligations to America’s veterans. We believe the recommendations put forth to the AIR Commission are not reflective of that goal, and would put veterans in both rural and urban areas at a disadvantage, which is why we are announcing that this process does not have our support and will not move forward. The Commission is not necessary for our continued push to invest in VA health infrastructure, and together we remain dedicated to providing the Department with the resources and tools it needs to continue delivering quality care and earned services to veterans in 21st century facilities—now and into the future.”

In 2018 Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed into law the [VA MISSION Act](#). Among its many provisions, the law required the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to research, develop and publish a list of recommendations intended to modernize VA medical facilities and health care delivery—including through facility expansions, relocations, closures or

changes in services. The law further directed those recommendations to be reviewed by a presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed Commission, which would then report its views of the recommendations to the President who could end the process or present recommendations to Congress for a vote. Without the Senate's approval of the nominees, no Commission will be established and the process as outlined by the VA MISSION Act will not move forward.

<https://www.veterans.senate.gov/2022/6/tester-manchin-rounds-colleagues-statement-on-bipartisan-opposition-to-the-asset-and-infrastructure-review-commission-process>



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VA Health Care Infrastructure

Last week, a bipartisan group of 12 U.S. Senators, including Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester, announced that they would not support VA's Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) facility recommendations and that they would oppose the formation of the AIR Commission, without which the AIR process cannot proceed. As you may know, the VA MISSION Act of 2018 had authorized the creation of an independent AIR Commission to review facility recommendations from VA for changes to its hospitals, clinics, and other health care infrastructure. The purpose of the AIR process was to develop a comprehensive and integrated plan to modernize, expand and realign VA's health care facilities to improve access for veterans over the next two decades, and build support for the funding to implement those changes.

Unfortunately, the AIR process encountered major obstacles almost from the beginning. The assumptions underlying VA's analysis and recommendations were based on outdated and unreliable data, as acknowledged by VA itself. Further, the COVID pandemic and its impact on health care delivery – now and in the future – added significant uncertainty that could not be resolved. Ultimately, the lack of adequate support from both Congress and the Administration could not be overcome, particularly in today's highly polarized political environment.

While the AIR process is effectively over for the 117th Congress, and unlikely to be revived in the next Congress, the need to invest in VA's health care infrastructure remains paramount. DAV will continue advocating for increased funding to expand, realign and modernize VA hospitals, clinics, and other facilities to ensure that all enrolled veterans have timely access to high-quality, veteran-focused health care.



Burn Pits and Toxic Exposures

The good news on burn pits and toxic exposures, as many of you already know, is that the Senate on June 16 overwhelmingly passed an amended Honoring Our PACT Act (H.R. 3967) with a bipartisan 84 to 14 vote. This historic legislation, which had previously passed the House in March with a bipartisan vote of 256 to 174, would provide expanded health care and benefits to millions of veterans exposed to burn pits and toxic substances. The House had expected to quickly re-pass the Senate-amended version of the PACT Act and send it to the President for his approval when a technical glitch related to one small provision was discovered, resulting in at least a few weeks of delay. While the technical change needed to overcome this glitch is not expected to endanger ultimate passage of the PACT Act, it will take additional time to re-pass the bill since Senate rules make it difficult to end debate and vote. However, we remain engaged with Senate and House leadership as they work to find the quickest path forward and optimistic about finally passing this historic legislation. We will keep you updated on next steps and progress.





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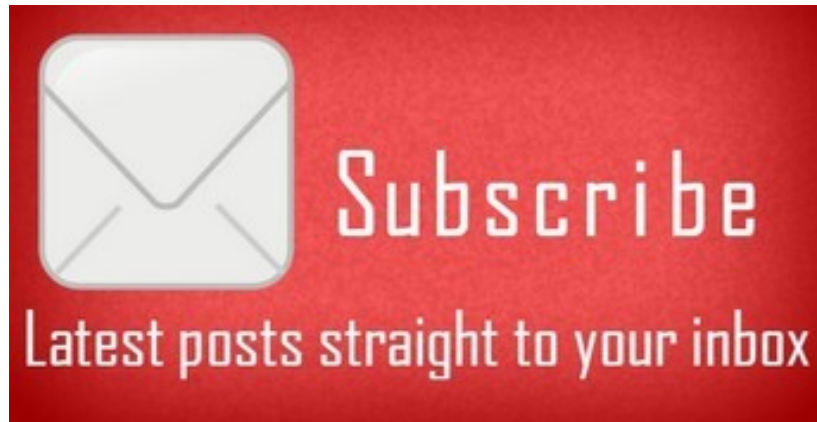
- 1) Consumer Representatives on FDA Advisory Committees
- 2) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes Pharmacists to Prescribe Paxlovid with Certain Limitations
- 3) Drug Supply Chain Security Act Law and Policies
- 4) FDA Developing New Framework for Continued, Expanded Access to Infant Formula Options for U.S. Parents and Caregivers
- 5) FDA Infant Formula Update: July 6, 2022
- 6) FDA Roundup: July 5, 2022
- 7) FDA Shares Results on PFAS Testing in Seafood
- 8) Getinge USA Sales Inc Recalls Flow-c and Flow-e Anesthesia Systems for Cracked or Broken Suction System Power Switches
- 9) Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Viatris Company, Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of One Batch of Insulin Glargine (Insulin glargine-yfgn) Injection Pens, 100 units/mL (U-100), Due to the Potential of Missing Labels on Some Pens
- 10) Natreve Issues Voluntary Recall on Limited U.S. Batches of Natreve Vegan Protein Powder French Vanilla Wafer Sundae Flavor Due to Undeclared Milk
- 11) Updated -Blount Fine Foods Voluntarily Recalls a Limited Amount (a Single Lot) of Southwest Corn Chowder Due to Undeclared Wheat Allergen



