



Veterans-For-Change Newsletter

A Voice of the Veterans

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This-N-That

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day yesterday with family and friends! And most if not all of us today feel like we put on about 10 pounds extra!

Everyday I wonder what in the world is it going to take for our Country, Congress, Government and VA to begin to treat our country's military and Veterans like real human beings?

For decades civilians demand from Congress a reduction in military spending and haven't a clue what all that means, who it affects and how many lives it will cost.

All the presidents since Clinton have all taken drastic steps to do just that with BRAC (Base Re-Alignment and Closure), Troops reduction and retention, and continually turn over those who are being "paid too much" for new recruits who make precious little as it is.

Then reduction in benefits, penny pay raises, and moving the bar on retirements.

The net result is still long claims waits, denials by the thousands and the end result are thousands of homeless Veterans, and more deaths that could all have been prevented.

With very few organizations such as VFC fighting for what is right, just, due and earned we're all stretched to the limits, but, we all continue to fight and fight hard.

The comment that's been made by many others and some long before me, "we shouldn't be sending our men and women to war, if we're not prepared for the costs of caring for them when they return home" stand out loud and clear for me.

McDonald for a few years has begged Congress and received additional spending to resolve the homeless Veteran crisis, however, there is no accountability, no proper management, and certainly no signs of any improvement what-so-ever!

I know VFC has presented options that would drastically reduce our homeless Veteran population by leaps and bounds, and cost one hell of a lot less than the billions being wasted, mis-spent, stolen, or "lost!" But, do they consider, think about, or even take action on it? NO!

And why is it so damn difficult to adopt a civilian computer program which could be quite easily adapted to meet the Veteran claims processing needs vs. spending billions of dollars in the VA's IT department and come up with trash?

We do a fax blast weekly to all 535 members of Congress, and what I'd like to ask of each of you is to write a letter to your Reps, or a general letter to all members of Congress and send to me.

The plan is to blast all members of congress with these letters and drain their fax machines of paper and ink. Thankfully most have digital faxes which convert to E-Mail so we'd be flooding their e-Mail boxes from Veterans across the country letting them know WE'RE NOT HAPPY and action needs to be first and foremost on their minds.

And further down in this newsletter we're asking your support to help us get Commander John Wells considered by Trumps transition team to take over as Secretary of the VA.

By putting on the pressure we're hoping to be able to secure a good future for the VA and all our Veterans!

Some of you may have noticed we have had some problems with the Website, and I don't know how many hours yet our Web Master spent, but it seems now, we're almost back to 100% with a few changes that most won't notice, but speed it back, downloads are back to normal, and Web Links are now restored as well.

More minor changes are coming, so if you've not visited in a while, please do visit us again!

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

Founder

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Program Pairs Vets with Dogs

America's VetDogs pairs veterans in need with trained service animals. The dogs offer both physical and emotional support. VetDogs trains guide dogs, hearing dogs, service dogs, facility dogs, seizure response dogs and PTSD service dogs. There are more than 200 tasks that VetDogs can teach a dog once push, tug, retrieve and brace are learned. VetDogs charges its clients nothing, thanks to funding from outside corporations and individual contributions. For more information, visit [America's VetDogs website](#).

URGENT Please send all letters using this site

Everyone write a note to the following site asking that Commander John Wells be appointed Sec of Department of Veterans affairs. This will be directed to important people on the Trump TEAM. We need to make them aware that we need a person with military background as well as knowledge of military and VA law, not only for the Blue Water Navy issue but that of problems with all veterans. Please include that we have 2 bills with strong support, but is not moving forward as it should.

<http://www.breitbart.com/send-a-tip/>

VA Center for Innovation Expands Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Innovation (VACI) is expanding its Innovators Network Program by increasing its sites to 22 recognized innovation sites across the country. Each of the Network sites is focused on building a culture of innovation to support employees working with input from veterans to design and develop new innovations to better serve veterans and their families. Also, fifteen sites have been selected as Innovators Network Sites for 2017. A list of these sites is available on the [VA website](#).



Happy National Family Caregiver Month!

