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A Voice of the Veterans

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Good evening Jim,

I want to thank those for contacting me to express your support for our nation's Veterans. I appreciate the opportunity to hear about the issues important to the individuals we serve. It is an essential part of our process, and I am grateful to those Veterans for your input.

Our troops courageously put their lives on the line to defend our country, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We can never truly repay their service — but we can support them when they return home. I am committed to fulfilling our country's promise to our Veterans and their families in recognition of the sacrifices they have made to protect our nation and the freedoms we hold dear.

I have consistently supported all legislation that has come out to

ensure that our Veterans do not face unnecessary roadblocks in accessing high-quality care and in receiving the benefits they have earned and deserve.

News this week is a little sparse as the VA does more internal programming and many of the pieces are on hold.

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.

When subscribing to the website, try to complete as much as possible, then it will alert me of a new subscriber, once I approve it will send you a notification E-Mail and you're good to go, but some E-Mail programs will throw the notification into a SPAM or JUNK folder, so be sure to check there too.

And being a subscriber will open up access to thousands more files and documents, will also allow you to comment on all the various articles which non-subscribers don't even see.

I had added 55 new web links to the system most fall under the category NIH (aka National Institute of Health) and a couple under Other Resources, so check them out.

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](#)



2022 VA Suicide Prevention Report Released

VA released its [2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#). The number of veterans who died by suicide in 2020 is the lowest annual number since 2006. According to the report, suicide was the second leading cause of death of veterans under the age of 45. The VFW has advocated for many years for VA to include all VA benefits usage in this report. The 2022 report shows data beyond the clinical interactions and provides a somewhat clearer picture of veterans who have no interaction with VA. “The problem of veteran suicide is a complex one that deserves serious study and academic rigor. I think the nation owes our veterans that much,” said VFW National Commander Tim Borland. [Read more.](#)



No-Cost Flu Vaccines

The CDC estimates 5,000 to 14,000 flu deaths occurred in the last year. Eligible veterans can receive a no-cost flu vaccine from Sept. 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023. Use the [VA locator](#) to find a VA facility, pharmacy, or urgent care location near you. It is recommended that you call ahead to ensure availability. [Read more.](#)



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



Be Prepared This Hurricane Season

To get ready for hurricane season, it's important to know what resources are available to you and where to find them. Benefits.gov is here to help you find emergency and disaster relief in the event of a disaster.

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What You Need to Know About FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the country over the last two years. To help families in this difficult time, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering funeral assistance funding. Read more to see if you qualify.

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Download the VA Health and Benefits mobile app today.

"Lovely format, very user friendly and updated regularly." Here are six reasons to use the app.

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Coaching program offers more to caregivers of Veterans

Caregiver Health and Wellbeing Coaching is available at no cost to enrolled caregivers.

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Your actions

could save a life.

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

VeteransCrisisLine.net



TRICARE Offers Contraceptive Care to Support You, Your Family, and Your Readiness

Whether you're a service member or a TRICARE-eligible family member, contraceptive care plays a key role in your overall health, wellness, and quality of life. And recent changes to TRICARE policies help make sure you'll have easy, convenient, and timely access to contraceptive services.

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MHS GENESIS 'Goes Live' at Naval Hospital Jacksonville and Branch Health Clinics Jacksonville, Key West and Mayport

MHS GENESIS, the Department of Defense's new single electronic health record, continues to deploy across the Military Health System. Now active at two-thirds of military hospitals and clinics, full deployment is expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

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MHS GENESIS: Commanders Say Electronic Health Records Foster Improved Care

Providers across the MHS are seeing the benefits of working with a single platform that consolidates data and records for all beneficiaries and facilities.

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Watch How MHS GENESIS Benefits Your Health Care

These videos describe the ways MHS GENESIS helps you manage your health care throughout your military career and beyond, how to register and access the Patient Portal, and what to do if you move to a new duty station that does not yet have MHS GENESIS.

[Watch Now](#)



Secure Patient Portal Gives You Instant Access to Your Health Records

The Patient Portal is a secure system designed to help you manage your individual or family health care online. Using these online systems, you can make appointments, cancel or reschedule appointments, request prescription refills and renewals, and view test results.

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Dispelling myths of MST to prevent Veteran homelessness

This story discusses military sexual trauma (MST). It's an important but sensitive and potentially intense topic. If reading about or listening to this episode of Ending Veteran Homelessness will be too much for you, please skip it. If you need someone to talk to, call the Veterans Crisis Line: dial 988 and press 1.

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Long COVID facts and symptoms

VA is on the front lines caring for Veterans and non-Veterans with a patient-centered holistic approach. This includes caring for patients with Long COVID. Here is vital information on signs and symptoms.

