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A Voice of the Veterans

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Good afternoon Jim,

We are proud to announce that due to advocacy efforts of several organizations, Veterans and retirees will receive the largest cost of living (COLA) increase in 42 years!

On Monday, October 11, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law H.R. 7846, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022. The new law will provide an 8.7% COLA increase for eligible Veterans' and retirees' Social Security benefits. COLA veterans' disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation beneficiaries equal to the Social Security COLA.

The bill also requires the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the amounts payable for wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

Specifically, the VA must increase the amounts by the same percentage as the COLA increase in benefits for Social Security recipients that is effective on December 1, 2022.

I know I'm like a broken record, but, please don't forget the TAKE ACTION section and send out as many E-Mails as you can and we will get the list reduced.

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 I 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.

On behalf of our Volunteers nationwide and myself, we wish you and your family good health!

Kindest regards,

Jim Davis

Founder

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PS: If you like what we're doing, have found the newsletter and website useful, please help us keep the site, newsletter and phone

lines operational so we can continue to provide in my humble opinion the best there is to offer Veterans. Click here to contribute you can, please keep in mind this cannot be used as a tax deduction, it's merely a contribution in support.

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Senate Passes COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors

The Senate passed VFW-supported [H.R. 7846](#), Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022. It will now head president's desk for signature. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The increase is expected to be higher than in recent years to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022.



Debt Relief for Those Impacted by Hurricanes

Veterans and families affected by Hurricanes Fiona or Ian can request a debt repayment suspension from VA by contacting the \ Management Center at 800.827.0648. Requests for debt repayment suspension for medical care and pharmacy copayments ma made by contacting the Health Resource Center at 866.400.1238. You can check debt status through [VA's debt portal](#).

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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 are 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@mvadvocacy.org



Beware PACT Act Scams

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There has been an increase in email, phone, and [social media scams](#) targeting veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or to submit claims on their behalf. Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service, or asks you to sign complicated contracts. To report suspected fraudulent activity, email vaighotline@va.gov or call 800.488.8244. [Read more](#) for tips to protect yourself against these new scams. Contact your [VFW Service Officer](#) for assistance with your VA claim.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Women veterans are 40 percent more likely to develop breast cancer, according to a recent Walter Reed Army Medical Center study. Although rare, male veterans comprise one percent of breast cancer cases, which continues to rise. VFW-supported [S. 2533](#) Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act, and [S. 2102](#), Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act, were recently passed into law and require VA to expand and upgrade breast cancer screening and treatment services. As a part of the House Office of Science and Technology Policy's Cancer Moonshot Initiative, a VA discussion panel on breast and gynecological cancers will be available on YouTube on October 13 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. [Watch the event](#) or [read more](#).



Women Veterans and chronic pain

VA Women's Health encourages women Veterans to talk to their VA provider about their chronic pain. You can work with your provider to create an individualized pain management plan that incorporates mental and physical health strategies that allow you to get back to doing the things you love. [From VA News]

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VA opens health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, post-9/11 Veterans under PACT Act

Effective October 1, VA is expanding and extending eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and 9/11 eras under the PACT Act.

As Secretary McDonough says, "This expansion will bring generations of new Veterans into VA health care, and increase the health care benefits of many more, which will result in the one outcome that matters most: better health outcomes for Veterans," "I highly encourage these Veterans to apply now for the health care they've earned and deserve."

Vietnam era Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods are eligible to apply for enrollment now:

- Service in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975
- Service in Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base between Jan. 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976
- Service in Laos between Dec. 1, 1965, and Sept. 30, 1969
- Service in certain provinces in Cambodia between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969
- Service in Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters) between Jan. 9, 1962, and July 30, 1980
- Service on Johnston Atoll (or a ship that is called there) between Jan. 1, 1972, and Sept. 30, 1977

Beginning October 1, Gulf War Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations after the Persian Gulf War are eligible to enroll in VA health care. This includes veterans who, in connection with service during such a period, received the Army Forces Expeditionary Medal, Service Specific Expeditionary Medal, Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal, Campaign Specific Medal, or any other combat theater award established by Federal statute or Executive order.