November is National Family Caregivers Month. On behalf of the VA we would like express our thanks and appreciation for all that Caregivers do for Veterans! A great way to celebrate our caregivers is through support and education. VA launched Building Better Caregivers, an on-line interactive 6 week workshop for family Caregivers of Veterans. Will help you manage your health as well as improve your caregiving skills for someone with dementia, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other conditions. For more information about this program, please visit <http://www.va.gov/health/NewsFeatures/2013/August/Are-You-a-Caregiver-for-a-Veteran.asp>

NAUS Letter to Senate Majority Leader and Armed Services Chairman

This week NAUS sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Armed Services Chairman John McCain urging passage of a provision in the Veterans First Act (S. 2921) to assure eligibility of the Fry Scholarship education benefits for survivors who lost their loved one in the early days of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Currently, public law (passed in 2015) cuts off Fry Scholarship eligibility 15 years from the date of a service member's death for surviving spouses. Unless action is taken, survivors who lost their spouses in the early days of the wars will not have complete access under the Fry Scholarship program. For example, if a service

member died in service in April 2002 his surviving spouse would have until 1 April 2017 to use the Fry Scholarship.

Click to read the entire [letter](#).

Source: NAUS

To Contact your Members of Congress

To Call your Representative: 202-225-2305

To call your Senator: 202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call different members of Congress: 202-224-3121

Toll FREE Number: 866-272-6622

VA Announces Health Care Partnerships

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced nine new strategic partnerships that will provide additional health care and support services for Veterans and their families. These new formal relationships are the latest in a series of strategic partnerships developed to bring the private and public sectors together with VA. A list of the new partnerships is available on the [VA website](#). In the last 18 months, VA's partnerships and collaborations have brought in more than \$300 million in investments and in-kind services to support America's veterans.

AF Center Closure

The Total Force Service Center, located at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., will be closed Nov. 24-25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and designated family day. Normal duty hours will resume Nov. 28. Citizen Airmen can request assistance 24/7/365 by visiting the [myPers website](#).

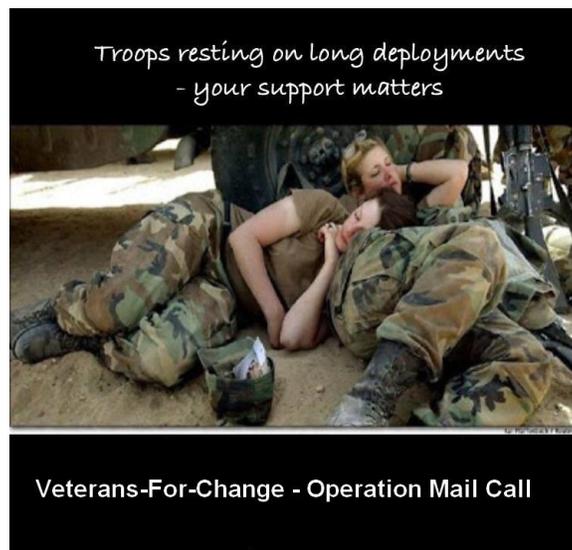
Congress to be Busy Next Week

Congress returns for the second-half of its lame-duck session next week. Expectations are for a short session, but lawmakers will have to get some key bills done before the new Congress convenes in January.

The biggest in the defense world is the National Defense Authorization Act, which could move as early as next week. The final touches are still being put on the conference report, which will need to be signed by the House and Senate conferees.

Congress also needs to pass a spending bill to keep the government running past the December 9 deadline. The plan is to approve a continuing spending resolution through the end of March, so the Trump administration can have a say in the fiscal 2017 appropriations process.

Operation Mail Call



Operation Mail Call needs your help! We need cards and letters to send to our troops currently serving on foreign soil.

Our men and women in uniform often go months without hugging their children, walking through the park with a significant other or enjoying Mom's home-cooked Sunday dinners.

Ask them where they'd go if they had a free plane ticket anywhere in the world, and the overwhelming majority would say, "home."

Of course, we can't replace the hugs, the love or the secret family chili recipe – but with your help, we can provide them a connection to their fellow Americans who are grateful for their service.

Now, we're hoping you'll take your support to the next level by sending more cards and letters. Hand made cards by your children, or class mates are a terrific means of putting smiles on their faces even if only for a moment.

Cards and Letters of encouragement to help boost moral and let them know we sincerely appreciate the job they are doing and look forward to they day they are all brought home. Your card or letter will show your appreciation and help thousands more American heroes feel connected to the people they love and the country they serve.