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**"There's no better feeling than having a purpose."
| Warrior Games Profile**

U.S. Navy Veteran Ellie Smith shares her story, and her why. "There's no better feeling than having a purpose." After a brain tumor threatened her life and left her with a range of complications, Ellie Smith decided to make a comeback through sports. #adaptivesports #woundedwarrior

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[Links to Other Stories](#)

- 1) [VA Mulls Pushing Vets to Telehealth Before Offering Local Doctor Appointments](#)
- 2) [VA to screen all patients for toxic exposure issues](#)
- 3) [After Marine Veteran makes rescue, Baltimore police file gun charges against him](#)
- 4) [US Army's first trans officer and doctor wife accused of providing officers' medical info to Russians back home](#)



Seeking Clinical Mental Health Services? Learn What TRICARE Covers



If left untreated, mental health challenges could affect your physical health. TRICARE covers a variety of mental health services to help you get care so you can stay balanced, in both mind and body.

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Women Veterans: Information for your non-VA care providers

Women Veterans, if you are receiving health care in a non-VA facility, it is important to let your provider know about your military service and how that can impact your health care needs. Let your non-VA health care teams know about this free, one-hour, accredited training course they may take to learn ways to provide women Veterans with the best care possible. [From VA News]

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Live Whole Health #139: Lightening the load

How often do you make things harder than they must or should be? My guess is more often than you realize. This week's episode of #LiveWholeHealth is a progressive muscle relaxation to reduce stress and lighten your load.

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Smartphone check-in now at most VA health facilities

You can check in up to 30 minutes before and 15 minutes after your appointment.

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Philips PAP masks with magnetic closures recalled

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced a recall of Philips Respironics Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP/Bi-PAP) masks with magnetic closures.

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Seated Tai Chi basic moves

This Tai Chi basic moves practice helps with aches and pains before they begin.

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Must Pass CR Still Pending

As NewsBytes goes to press the Senate and the House are expected to pass a stopgap funding measure, known as a Continuing Resolution (CR-H.R.6833) to prevent the U.S. government from partially shutting down on Oct. 1, 2022, the start of the new fiscal year. This CR will keep the government open at current spending levels until Dec. 16, 2022. This will give Congress time to approve appropriations (spending) bills and to be signed into law by the president.

In the event of a government shutdown active-duty military personnel will be paid because they are considered "essential workers." Retirees will continue to be paid and get their TRICARE benefits because funding for their benefits are not required to be appropriated by Congress (mandatory funding). Those receiving veterans' benefits will also continue to get benefits because the Department of Veterans Affairs has two-year funding (an FRA supported initiative) and already has funding for FY 2023.



Camp LeJeune Litigation

The FRA has received numerous phone calls from Shipmates regarding the television commercials about toxic exposure lawsuits for those who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, MCB, NC between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987. These commercials paid for by law firms are a result of Section 804 of the recently enacted PACT Act that provides comprehensive toxic exposure benefits. This specific section of the law allows people to sue the government for damages for individuals exposed to toxic substances while residing at Camp Lejeune. These lawsuits often take several years to come to a settlement, the attorney representing the claimant receives a substantial portion of the settlement, and there is an offset of VA disability benefits with any settlement that may be received through a lawsuit. VA regulations on this are expected in the coming months.



Helping Active Duty

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced actions to strengthen economic security of service members and their families. Recognizing the extraordinary pressures that military families face, Secretary Austin directed the following actions:

- Review the prospective 2023 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) tables.
- Increasing BAH in areas that have suffered more than 20 percent spike in rental housing costs.
- Fully fund commissaries to cut prices to achieve at least a 25 percent savings on grocery bills compared to the local marketplace.
- Permanently increase standard TLE maximum coverage from 10 to 14 days for CONUS moves and allow up to 60 days of TLE if a service member is in an area with a housing shortage.
- Increase the Dislocation Allowance (DLA) for E-1 to E-6 service members, and DLA payments will be paid automatically one month prior to their move date.
- Invest in Child Development Program (CDP) facilities to expand capacity and quality of care.
- Expanding the in-home childcare fee-assistance pilot program to additional states.
- Accelerate the development of seven additional occupational licensure interstate compacts for spouses who must transfer professional licenses or credentials with each move.
- Increase DoD hiring of military spouses to help military spouses build portable careers.
- Launching a career-accelerator pilot plan to match spouses with paid private-sector fellowships.

The memorandum for "Taking Care of Our Service Members and Families" can be [found online](#).



