



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

Good afternoon Jim,

Veterans Affairs website went through some major changes not long ago to their website, now it looks like they're going through
I even went to look at my distribution setup, but alas that now is a problem too as it won't let me in to look.

So be patient with me, I will continue to provide as much information as is humanly possible.

We're still looking for stories from all our Veterans regarding care received at any of the VA Medical Centers nationwide. Good, b

Being prepared for your spouse in time of need isn't always something on anyone's mind. It's not a pleasant subject for anyone.

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 c

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 phor*

Many veterans have reached out to the VFW regarding the Camp LeJeune provision ([Section 804](#)) of the recently passed PACT. If you have your current or future VA benefits, contact an accredited service officer near you.

Identification cards for service members, retirees, and their dependents have changed to the Next Generation Uniform Service Identification Cards (USID). If you or your dependents have not been issued the new Next Gen USID cards, [schedule your appointment](#).



Military Veterans Advocacy is offering some free memberships for those who are struggling to get their claims processed.

We are offering free lifetime memberships to widows/widowers of Veterans who died of service connected conditions.

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

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

Mental health challenges among youth are on the rise nationwide. TRICARE covers mental health services for beneficiaries of all active-duty service members.

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VA is expanding eligibility and making it easier to use. Plus, you are now eligible to participate if you were deployed to one of three designated areas.

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Retired Army Reservist Greg Amira is a 9/11 survivor, Purple Heart recipient, father, and now the 900,000th Veteran to join the National Guard.

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I joined the Caregiver Support Program because it finally dawned on me that I might need some help, too. I was right.

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In the House concurrent receipt legislation, the "Major Richard Starr Act" (H.R.1282) currently has more than 290 co-sponsors. H Calendar allowing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to bring legislation to the House floor for a vote.

The Senate Armed Services Committees has approved the Senate version of the annual NDAA (S.4543). The Senate bill will go (VA). To reduce retirement pay because of a disability is an injustice.

Everyone can use the [FRA Action Center](#) to ask their Representative to vote for H.R.1282 and to ask their Senators to support th

If you or someone you know is displaying signs of an overdose, call 911 immediately. The next step: give the life-saving drug Nal

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Preventive health checkups can help prevent health problems before they start. They can also help in the c

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New legislation expands presumptive disabilities, VA care, and benefits to Veterans suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-r

Questions about burn pits and PACT Act?

[ASK NOW](#)

Do you know all the tricks for protecting your teeth and gums? What happens to your dental benefits when you move? In this nev

- When Should You Start Dental Care for Your Young Child?
- Have Questions? Check Out These Dental Resources for Answers
- Why You Shouldn't Fear a Root Canal

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Warrior Rising's Veterans Business Accelerator Program is facilitated by successful small business owners who are also Veterans

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VA is working to improve the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry questionnaire. Veterans can now return to a completed

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Bridge My Return (BMR) is a tech-enabled hiring platform exclusively for the military community. Read how BMR helped a former

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- 1) [Medal of Honor recipient who jumped on grenade in Korean War dies at 92](#)
- 2) [New study on tinnitus adds heft to findings on scourge of US Vets](#)
- 3) [Police bodycam of homeless Army Vet's controversial arrest released](#)
- 4) [Ranger Vietnam Veterans remember fallen Marine, brothers-in-arms at memorial](#)
- 5) [Thousands of combat-disabled Veterans don't qualify for certain military benefits. A West Texas Marine is trying to change that](#)
- 6) [VA supports Veterans who have Type 2 diabetes](#)
- 7) [Veteran who illegally wiped \\$48m of student loans sentenced to 6 years](#)
- 8) [Veterans react to Biden's student loan 'forgiveness' plan](#)
- 9) [Why letting Medicare negotiate drug prices won't be the game-changer for health care Democrats hope it will be](#)

The FRA wants to encourage all veterans who served in eligible areas to complete the [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits Registry](#), and rhinitis, and sinusitis as presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure.

What is the military weapon or system you miss using the most?

[Answer](#)

Robotic pets have moved into the Salisbury VA Community Living Center (CLC) in North Carolina. These pets have brought comfort

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Eliminating stigma starts with the individual, their immediate network (family, friends, and colleagues), and the broader community.

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A bipartisan group of senators, including a majority of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee members, blocked the confirmation of a nominee for the position of Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

As first reported in the March 18, 2022, NewsBytes, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released a reorganization plan (AIR) that provides for construction of dozens of new health care and community living facilities. The VA claims the reorganization will put n

The plan calls for 35 VA Medical Centers in 21 states to be closed or completely rebuilt, while 14 new VA hospitals and 140 new

In related news the recently enacted Veterans toxic exposure legislation (Public Law 117-168, S.3373-"PACT Act") provides for t

I was told I had an allergic reaction and had to be treated with Benadryl, but I've never had an allergic reaction before and am no

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The MHS podcast series Wise Health for Women WarriorsWise Health for Women Warriors Podcast delves into specific health c

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Monkeypox can spread by anyone to anyone. While international, national, state, and local health officials closely monitor the ou

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The Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) was created by an FRA-supported provision in the FY2008 Defense Authorizati

To be eligible for a PDBR review, service members must have been medically separated between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2

The review panel is authorized to recommend an increase in a disability rating, uphold the previous finding or issue a disability ra

Moving the body is one of the eight components of the Circle of Health. Notice that the Circle of Health's focus isn't on "exercisin

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"I'm a real surfer now," Michelle Bennett, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, said as she grabbed her board and headed into the waves

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Happy Birthday Helen and Thank you for your Service.

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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 :

Jim you don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help! (Updated 08/20/22)

Please note, we've added NO new item 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 \(PTSD\)](#)
- 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](#)
- 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 toxic substances](#)
- 24) [Please Ask your 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 Veterans exposed to toxic substances](#)
- 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 Act](#)
- 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 I](#)
- 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](#)
- 112) [HR 6647 will make certain improvements relating to the eligibility](#)

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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced six burial updates and five new identifications for service members who

Army Pvt. Felix M. Yanez, 19, of Douglas, Arizona, was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Infantry R

Army Air Forces Sgt. Herald R. Boyd, 25, Granger, Texas, was assigned to 350th Bombardment Squadron, 100th Bombardme
1946. He will be buried in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Sep. 17, 2022. [Read about Boyd.](#)

Navy Seaman 2nd Class John G. Bock, Jr., 18, of St. Louis, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored
[about Bock.](#)

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Edward E. Casinger, 21, of Senath, Missouri, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which
[Casinger.](#)

Navy Shipfitter 2nd Class Claude R. Garcia, 25, of Ventura, California, was assigned to the battleship USS West Virginia, whic
be determined. [Read about Garcia.](#)

Army Air Forces Sgt. Elvin L. Phillips, 23, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to 66th Bombardment Squadron, 44th Bomba

Army Cpl. George T. Grimes, 19, was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Roy C. Harms, 26, was assigned to 329th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group, 8th Air

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Walter Nies, 23, was assigned to 96th Bombardment Squadron, 2nd Bombardment Group, 15th Air

Army Pvt. David S. Whipple, 23, was assigned to the 27th Materiel Squadron, 20th Air Base Group in the Philippines, when Jan
26, 1942. Interment services are pending. [[Read about Whipple.](#)

Army Cpl. David N. Defibaugh, 18, was assigned to C Company, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. He we