Please help us to make a powerful expression of how much their fellow Americans care about them.

Thank you so much for all you're doing to show our service men and women they are appreciated missed and loved.

If you're a school teacher, please contact me at my E-Mail address at the top, our troops love to hear from kids too!

For more information, visit: <http://veterans-for-change.org/5439-operation-mail-call-2>

Grass Roots Veterans Movement Wants a Veteran as VA Secretary

Led in part by veterans pushing for legislation to provide Agent Orange benefits to those who served in the bays, harbors and territorial seas of Vietnam, many veterans are expressing their disapproval of likely VA Secretary Congressman Jeff Miller, R-FL. Miller, who is not a veteran, has served as the Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee since 2011.

Concurrently with Miller's tenure, the veterans caused legislation to be introduced to extend the presumption of exposure to the territorial seas of the Republic of Vietnam. Miller has repeatedly failed to hold hearings on the bill despite increased support in Congress. The current version of the bill, HR 969, has 335 co-sponsors.

"We need a veteran in charge of the VA," said Susie Belanger the wife of a Navy veteran who volunteers for the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association and Military-Veterans Advocacy ". With all due respect to Congressman Miller, a candidate with a military background or the inner workings of the VA would make a strong advocate for this position. We currently have tens of thousands of veterans dying from Agent Orange, but he has refused to even hold a hearing."

Support for the top spot within the VA has coalesced around retired Navy Commander John B. Wells, a retired surface warfare officer who is also an attorney practicing military and veterans law. For the past six years, Wells has been the lead advocate for the Blue Water Navy and, along with Belanger, has led the charge for these veterans. He currently serves as the unpaid Executive Director of Military-Veterans Advocacy. In this capacity he travels frequently to Washington to advocate on veterans issues. He has also filed suits against the VA to force the VA to grant benefits to veterans.

Wells has criticized attempts to legislate accountability in the VA. "This is a management problem, not a Congressional problem," Wells said, "You cannot set up a separate civil service system for the VA. Instead you have to provide a consistent disciplinary policy and hire competent attorneys to prosecute cases before the Merit Systems Protection Board."

Wells also criticized proposed appellate reform legislation. "It does not solve the problems. Instead it strips due process from the veterans making it easier for the VA to deny meritorious claims." Wells provided extensive written testimony against the proposal last June including a blueprint for true appellate reform.

Wells has been endorsed by several veterans organizations and periodicals. A facebook page "Make John Wells Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs" attracted 1400 members in less than a week. Over 200 people, most of them veterans, have sent letters of support to the Presidential Transition team.

Wells stated his priorities are:

1. Restructure the culture at the Department of Veterans Affairs to make it "veteran friendly" with an emphasis on service rather than bureaucracy.
2. Emphasize outreach to veterans to ensure they are aware of their rights and benefits.
3. Working in concert with the National Academy of Sciences become proactive in the identification of diseases and disabilities unique to or connected with military service.

4. Work with Congress to ensure that funding is available to compensate and treat veterans who suffer disease or disability due to military service.

Wells intends if appointed to concentrate on the following specific items:

1. Exempt service connected mandatory benefits from the offset provisions of the Pay As You Go Act of 2010.
2. In concert with the Veterans Service Organizations conduct a baseline review of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations to streamline the benefits program.
3. Establish a Merit Systems Protection Board unit consisting of attorneys with MSPB litigation experience at the General Counsel's Office to manage employment termination decisions.
4. Promulgate a disciplinary policy with consistent and specific guidelines for punishment.
5. Establish a center of excellence to research effects of toxic exposure on vets and descendants. Investigate all issues concerning toxic exposure and contract as necessary for expert assistance. Retain on a permanent basis the Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides and expand its mandate to include all toxic exposures including but not limited to Gulf War disease and Burn Pit exposure.
6. De-emphasize the use of standard forms within the VA and emphasize personal contact between the VA staff and the veterans they serve.
7. Assign Ombudsmen, who are veterans, to each Regional Office and medical facility.
8. Revise job descriptions for VA raters to require military medical experience.
9. Require that the VA maintain a centralized database at an existing facility to identify health trends among veterans and their descendants and refer them as appropriate to the National Academy of Sciences for further study.
10. Immediately extend the presumption of Agent Orange exposure to veterans of the Blue Water Navy, Guam, Johnston Island, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Panama and Korea during the time Agent Orange was present.
11. Appoint a Chairperson of the Board of Veterans Appeals acceptable to the Veterans Service Organizations, the VA and the Congress. The BVA has been without a Chairperson for 5 years.
12. Decertify Veterans Law Judges with an excessive controllable remand rate.
13. Require all Veterans Law Judges to be Administrative Law Judges.
14. Incorporate pre-hearing conferences and scheduling orders in consonance with the practice in the federal administrative adjudication system.
15. On an interim basis, contract with retired Military Judges, after training in VA law, to hold regional hearings on veterans appeals until the 450,000 person backlog is eliminated.
16. Reconstitute and expand the VA Inspector General program.
17. Adopt the Industry Standard "Epic" medical records program for both VA and DOD.
18. Digitalize all records and phase out the centralized mailing system in favor of a digitalized intake system which can be accessed by VSOs and veterans law practitioners.