Beginning October 1, Post-9/11 Veterans who did not previously enroll in VA health care will have a one-year window in which they can be eligible to enroll if they:

- Served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or
- Served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1998, and
- Were discharged or released between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013




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VA waives enactment dates for new Agent Orange Presumptive under PACT Act

Vietnam Veterans can begin applying for the following new presumptive benefits under the PACT Act, P.L. 117-168, starting Oct 2022, for:

- High blood pressure (also called hypertension)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

The VA will begin processing these claims in January 2023, so apply NOW.



Beware of PACT Act Scammer



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800.488.8244



VA's opens up Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to veterans of all eras

On October 1, 2022, the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers has been expanded to include eligible veterans and family caregivers of all eras. Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible Veterans who served on or after Sep 8, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible Veterans of all eras, including those who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sep 8, 2001. Source: [VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers expands to Veterans of all eras](#)



Senate clears Veterans COLA bill, headed to President desk

The Senate passed H.R. 7846, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022. The legislation will now head to the president's desk for signature. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The increase is expected to be higher than in recent years to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022.



Don't suffer in silence because
'no one wants to hear about your
depression." I'd rather hear about
your depression, anxiety, stress, etc.
than hear about your death.
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2023 COLA Announced

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently announced that the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase for 2023 will be 8.7 percent. Historically, increases at or above 8.7 percent have occurred only three times. All those hikes happened decades ago - from 1979 to 1981 - and were during times of high inflation.

The new COLA rate is effective Dec. 1, 2022, and the adjustment will appear in Dec. 30, 2022, payments. This increase pertains to military retirees, veterans receiving disability payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security recipients and others.

By law, COLA is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which is a broad measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the third quarter of the previous year to the third quarter of the current year. It measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation and education.



Annual Veterans COLA Sent to President

The Senate passed the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act" (H.R.7846) and it will be sent to the president for his signature. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022. The annual Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) for military retirees is automatic and does not require legislative action.



VA Report: Veterans Suicide Declining

The recently released Department of Veterans Affairs 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report shows that veteran suicides decreased in 2020 for the second year in a row. Fewer veterans died by suicide in 2020 than in any year since 2006. In 2020 there were 6,146 veteran suicide deaths, which was 343 fewer than in 2019. The unadjusted rate of suicide in 2020 among veterans was 31.7 per 100,000.

The VA is implementing a 10-year Suicide Prevention Strategy Plan started in 2018 that includes funding local suicide prevention programs. While results are encouraging, the VA stresses that there is still much more to do. The VA has made it easier to reach the National Suicide Crisis Hotline by changing the program to align with the regular National Crisis Hotline that all Americans can use. The new VA Crisis Hotline is now 988 and when the crisis line responds, select option 1, and you will be transferred to the veterans' crisis hotline.



Explore Housing Help with Benefits.gov

Finding housing assistance can be difficult to navigate on your own. Benefits.gov provides information on many resources and benefits that can help with your housing needs.

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Links to Other Stories

- 1) [Army injustice: Thousands of soldiers, Veterans slapped with misleading criminal record](#)
- 2) [DOJ and Skagit County health clinic resolve False Claims Act investigation over the use of imported birth control medications](#)
- 3) [Green Beret unit dedicates building to soldier killed in Niger ambush](#)
- 4) [Humana joins forces with USAA for new co-branded MA plan for Veterans](#)
- 5) [National Guard struggles as troops leave at faster pace](#)
- 6) [Providence Health & Services Agrees to Pay \\$22.7 Million to Resolve Liability from Medically Unnecessary Neurosurgery Procedure at Providence St. Mary's Medical Center](#)

at Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

- 7) Tesla will visit Naval Station Norfolk to recruit U.S. Veterans
- 8) Texas VFW honors South Texas VA palliative program
- 9) United States Files Suit Against Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare and Methodist Healthcare-Memphis Hospitals



Learn the Difference Between SNAP and WIC Programs

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) are federally funded health and nutrition programs. SNAP and WIC help low-income families and their children.