Coast Guard Authorization Update

The FRA and other organizations signed on to a letter to Chair Sen. Maria Cantwell (Wash.) and Ranking Member Sen. Roger Wicker of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. This letter urges them to approve the Coast Guard Authorization bill (H.R.6865, S.4802) The House bill was passed in the House (378-46). The bill has a provision to ensure currently serving and retired Coast Guard members continue receiving their pay should the government shut down. This is a nonpartisan issue that is essential to securing America's ports, protecting its shores and preserving lives. The letter also notes support for other provisions dealing with affordable housing and expanding childcare.



**5 nonprofits awarded \$1 million each to modify,
repair homes of low-income veterans with
disabilities**

Five nonprofits have been awarded \$5 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund efforts by the organizations to modify or repair the homes of low-income veterans with disabilities.

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Jim, below are links to all currently active pre-written E-Mails to many pieces of legislation. We ask that you go to each one, and send the pre-written E-Mails, and to also call your Reps or Senators and ask for their support on a weekly basis!

Jim you don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help! (Updated 10/01/22)

Please note, we've added ONE 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 \(PTS\)](#)
- 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
- 112) HR 6647 will make certain improvements relating to the eligibility
- 113) S. 4580, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act
- 114) HR 7337, Access for Veterans to Records Act
- 115) HR 8736, the GUARD Act
- 116) H.R. 8398, the DRIVE Act
- 117) H.R. 6961, the Dignity for MST Survivors Act
- 118) H.R. 8686, Wounded Warrior Research Enhancement Act
- 119) S. 4700, the Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act





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Office of Inspector General

- 1) Higher Education: VA Could Improve Support for Veterans Pursuing STEM Degrees
- 2) Medicaid: Efforts to Address Fraud in Nonemergency Medical Transportation
- 3) Medicare Telehealth: Actions Needed to Strengthen Oversight and Help Providers Educate Patients on Privacy and Security Risks



- 1) Outbreak Investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes*: Brie and Camembert Soft Cheese Products (September 2022)
- 2) FDA Continues Important Work on Substance Use and Overdose Prevention Efforts
- 3) LivaNova (TandemLife) Recalls LifeSPARC System for Risk of Unintentional Extended Pump Stop During Controller Critical Failure
- 4) FDA Pathway Supports Long-Term Stability, Diversity of Safe and Nutritious Infant Formula Supply in the U.S.
- 5) Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. Issues a Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Atenolol 25 mg Tablets and Clopidogrel 75 mg Tablets Due to a Label Mix-up
- 6) Proper Trade LLC/My Stellar Lifestyle Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Wonder Pill Capsules Due to the Presence of Undeclared Tadalafil
- 7) Eugia US LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Acyclovir Sodium Injection 500 mg per 10 mL (50 mg/mL), Due to the

Presence of Particulate Matter

- 8) FDA Approves New Treatment Option for Patients with ALS
- 9) Momyer Distribution Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Dark Chocolate Almonds
- 10) Eugia US LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Acyclovir Sodium Injection 500 mg per 10 mL (50 mg/mL), Due to the Presence of Particulate Matter
- 11) FDA approves first treatment for prurigo nodularis
- 12) FDA Drug Shortages
- 13) FDA, Veterans Health Administration Collaborate to Help Accelerate Medical Device Innovation and Advancement of Care
- 14) A Fresh Take on What "Healthy" Means on Food Packages
- 15) FDA Proposes Updated Definition of 'Healthy' Claim on Food Packages to Help Improve Diet, Reduce Chronic Disease
- 16) FDA Roundup: September 27, 2022
- 17) Arcade Snacks Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Egg in Candy Corn
- 18) Van Law Food Products Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Soy and Wheat in Product Expanded
- 19) FDA Roundup: September 30, 2022



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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced five burial updates and seventeen 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. Melvin J. Little Bear, 21, of Standing Rock, South Dakota, was assigned to A Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. On Feb. 13, 1951, he was reported missing in action after his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near Changbong-ni, South Korea. Little Bear had been captured and was a prisoner of war at POW Camp No.

