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Good evening Jim,

This past week there has been sparse information been put out, but we sorted through all of it to be able to finally produce the newsletter.

Hopefully when Congress returns from recess, we will begin to see a heck of a lot more going on.

The one good piece of news is that the PACT ACT finally passed both houses and the POTUS signed into law, hopefully to make it easier for those contaminated by burn pits, etc. to obtain medical care and benefits.

Further down in this newsletter there is a piece on the PACT ACT and how to file a claim, etc..

If you click on the next line you will be taken to an excel spreadsheet that has been programmed to help you figure your benefits percentage out. I ran this last week but felt a need to run again for those who might not have had time to use the spreadsheet.

[VA Disability Rating Calculator](#)

I ran this also last week as I am still looking for stories about treatment in the VA Healthcare system both good and bad, and the strictest confidentiality is and will be maintained. Your letters will help me address members of Congress on both the good and bad even ugly situations that persist nationwide.

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,

Jim Davis

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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. [Contribute](#)*



VETERAN'S ADVOCACY GROUP PRAISES SIGNING OF VETERANS TOXIC EXPOSURE BILL

Military-Veterans Advocacy® (MVA™) a Slidell Louisiana based Veterans advocacy group, praised the signing of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Pact Act this morning. President Joe Biden signed the bill in a ceremony at the White House. MVA was represented by two former Marines, Legislative Director, Brian Moyer of Mt. Dora Florida and Bill Rhodes, MVA Director for Southeast Asia from Mena Arkansas.

The PACT Act provides benefits for burn pit victims, radiation cleanup Veterans and those exposed to Agent Orange in Guam, American Samoa, Johnston Island, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. It also provided for relief of the victims of Camp Lejeune water and requires a study on Fort McClellan Veterans

Concurrent with the bill signing and to commemorate the progress demonstrated by this new law, Senator Klobuchar of Minnesota and Senator Rounds of South Dakota, with the support of Military-Veterans Advocacy® introduced a bipartisan resolution to recognize August 10th as Toxic Exposure Awareness Day.

For decades, August 10th was known as the anniversary of the first use of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Now, it is also known as the day we took action to serve those who served us. With this renewed focus on toxic substance exposure, MVA urges every Veteran to go to the VA's website to see what additional benefits they may now qualify for. <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits>

Commander John B. Wells USN (ret) praised the bipartisan effort that resulted in the new law. "This is a great step forward," Wells said, "but the job is not done We still have Veterans from Panama,

Okinawa, Fort McClellan and other sites throughout the globe who are dying from toxic exposure without benefits. MVA will continue to work to ensure Veterans and service members get the care they deserve."

For interviews contact CDR Wells at 985-290-6940

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Military-Veterans Advocacy, Inc. ®



Deployed Overseas? Get MyCare Overseas App to Help with Your Health Care

If you're deployed overseas, you're going to have questions about your health care. The MyCare Overseas app makes it easier for you to find the health care information you're looking for at any time.

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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



Senate Passes the PACT Act

After procedural delays and back-and-forth votes between congressional chambers, the Senate passed the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, known as the Honoring our PACT Act, with a final vote of 86-11. The bill now heads to the president for signature. The VFW thanks all the advocates from around the country who reached out to their senators urging them to support the final vote on this historic legislation! This is a significant VFW legislative victory that will help millions of toxic-exposed Veterans receive the health care and services they desperately need and deserve.



CWV Book Corner, August: Navy Veteran Valerie AnnMarie Ormond

This month's author is Navy Veteran Valerie Ormond, who served from 1984 to 2009. Ormond wrote the "Believing In Horses" book series, including "Believing In Horses," "Believing In Horses, Too," and "Believing In Horses Out West." She shared career lessons learned to tell fictional stories in her inspirational and motivational Young Adult novels.

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President Signs Veterans Toxic Exposure Bill into Law

The FRA National Executive Director Christopher J. Slawinski attended the bill signing ceremony at the White House where President Joe Biden signed into law the comprehensive Veteran's toxic exposure bill (S.3373). The bill would establish a presumption of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and

cancers related to the smoke from burn pits. Further, the bill also provides new benefits for Veterans who faced radiation exposure during deployments throughout the Cold War, adds hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy to the list of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure in the Vietnam War, expands the timeline for Gulf War medical claims and requires new medical exams for all Veterans with toxic exposure claims. Veterans who served in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Guam during the Vietnam War era would be covered under the same Agent Orange presumptive policies as those who served in Vietnam itself.