Government Accountability Reports

Commercial Space Launch Insurance: Views Differ on Need for Change to Insurance Approach but Clarification Is Needed. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-88>

401(K) Plans: Effects of Eligibility and Vesting Policies on Workers' Retirement Savings. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-69>

Navy Ship Maintenance: Action Needed to Maximize New Contracting Strategy's Potential Benefits.
<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-54>

Program Management: DOE Needs to Develop a Comprehensive Policy and Training Program.
<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-51>

Small Business Administration: Agency Has Controls to Comply with Paperwork Reduction Act but Could Improve Accessibility and Consistency of Disaster Loan Information. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-67>

Veterans Health Care: Improvements Needed in Operationalizing Strategic Goals and Objectives.
<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-50>



TRICARE Update: State of Emergency in NC

The governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency in several counties due to wildfires. A list of the affected counties is available on the [TRICARE website](#). Emergency refill procedures are in place through December 11, 2016. To get an emergency refill, take your prescription bottle to any TRICARE retail network pharmacy. To find a network pharmacy, call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 or search the [network pharmacy locator](#). If possible, visit the pharmacy where the prescription was filled. If you use a retail chain, you can fill your prescription at another store in that chain. If your provider is available, he or she may call in a new prescription to any network pharmacy. You can request assistance at another pharmacy, but it is at that pharmacy's discretion to help you.

National Military Family Month

President Barack Obama recently signed a presidential proclamation declaring November to be 'National Military Family Month.' For more information, visit the [Military.com website](#).



ON DEMAND: AARP ONLINE FAMILY CAREGIVING FAIR!

Due to overwhelming demand, the virtual event will continue to be available [on-demand](#) through the end of the year for your viewing. The informative sessions and exhibit booth resources are all there for you to revisit.

If you missed a key session, webinar ,or simply would like further information on a particular topic, you can do so in your own time and in the convenience of your office or home. If you know others who could benefit from this virtual caregiving event, please direct them to the event's registration page at www.aarp.org/familycarefair.

AF Wounded Warrior Program

The Air Force Wounded Warrior Program is dedicated to providing personalized help and support to Airmen who have experienced combat injuries, as well as those who have experienced a serious accident or illness. The program has about 27 care managers and other professionals who work with wounded warriors, their families and care givers to help guide them through various challenges dealing with evaluations, entitlements, financial compensation, relocations, retention and other matters. The care managers coordinate with 42 recovery care coordinators (RCCs) strategically placed at bases throughout the Air Force. For more information, visit the [Air Force Wounded Warrior Program website](#).

Will TRICARE Cover Baby Formula?

When you have a baby who needs special formula, it can get expensive quickly. Will Tricare cover baby formula? There's a lot of confusion about whether Tricare will cover formula, and how to make it happen. For more details, see [this Paycheck Chronicles post](#).

Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

VA Online Scheduling System to go Live in January

Veterans will initially be able to schedule primary care appointments by using a new app. And in the future VA officials plan to add optometry, audiology and mental-health.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plans in January to begin online scheduling of medical appointments nationwide.

With the program, the VA will schedule primary-care appointments for more than 6 million patients through an app on their phones, tablets or computers.

VA officials also plan to add appointments for optometry, audiology and mental-health.