1. Subsequent reports and information from the Chinese and North Korean forces indicated he died in captivity on or about July 21, 1951. He will be buried on Sept. 30, 2022, in McLaughlin, South Dakota. [Read about Little Bear.](#)

Army Pfc. John L. Ferguson, 20, of Flanagan, Illinois, was assigned to the 28th Material Squadron, U.S. Army Air Forces, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula in 1942. Ferguson was among those captured and held at the Cabanatuan POW Camp, where he reportedly died on Dec. 10, 1942, and was buried. He will be buried on Oct. 1, 2022, in Gridley, Illinois. [Read about Ferguson.](#)

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Pete Turk, 20, of Scammon, Kansas, was assigned to the battleship USS California, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS California sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to catch fire and slowly flood. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 104 crewmen, including Turk. He will be buried on Oct. 17, 2022, in Manhattan, Kansas. [Read about Turk.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Moses F. Tate, 23, of Seneca, Kansas, was assigned to the 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Tate 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 on Oct. 27, 2022, in Springfield, Missouri. [Read about Tate.](#)

Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Roy Carney, 20, of Electra, Texas, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Carney 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 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Carney.](#)

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Wayne L. Dyer, 22, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which Dyer was serving as the navigator was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered, nor was there evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year after the crash. Interment services are pending.

[Read about Dyer.](#)

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Melvin B. Meyer, 25, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which Meyer was serving as bombardier was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered, nor was there evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year after the crash. Interment services are pending. [Read about Meyer.](#)

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Carl D. Nesbitt, 23, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which Nesbitt was piloting was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered, nor was there evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year after the crash. Interment services are pending.

[Read about Nesbitt.](#)

Army Pvt. Robert R. Gruwell, 20, was assigned to Company G, 3rd Battalion, 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team. On Aug. 15, 1944, his unit landed on the southern coast of France as part of Operation Dragoon. Gruwell's unit landed near Callian in the early morning, and he went missing sometime that day between Callian and LeMuy. He was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. His status was changed to killed in action on May 15, 1945. Interment services are pending. [Read about Gruwell.](#)

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Francis V. Montemurro, 25, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Montemurro was serving as navigator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains could not be identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Montemurro.](#)

Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. James M. Howie, 24, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Howie was serving as radio operator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains could not be identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Howie.](#)

Army Cpl. Franklin H. Bennett, 20, was assigned to the 54th Signal Maintenance Company when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula in 1942. He was among those captured and held at the Cabanatuan POW Camp, where he reportedly died on July 19, 1942, and was buried. Interment services are pending. [Read about Bennett.](#)

Army Cpl. Joe A. Vinyard, 23, was assigned to Company A,

774th Tank Battalion, as a crewmember on an M4 Sherman Tank. In December 1944, his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Gey, Germany, in Hürtgen Forest, when his tank was hit by an 88-mm round. The crew bailed out of the tank, but when they regrouped a few minutes later, Vinyard was missing. He was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. A presumptive finding of death was issued in April 1946. Interment services are pending. [Read about Vinyard.](#)

Army Cpl. Clark E. Worline, 20, was assigned to Company C, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, 8th U.S. Army. On Nov. 26, 1950, he was reported missing in action after fighting against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near Sinjang, North Korea. Interment services are pending. [Read about Worline.](#)

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Theodore F. Scarborough, 21, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Scarborough was serving as bombardier crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains could not be identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Scarborough.](#)

Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. Ralph E. Richardson, 21, was assigned to the 329th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Scarborough was serving as radio operator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains could not be identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Richardson.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Ralph D. Kolb, 19, was assigned to the 343rd Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which

Scarborough was serving as radio operator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains could not be identified following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Kolb.](#)

Army Pfc. Clinton P. Koloski, 21, was assigned to Company A, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment. On Jan. 14, 1945, his unit was on patrol near Obermuhlthal, France, when it encountered German soldiers in fortified positions. Koloski was killed during the fighting and his body was unable to be immediately recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Koloski.](#)

Army Sgt. Thaddeus S. Matuszak, 31, was assigned to Company K, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. In September 1944, his unit was part of a larger force ordered to cross the Moselle River near Dornot and take up a position. They held their position against German attacks. The unit was allowed to retreat on the night of Sept. 10 into the morning of the Sept. 11. Matuszak was reported missing that night and his body was unable to be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Matuszak.](#)

Army Pfc. Mark P. Wilson, 20, was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. On Nov. 8, 1944, his unit was tasked with holding the town of Kommerscheidt, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was reported missing in action. Wilson was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. He was declared killed in action following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Wilson.](#)

Army Cpl. Joseph H. Gunnoe, 21, was assigned to Company G, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. On Nov. 6, 1944, he was likely killed as his unit was driven from Vossenack, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, by a German attack. Gunnoe

was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. He was declared killed in action following the war. Interment services are pending. [Read about Gunnoe.](#)

Army Pfc. Ithiel E. Whatley, 19, was assigned to Company M, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On July 12, 1950, he was reported missing in action after his unit was engaged in a fighting withdrawal south of Chochi'won, South Korea, toward the Kum River. Whatley was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Jan.4, 1954. Interment services are pending. [Read about Whatley.](#)



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