The VA staff would be granted "The authority to determine that a Veteran participated in a toxic exposure risk activity when an exposure tracking record system does not contain the appropriate data," a stark distinction from the science-only system in use at the VA currently. The measure is estimated to cost \$270 billion over 10 years and would potentially affect as many as one in five Veterans living today. The bill would authorize the setup of 31 major medical clinics across America and hire thousands more claims processors and health care staff.

FRA NED Slawinski testified before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on March 29, 2022, in support of the Veterans' toxic exposure legislation. He noted his testimony that military service for our nation can require service members to go places that may expose them to toxins that cause illness and diseases that may not be diagnosed for years or even decades after their service. That is why the Fleet Reserve Association is a member of the Toxic Exposures in the American Military (TEAM) Coalition to ensure that no Veteran who suffered exposure to burn pits or other environmental toxins goes without access to VA health care benefits. FRA wants to thank the thousands of members that weighed in on this issue. Your efforts helped pass this important legislation.



What ICT means to me: Intermediate care technician offers inside look at role

VA's Intermediate Care Technician (ICT) program gives Veterans like Mackenzie Beeman the chance to put their military medical training to use. After serving for five years as a healthcare specialist in the U.S. Army, and obtaining an associate's degree in health sciences, Beeman wasn't sure she'd be able to find a civilian role that used her skills.

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SVAC Hearing on Nominees to Fill Critical Positions at VA

The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee held a hearing to consider the nomination of Anjali Chaturvedi to be the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) General Counsel and Jaime Areizaga-Soto to be the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The VA's General Counsel serves as the Department's in-house counsel responsible for providing legal advice and representation to VA, among many other duties. The Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals leads and executes the Board's mission of conducting hearings and deciding appeals on benefits and services for Veterans and their families. Both positions require Senate confirmation.

From 1997 to 2013, Areizaga-Soto served in the District of Columbia Army National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. From 2011 to 2013, Areizaga-Soto managed Latino outreach for the Democratic Party of Virginia. In 2012 and 2013, he was deputy director of the

Democratic National Committee for Hispanic affairs. He was also president of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia in 2013 and 2014. From 2015 to 2018, he served in the National Guard Bureau. In 2016 and 2017, he was vice president of the Hispanic National Bar Association for membership. Areizaga-Soto also served as a deputy secretary in the Virginia Department of Veterans and Defense Affairs.

Anjali Chaturvedi left Northrop in February after more than seven years of service to join the Department of Justice's criminal division as deputy assistant attorney general. She previously served as assistant general counsel at British Petroleum (BP) and was a partner in Nixon Peabody's Washington, D.C. law firm. Between 1994 and 2006, she worked for the U.S. Attorneys' Offices in the Northern District of California and the District of Columbia. As an adjunct professor, Chaturvedi taught criminal procedure at the University of California Hastings College of Law and trial advocacy at the Georgetown University Law Center.



Summer harassment, sexual assault safety tips

As we settle into our summer routines, splashing around at pools and sipping on lemonade, it is important for Veterans and VA employees to remember to stay safe. Summer months can be fun, but historically they have also led to a higher rate of sexual assault. A report issued by the Department of Justice noted that the rates of rape and sexual assault in the summer, on average, were 9% higher than in winter and 10% higher than in fall.

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Veterans currently make up 17 percent of Congress with 91 serving (63 Republicans and 28 Democrats) in the 117th Congress (2021-2022). Veterans made up less than 18 percent (96) of Congress in the previous Congress. The number of Veterans serving in Congress has been declining since the 1970s. In 1973, almost three out of four members of Congress had served in the military. In 2018 Veterans serving in Congress created the bipartisan For Country Caucus for these Veterans to promote policies that put the country over political party. The caucus is currently co-chaired by Reps Jared Golden (Me.) and Don Beacon (Neb.).



Telehealth helps Veteran better care for her son

Time is a precious commodity for Navy Veteran Rosie Glenn. Telehealth helps. Glenn is the primary caregiver and home-school teacher for her teenage son, who has a disability. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Glenn started meeting with her VA providers through VA Video Connect, VA's secure videoconferencing app. She then realized just how much time it saved her family.

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VA can help Veterans manage their drinking

If drinking alcohol is affecting your life or the life of a Veteran you care about, know that VA has proven treatments that can help.

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PTSD Bytes #14: Military Sexual Trauma

In this episode of PTSD Bytes, host Pearl McGee-Vincent discusses military sexual trauma with Dr. Amy Street, the deputy director of the National Center for PTSD Women's Health Science Division at Boston VA.