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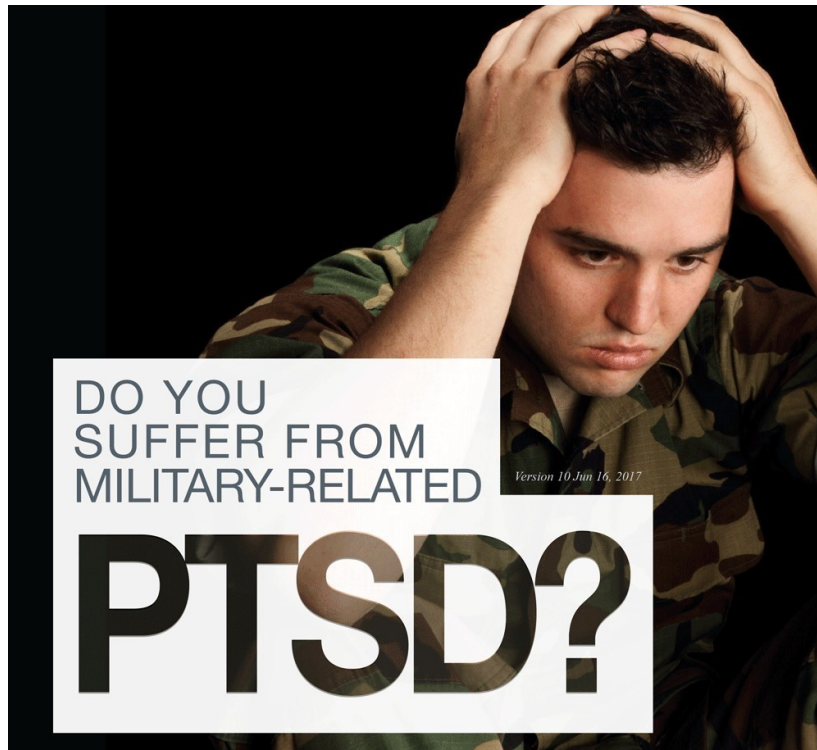


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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three burial updates and eight new identifications for service members

who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Navy Shopfitter 3rd Class Francis L. Hannon, 20, of Middletown, Indiana, 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 Hannon. He will be buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, on Oct. 13, 2022. [Read about Hannon.](#)

Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class Robert T. Stout, 21, of El Reno, Oklahoma, 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 Stout. He will be buried in Cottonwood, California, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Stout.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. William O. Wood, 25, of Valdosta, Georgia, was assigned to 328th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Wood was a gunner crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. He will be buried in Tallahassee, Florida, on Aug. 1, 2022. [Read about Wood.](#)

Army Pfc. Robert L. Alexander, 27, was assigned to 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division. On July 7, 1944, Alexander was killed when the Japanese general on Saipan ordered his forces into a mass suicide attack against the 105th's lines. Interment services are pending. [Read about Alexander.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. George B. Walker, 25, was assigned to 369th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On Feb. 3, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which he was serving as an engineer and turret gunner experienced general mechanical failure following anti-aircraft fire while part of a bombing mission near Oldenburg, Germany. While the crew bailed out over water, several were captured by German forces, including Walker who was sent to Stalag Luft 6, prisoner of war camp in Heydekrug, Germany. He died on April 28 when he was shot while trying to escape. Interment services are pending. [Read about Walker.](#)

Army Pfc. Worley D. Jacks, 21, was assigned to 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Lichtenberg, France, when he was wounded and reported missing. With no body recovered and the Germans never reporting him as a prisoner of war, on Oct. 4, 1945, the War Department declared Jacks killed in action. Interment services are pending. [Read about Jacks.](#)

Army Pfc. Francis P. Martin, 25, was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Lichtenberg, France, when he was wounded and reported missing. With no body recovered and the Germans never reporting him as a prisoner of war, on Jan. 17, 1946, the War Department issued a finding of death. Interment services are pending. [Read about Martin.](#)

Marine Corps Sgt. Arthur B. Ervin, 22, was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. His unit was part of the invasion force when American forces participated in the battle for Saipan, which was part of a larger operation to secure the Mariana islands. On July 5, 1944, Ervin was shot and killed by a sniper while trying to assist a

wounded comrade. His body was unable to be recovered due to the ongoing battle. Interment services are pending. [Read about Ervin.](#)

Army Pfc. Lowell D. Smith, 24, was assigned to Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. On Jan. 21, 1945, he was part of a Browning Automatic Rifle squad when his company attacked German forces near Reipertswiller, France. Smith was missing following the unit withdrawal. In May that year, captured German records included a death report for the date he went missing. [Read about Smith.](#)

Army Pfc. Edward J. Reiter, 17, was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 7, 1950, after his unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean army near Ch'onan, South Korea. With no body or remains found, the Army declared him non-recoverable and issued a presumptive finding of death after the end of the war in January 1956. Interment services are pending. [Read about Reiter.](#)

Army Pfc. Donald M. Born, 19, was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On July 30, 1950, Born went missing while his unit was attacked by the North Korean People's Army near Chinju at the southern end of the Korean peninsula, but he was not officially reported missing until a month later. He was never listed as a prisoner of war, and the Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953. Interment services are pending. [Read about Born.](#)



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