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Anyone can be affected by domestic violence

About 1 in 10 men and 1 in 4 women have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner. Learn about the warning signs and resources you can use or share with friends.

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VA makes it easier to access health care

VA can give you internet-connected tablets to help you connect with your VA care team.

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Better care for Veterans with blast injuries to the brain

With the new ICD-10 code for blast injury to the brain, your VA physician can bill for services and your radiologist can bill for imaging studies.

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ADAPTIVE	DYSFUNCTIONAL	
POSITIVE	MISCONDUCT/CRIMINAL	BATTLE FATIGUE
UNIT COHESION	MUTILATING ENEMY DEAD	HYPER-ALERTNESS
LOYALTY TO BUDDY	NOT TAKING PRISONERS	FEAR, ANXIETY
LOYALTY TO LEADERS	KILLING ENEMY PRISONERS	IRRITABILITY, ANGER, RAGE
IDENTIFICATION WITH UNIT TRADITIONS	KILLING NONCOMBATANTS	GRIEF, SELF-DOUBT, GUILT
SENSE OF BEING ELITE	TORTURE, BRUTALITY	PHYSICAL STRESS COMPLAINTS
SENSE OF MISSION	KILLING ANIMALS	INATTENTION, CARELESSNESS
ALERTNESS, VIGILANCE	FIGHTING WITH ALLIES	LOSS OF CONFIDENCE
EXCEPTIONAL STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE	ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE	LOSS OF HOPE AND FAITH
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Start your day with sun salutations

Sun salutations are yoga poses that can help you be present and grounded, gain muscle and flexibility, boost your immune system, stress, and find inner calmness.

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What Is Pain?

Learn the difference between acute and chronic pain and how treatment can help retrain your brain.

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Watch: DHA Expert Discusses Pain Management

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jennifer Varney talks about DHA's approach to pain management and alternatives to opioids.

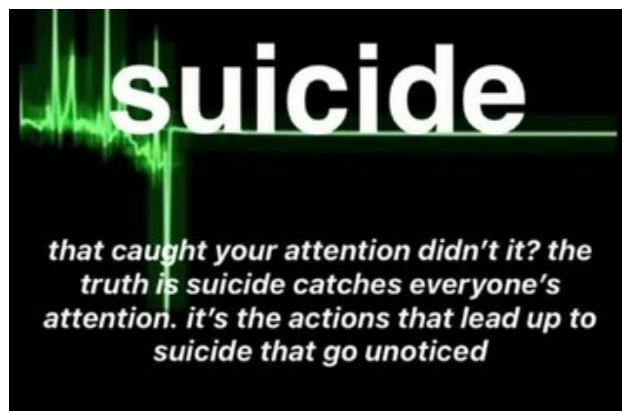
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Acupuncture is Changing Battlefield Pain Management

Students from the Uniformed Services University learn acupuncture techniques that can help ease pain on the battlefield...and provide support for each other.

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Back Pain Is the Worst

See if you qualify for TRICARE's physical therapy demo for lower back pain. You could get sessions with a physical therapist with copayment.

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TRICARE Pharmacy Network Changes May Affect Independent Pharmacy Customers

Starting Oct. 24, about 15,000 independent pharmacies will no longer be in the TRICARE retail pharmacy network. Even with the departure of these community pharmacies, the network will still offer access to more than 40,000 pharmacies.



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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 to 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 10/16/22)

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 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 Eniwetok 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 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 f
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
- 120) H.R. 4993/S. 2692, the Veterans Emergency Care Reimbursement Act



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1) COVID Relief: SBA Could Improve Communications and Fraud Risk Monitoring for Its Arts and Entertainment Venues Grant F