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Houston doctors implant Amulet to prevent stroke

Doctors at the Houston VA implanted the first amulet device aimed at preventing strokes in Veteran patients. "This is a major step forward in the care of our Veterans with high risk of stroke and bleeding," said Dr. Irakli Giorgberidze.

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Women Veterans' preventive health care resources

You stay on top of your to-do list, but what about your preventive health checklist? Things like regular checkups, screenings and immunizations can help you stay healthy. Common health conditions among women Veterans, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and some cancers, can be more easily treated when caught early.

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Retiring From National Guard or Reserve? Know Your TRICARE Options

Are you thinking about retiring from the National Guard or Reserve? Since your TRICARE health plan options change as you age, it's important to understand the plans you and your family members may be eligible for at each stage of your retirement years.



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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 07/24/22)

Please note, we've added NO 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 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
- 38) HR 855, VETS Safe Travel Act
- 39) HR 3368, the Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Island bill
- 40) H.R. 2521, Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Affairs Act of 2021
- 41) H.R. 1273, the Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act
- 42) H.R. 2968, the Military and Veteran Student Loan Relief Act
- 43) H.R. 845, the VA Billing Accountability Act
- 44) Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Bill Introduced in House
- 45) HR 303 and S 1147 The Retired Pay Restoration Act
- 46) Ask Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt Reform HR-1282
- 47) HR 1656 TREAT PTSD Act
- 48) S. 1664, the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Processing Claims Improvement
- 49) Please Support H.R. 3452 —Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act

- 50) HR 2192, The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2021
- 51) HR 5026, The Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act of 2021
- 52) HR 3368, HR 5026, HR 2269, S 657 are all Toxic Exposure Bills that need special attention and more pressure to get passed!
- 53) H.R. 4627, Veterans' Culturally Competent Care Act of 2021
- 54) S. 2172, Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
- 55) H.R. 4571, the SERVICE Act of 2021
- 56) H.R. 4732, Protect Individual Unemployability Benefit for All Disabled
- 57) S. 1937, the Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Act of 2021
- 58) S. 2283 and H.R. 5073—the Crisis Hotline REACH for Veterans Act
- 59) HR 852 and S 221, United States - Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act
- 60) Ask Congress to Preserve Arlington National Cemetery
- 61) HR 4949 and S 692, the Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021
- 62) HR 2963, the VOW to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2021
- 63) S 1970, The Clean Water for Military Families Act
- 64) Support S. 1198/H.R. 2819—the Solid Start Act of 2021
- 65) H.R. 3402/S. 976—Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
- 66) HR 3537 and S 1813, Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act
- 67) S. 2386/H.R. 4575, the Veteran Peer Specialist Act
- 68) H.R. 5721—the VIPER Act
- 69) H.R. 5607, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 70) HR 2601 and S 1188, SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act
- 71) S. 3017, Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act
- 72) HR 1361 and S 444, AUTO for Veterans Act
- 73) H.R. 4880 and S. 2720, the Veterans' Prostate Cancer

Treatment and Research Act

- 74) HR 2800, the WINGMAN Act
- 75) H.R. 5944, Veterans Administration Backlog Accountability Act of 2021
- 76) HR 3400, VA Emergency Transportation Act
- 77) HR 2992, TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act
- 78) HR 6260, the Casualty Assistance Reform Act of 2021
- 79) H.R. 5819, Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act
- 80) HR 3596, the Lawrence J. Hackett, Jr. Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Fairness Act
- 81) H.R. 2327 – to Remove Delimiting Dates for Survivors and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- 82) S. 2513/H.R. 4772, Improved VA Clothing Allowance Benefit for Disabled Veterans
- 83) S. 3293, the Post 9-11 Veterans Mental Health Care Act of 2021
- 84) HR 6402 and S 1725, will grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated
- 85) HR 6659 and S 3541, the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Acts
- 86) H.R. 6543, Restore Veterans Compensation Act
- 87) H.R. 3967, Honoring Our PACT Act Going to House Floor for a Vote
- 88) H.R. 2916/S. 1467, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021
- 89) S. 3483, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- 90) H.R. 6273 and S.3397, the VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021
- 91) HR 7050, Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act
- 92) S. 3851/H.R. 7089, the Veterans Exposed to Toxic PFAS Act
- 93) S. 3854/H.R. 6823, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act
- 94) HR 4601 and S 2405, Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act
- 95) S. 3304/H.R. 5754, the Patient Advocate Tracker Act
- 96) Please Support H.R. 7369, VENTURE Act