Neil Evans, MD, chief of the office of connected care for the Veterans Health Administration said the move will be “a huge step forward” for the VA. “I think this is really, really, really important for us to be able to offer.”

Kathleen Frisbee, executive director for connected health at the VA’s office of connected care, added that the new software will open in the agency’s health system for more public inspection as patients view open appointments and choose which times are best for them with the click of a computer mouse. “I mean, we are exposing our availability to the world,” Frisbee said.

Initially VA developers planned to offer online requests for appointments rather than actual scheduling.

But vets who use the VA’s online portal, called MyHealtheVet, advocated for actual do-it-yourself online scheduling, Evans said. In fact, online scheduling was the most requested item of vets using the VA’s online portal.

The portal software cost \$3.2 million, and runs on technology infrastructure from Agilix Technologies, now Accenture Federal Services, and the VA’s internal development.

Source: NAUS

Veterans-For-Change Web Site

The Veterans-For-Change website has been under construction since day one back in 2009 and every day since then. The looks pretty much stay the same, but in the background constant improvement and change is being done to make our website the most user friendly "One-Stop-Shop" website to find almost everything you might have tried to find searching the internet.

Almost a hundred people have been involved; collecting web links to documents now houses on the VFC website, collecting thousands of web links for various issues, illnesses and benefits. Creating forums for all eras of service and two forums one just for men and one just for woman where you can go question, comment, share medical and personal concerns, what ever you'd like it to be.

We also have a forum with a licensed Mental Health Worker, again where you can seek help or just ask questions.

We average 1,700 hits per day, and downloads average 1,400 per day with a total **3,099,336** visitors as of Friday.

If you subscribe you will have full access to the entire website and best of all it's **FREE** of charge! You just need a valid E-mail address so the system can send you a confirmation E-Mail. Once received, click on the link to be authorized automatically.

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- Documents Library with over 15,739 documents on-line (Updated: **11/09/16**)
- FAQ's with more than 1,600 FAQ's and answers (Updated: **02/20/16**)
- Multiple Forums
- Job Postings (Updated: **09/15/16**)
- Memorial Pages (Updated: **10/10/16**)
- News (Articles On-Line: **6,166**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than 3,444, Added 1 New Links (Updated: **09/19/16**)

If you have a submission for the memorial pages, E-Mail: Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org

Vets.gov Connects Vets to Services

In November 2015, Vets.gov was released as a new way to connect to some of the Department of Veterans Affairs' most popular services and transactions. Over the past year, Vets.gov has evolved to include new self-service functionality and tools. Vets.gov includes 39 product features that improve Veteran online access to benefits including health care, education, employment and disability benefits. The ultimate goal for Vets.gov is to become the single, one-stop place to go to interact with VA. New content and functionality will be added to the website week by week. You can track that progress via a [public dashboard](#).

Warrior Games in Chicago

The 2017 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games will be held in Chicago June 30 through July 8, 2017. Teams will include active-duty servicemembers and veterans with upper-body, lower-body, and spinal cord

injuries; traumatic brain injuries; visual impairment; serious illnesses; and post-traumatic stress. They will go head-to-head in archery, cycling, sitting volleyball, shooting, swimming, wheelchair basketball, and track and field. 2017 marks the first year the Warrior Games will be held entirely outside a military installation or a U.S. Olympic Committee facility. For more information, visit the [DoD Warrior Games website](#).



<https://twitter.com/Veterans4Change>

Law Gives Federal Employees Who Are Disabled Vets Extra Leave

Under the Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015, disabled veteran leave will be available to any federal employee hired on or after Nov. 5, 2016, who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or more. Disabled veteran leave is available as a one-time benefit during a 12-month period beginning on an eligible employee's first day of employment and may not exceed 104 hours for a regular full-time employee. Disabled veteran leave can only be used for undergoing medical treatment of a qualifying service-connected disability which was incurred or aggravated in the line of active duty. While current federal employees who were hired before Nov. 5, 2016, are not eligible for disabled veteran leave, the federal government offers a wide range of leave options and workplace flexibilities. For more details, see [this Military.com article](#).