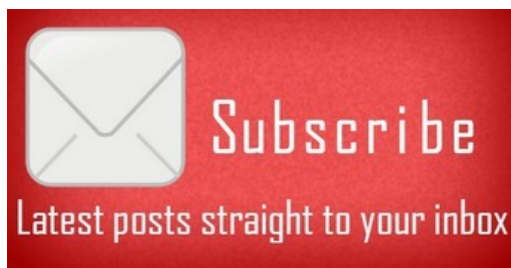


- 1) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines for Use as a B Dose in Younger Age Groups
- 2) Exela Pharma Sciences, LLC Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, USP, 8.4%, 50 mEq/50 ml 20-Count Carton Due to Vial Breakage
- 3) FDA Releases New, Prevention Strategies to Enhance Food Safety
- 4) FDA Roundup: October 11, 2022
- 5) FDA Roundup: October 14, 2022
- 6) FDA Seeks Feedback on Distributed and Point-of-Care Drug Manufacturing
- 7) It's a Good Time to Get Your Flu Vaccine
- 8) Jiangsu Well Biotech Co., Ltd. Recalls COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test Devices That Are Not Authorized, Cleared, or Approved by th
- 9) Retail Food Protection



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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates and nine 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 Electrician's Mate 1st Class Edward L. Conway, 29, of Auburn, Illinois, 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 Conway. He will be buried in Decatur, Illinois, on Nov. 12, 2022. [Read about Conway.](#)

Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Keith W. Tipsword, 27, of Moccasin, Illinois, was assigned to the battleship USS West Virginia which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS West Virginia sustained multiple torpedo hits, but timely counter-flooding measures taken by the crew prevented it from capsizing. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 106 crewmen, including Tipsword. He will be buried in Beecher City, Illinois, on Nov. 15, 2022. [Read about Tipsword.](#)

Army Cpl. Delbert L. White, 20, was assigned to Company D, 2nd Engineer (Combat) Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. On Dec. 1950, White and many other 2nd ID soldiers were captured by the Chinese People's Volunteer Force (CPVF). After reviewing combat reports, the Army determined and declared March 18, 1951, as White's date of death. Interment services are pending. [Read about White.](#)

Army Pfc. Roy J. Searle, 22, was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. He was mortally wounded during enemy engagement on Dec. 9, 1944, and was reported to have died near Rehlingen, Germany. Interment services are pending. [Read about Searle.](#)

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. George E. Davies, 27, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Davies was the assistant engineer crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Interment services are pending. [Read about Davies.](#)

Army Staff Sgt. James Rotunno, 27, was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division.

unit was engaged in the Battle of Reipertwiller in France when it was surrounded by German forces. On Jan. 20, 1945, his unit & other companies attempted a break-out through German lines. Rotunno was among those killed the following day and his body could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Rotunno.](#)

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Paul W. Schmidt, 20, was assigned to the 161st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 8th Air Force. On March 23, 1945, Schmidt was last seen piloting his F-6D Mustang fighter in an attack on an enemy train near Sedenhorst, Germany. He was declared missing in action, and there was no evidence he had been a prisoner of war. The War Department issued a presumptive finding of death on March 24, 1946. Interment services are pending. [Read about Schmidt.](#)

Army Pfc. Clinton E. Smith Jr., 19, was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. In January 1945, his unit was engaged with German forces during the Battle of Reipertwiller in France. Smith was killed in an artillery strike on Jan. 14, and his body could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Smith.](#)

Army Cpl. Leo J. Barlosky, 24, was assigned to the 7th Chemical Company, Aviation, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippines in December 1941. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula in April 1942. Barlosky was among those captured and held at the Cabanatuan POW Camp, where he reportedly died on July 27, 1942, and was buried. Interment services are pending. [Read about Barlosky.](#)

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. John B. Thomas, 23, was assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft Thomas was piloting crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Interment services are pending. [Read about Thomas.](#)

Navy Cmdr. Frederick R. Schrader, 31, was the commander of Carrier Air Group Eleven on the USS Hornet. On Oct. 13, 1944, Schrader's F6F-5 Hellcat fighter was shot down during an attack on Toko Seaplane Base on Formosa, now known as Taiwan. There was no evidence he exited the aircraft before it crashed, and no rescue attempts were possible. Interment services are pending. [Read about Schrader.](#)



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