- 97) Please support of HR 7524, the ACES Act
- 98) HR 7589, Remove Copays Act
- 99) Support Concurrent Receipt Bills
- 100) S. 3025 and H.R. 5666, the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act of 2021 to Improve the Claims Process for MST Survivors
- 101) Support S. 4156, the VA Workforce Improvement, Support, and Expansion (WISE)
- 102) Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans
- 103) They must pass the Honoring our PACT Act NOW
- 104) HR 7048, Protect Lifesaving Anesthesia Care for Veterans Act of 2022
- 105) HR 1476, PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act
- 106) S. 4223 and H.R. 7846, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2022
- 107) HR 7158, Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act
- 108) H.R. 3950, the Veterans Medical Legal Partnerships Act
- 109) HR 7158 and S 2852 Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act
- 110) Honoring our PACT Act
- 111) S. 4308—Veterans Marriage Recognition Act of 2022



Caregiver peer support group goes virtual

"One would share an experience that was deep and impactful, and another caregiver would say, 'I'm really glad you said that. That really helped me.'"

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5 Ways the PACT Act Helps Veterans

The PACT Act provides new opportunities for Veterans to access health care services and disability compensation. In this episode of theSITREP, learn five ways the PACT Act will help Veterans and how you can find additional information about the PACT Act.

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Valuable Benefits for Veterans from State Agencies

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- 1) [Air Travel and Communicable Diseases: Federal Leadership Needed to Advance Research](#)
 - 2) [Contact Tracing for Air Travel: CDC's Data System Needs Substantial Improvement](#)
 - 3) [Defense Health Agency: Oversight Needed to Better Ensure That Children Are Screened, Tested, and Treated for Lead Exposure](#)
 - 4) [Defense Health Care: Actions Needed to Improve Billing and Collection of Debt for Civilian Emergency Care](#)
 - 5) [Healthy Eating: Government-wide Solutions for Promoting Healthy Diets, Food Safety, and Food Security](#)
 - 6) [\[Military Health Care: Improved Procedures and Monitoring Needed to Ensure Provider Qualifications and Competence](#)
 - 7) [World Trade Center Health Program: Quality Assurance Program Should Include Monitoring of Access to Health Services](#)
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Senior Executive Service Position Announcement Principal Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health

This position is located in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services and the incumbent serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on eliminating health disparities for racial and ethnic minority and American Indian/Alaska Native populations. Closing date is September 15, 2022. View full announcement and apply [here](#).



- 1) [At-Home COVID-19 Antigen Tests-Take Steps to Reduce Your Risk of False Negative: FDA Safety Communication](#)
- 2) [Becton Dickinson Recalls Intraosseous Needle Set Kits, Intraosseous Manual Driver Kits, and Intraosseous Powered Drivers for Issues That May Cause Delayed Treatment Delivery](#)
- 3) [FDA Drug Shortages](#)
- 4) [FDA Infant Formula Update: August 10, 2022](#)
- 5) [FDA Issues Warning Letters to Three Companies for Selling Unapproved New Drugs for Mole and Skin Tag Removal](#)
- 6) [FDA Roundup: August 12, 2022](#)
- 7) [FDA Roundup: August 9, 2022](#)
- 8) [Haimen Shengbang Laboratory Equipment Co. Ltd. Recalls Viral Transport Media Containers That Are Not Authorized, Cleared, or Approved by the FDA](#)
- 9) [Royal Crest Dairy Voluntarily Recalls 2% Chocolate Milk Due to Undeclared Egg](#)
- 10) [That's It Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk Proteins in Dark Chocolate Truffles \(Various Flavors\)](#)



Spotlight on the Field VISN 1 Nephrology Care

Due to a national shortage of nephrologists, many Veterans needing treatment for CKD live hours from the nearest specialist. It can take over six months to be seen outside of VA. Clinical Resource Hubs, a national program launched by VA to tackle access to care issues by deploying innovative technologies and resources to improve access to a wide range of specialties – including critically needed nephrology services. Dr. Moore and Kathy Tuozzo, MSN, who is the VISN 1 CRH Associate Chief Nurse, are working with nephrologists in Boston and Connecticut led by Dr. Ramon Bonegio and Dr. Susan Crowley to apply this novel approach nationally.