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Links to Other Stories

- 1) *American Legion welcomes Vets to discuss VA health care*
- 2) *Army band restricted from playing at Christmas event dubbed 'religious'; another thing for Trump's fix it list*
- 3) *Army investigating soldier's death at Fort Bragg barracks in North Carolina*
- 4) *Colorado shows nation's largest spike in the number of homeless Veterans*
- 5) *Father of fallen soldier says plane passengers booed family*
- 6) *Former Marine has five good reasons why employers should hire Veterans*
- 7) *How President Trump Can Fix Veterans' Benefits Once And For All*
- 8) *How service dogs help Veterans with PTSD heal, embrace life again*
- 9) *Korean War hero laid to rest in Louisiana after 66 years*
- 10) *New annual report highlights joint DoD/VA/HHS efforts to provide mental health services*
- 11) *New Study Could Pressure VA to Expand Agent Orange Benefits*
- 12) *President-Elect Trump: Here's One Way the VA Screws Veterans*
- 13) *Stop PUNISHING our Wounded Warriors*
- 14) *Transition Assistance Program improvements ease path from Servicemember to Veteran*
- 15) *VA whistleblower quits in disgust, hopes heads will roll with new Trump admin*
- 16) *Veterans Often Miss Out on the Long-Term Care Benefits They Deserve*
- 17) *Veterans take to streets in their 'silkie' for hike to bring awareness to Veteran suicide*
- 18) *What will it take for us to Do Right by Our Veterans?*

You can help VFC by reading articles posted and commenting at the bottom and rate the articles. If you don't have an account, sign up today, it's FREE. Your comments and rankings tell us what type of information you want most.

Check us out today: www.veterans-for-change.org

Open Enrollment for Healthcare Begins

It is the time of year when people can enroll in or change their health insurance plan at HealthCare.gov. The open enrollment period is November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 for 2017 coverage. Most TRICARE beneficiaries do not need to worry about open enrollment. However, for beneficiaries who are not eligible for TRICARE coverage, have lost or are losing coverage, or may qualify to purchase a TRICARE premium-based health plan ([TYA](#), [TRR](#), [TRS](#) or [CHCBP](#)), they can use this open enrollment period to see if there are other health coverage options that work best for them and their family. For more information, call the HealthCare.gov toll free line (1-800-318-2596 or TTY: 1-855-889-4324).

AF "Veterans in Blue" Exhibit

The seventh volume of "Veterans in Blue" is now available online. The exhibit captures 28 stories of heroism and service by Air Force veterans. Each veteran's portrait is also displayed on the fifth floor of the Pentagon in A ring between the eighth and ninth corridor. View the veterans' biographies, photos and video interviews on the [Veterans in Blue website](#).



Are you seeking employment? Been looking and not found the right job?

Well Veterans-For-Change is working hard to bring you more information on Job Fairs and Job postings available across the country.

<http://veterans-for-change.org/documents-library/category/167-job-fairs-job-postings>

If you're an employer and have a job to post, send an E-Mail to: Jim.Davis@veterans-for-change.org

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Honor Committee Investigative Subcommittee

AGENDA

Thursday, December 8, 2016

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)
Executive Conference Room, Suite 300
1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Martin J. Snezek, Chair Lou Nunez, Member
Al Sickle, Member JP Tremblay, CalVet Liaison

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11125(b), items on this notice are considered items of business to be transacted or discussed.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and introductions
3. New business
 - a. New names submitted for consideration
4. Old business
5. Closed session
 - b. Discussion of case files submitted for consideration
6. Next meeting: TBD
7. Adjournment

The meeting location is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting shall make a request no later than

five (5) working days before the meeting by contacting JP Tremblay at JP.Tremblay@calvet.ca.gov or 916-653-2192 or by sending a written request to CalVet, 1227 O Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The Public Notice is also available for viewing in the CalVet lobby at 1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and online at www.calvet.ca.gov/Pages/Vietnam-Veterans-Memorial-Honor-Committee-Meetings.aspx.



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DoD	18,262
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Google	21,638
Los Angeles	127,966
Microsoft	3,881
National Guard	2651
New York	147,554
Other Social Media	37,406
San Francisco	76,245
Twitter	36
US House of Reps & Staff	833
US Senators & Staff	100
University of So. California	4,769
US Air Force	15,120
US Army	45,278
US Marines	25,340
US Navy	19,129
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	19,995,205

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