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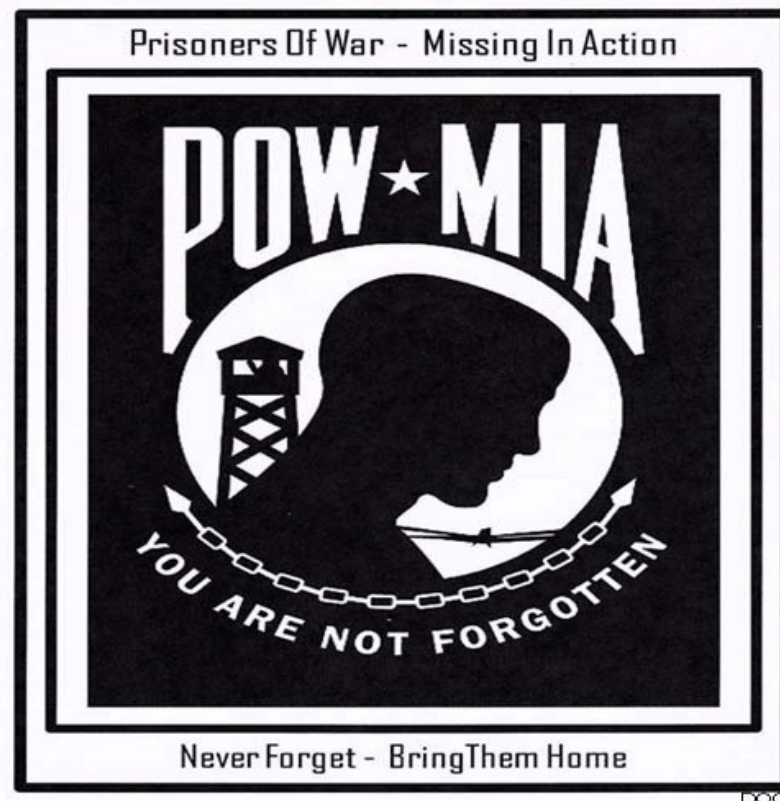


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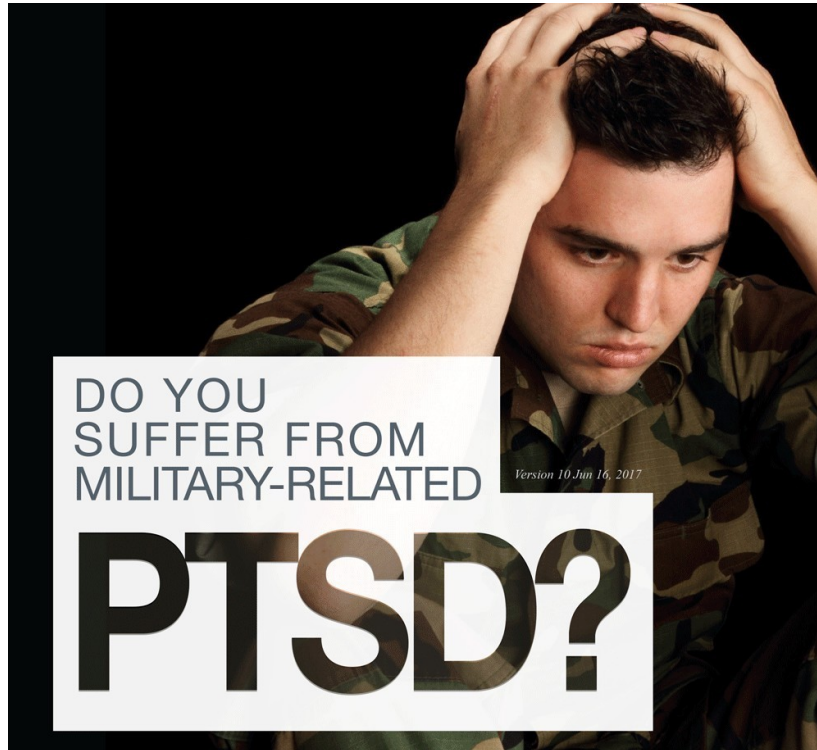


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necessary.

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Live Whole Health #132: Tai Chi Warm-Ups

Are you looking for an activity that improves your physical and mental health? Tai Chi, sometimes called a moving meditation, is a simple mind body practice. Tai Chi warm-ups enhance relaxation, calm and focus the mind, improve pain, sleep, posture, strength, flexibility and balance.

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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced six burial

updates and ten 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 Pfc. Donald M. Born, 19, of Steubenville, Ohio, was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. His unit took part in defensive action near Chinju at the southern end of the Korean peninsula. On July 30, 1950, the North Korean People's Army launched a probing attack against Born's unit. He went missing during the attack, but was not officially reported as missing in action 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. Born will be buried in Annville, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 30, 2022. [Read about Born.](#)

Army Pvt. Carl G. Dorsey, 19, of Moline, Kansas, was assigned to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 4, 1945, when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Grosshau, Germany. He was declared killed in action on Dec. 5, 1945. Dorsey will be buried in Grenola, Kansas, on Sept. 3, 2022. [Read about Dorsey.](#)

Navy Fireman Controlman 1st Class Hubert P. Clement, 30, of Inman, South Carolina, 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 Clement. He will be buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, on Oct. 10, 2022. [Read about Clement.](#)

Army Sgt. 1st Class James A. Coleman, 22, of Hillsdale, Indiana, was assigned to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry

Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On April 25, 1951, he was reported as missing in action while fighting against Chinese Communist Forces near the Hwachon Reservoir in modern-day Republic of Korea. His status was changed to killed in action on Oct. 3, 1952. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Coleman will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on Oct. 19, 2022. [Read about Coleman.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. George B. Walker, 25, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, 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. He will be buried in his hometown on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Walker.](#)

Army Pfc. Lowell D. Smith, 24, of Battle Creek, Michigan, was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 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. He will be buried in Augusta, Michigan, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Smith.](#)

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Fay G. Teter, 17, was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. His unit landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in Tarawa Atoll of

the Gilbert Islands in an attempt to secure the island. Teter was killed on the third day of the battle. Interment services are pending. [Read about Teter.](#)

Marine Corps Reserve 2nd Lt. Gordon E. Thompson, 22, was assigned to Marine Fighting Squadron 224, Marine Aircraft Group 23. On Aug. 31, 1942, he was piloting one of the 26 Grumman F4F Wildcat fighters on an interception mission near Guadalcanal. Thompson was one of three who failed to return from the mission. The Department of the Navy issued a finding of death on Jan. 8, 1946. Interment services are pending. [Read about Thompson.](#)

Army Pfc. Arthur L. Pierce, 26, was assigned to the 803rd Engineer Battalion in the Philippines, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula, when thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and held captive at Cabanatuan POW camp. According to prison camp and other historical records, Pierce died on July 19, 1942. Interment services are pending. [Read about Pierce.](#)

Army Pfc. Arthur C. Barrett, 27, was assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment in the Philippines, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula, when thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and held captive at Cabanatuan POW camp. According to prison camp and other historical records, Barrett died on July 19, 1942. Interment services are pending. [Read about Barrett.](#)

Army Cpl. Alton Christie, 18, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 5, 1950, after his unit had been

engaged by the Korean People's Army near Osan, South Korea. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953, and his remains were determined to be unrecoverable in January 1956. Interment services are pending. [Read about Christie.](#)

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Peter Timpo, 24, was assigned to 343rd Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which he was serving as the bombardier was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains were not identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Timpo.](#)

Army Pfc. Willard H. Brinks, 24, was assigned to Company K, 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division, deployed in present day Papua New Guinea. As part of an attempt to neutralize the Japanese threat to Port Moresby, Brinks' unit attempted to flank the enemy defensive lines stretched across Sanananda Track in northern Papua. Brinks was reported as killed in action on Nov. 22, 1942, the first day of the Allied attack. Interment services are pending. [Read about Brinks.](#)

Army Pvt. Myron E. Williams, 29, was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 16, 1944, when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen, Germany. His body was not recovered, and he was declared killed in action on Nov. 17, 1945. Interment services are pending. [Read about Williams.](#)

Army Air Forces Cpl. Merle L. Pickup, 27, was assigned to 308th Bombardment Group, 373rd Bombardment Squadron, stationed in Yangkai, China. In May 1944, he was a passenger on board a B-24J Liberator bomber on a ferrying mission from China to Chabua, Assam, India. The plane never made it to its

destination after encountering bad weather, and the Army reported the plane as missing. Interment services are pending. [Read about Pickup.](#)

Army Pfc. Harry J. Hartmann, Jr., 19, was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 2, 1950, during fighting near Unsan, North Korea. Repatriated POWs reported he had been captured and held as a prisoner of war at Camp #5, Pyoktang, North Korea, where he died on or around March 31, 1951. Interment services are pending. [Read about Hartmann.](#)



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