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A Voice of the Veterans

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The Corona Virus is still the main topic nationwide and for good reason. I know that CA has received quite a large number of ventilators from the national reserve, but the majority are all having to be sent out for repairs as they all failed testing prior to use.

There have also been a number of diagnosed cases with the VA Health Care System of staff and Veterans. And as of last night many nursing homes both civilian and Veteran are all on lock down now due to more diagnosed cases having been found.

Those who are at the highest risk are those 65+, anyone with a compromised immune system, and those undergoing cancer treatments. So it's imperative for personal quarantine, keeping and maintaining personal protection equipment like face masks and later or rubber gloves then add to that if you absolutely need to be out, keeping social distance of a minimum of 6 feet between yourself and others.

There is also a severe need for blood donations nationwide! So if you're able to donate, please do so. Most Red Cross facilities are booking appointments so that only one person at a time can donate to avoid contact with anyone else but medical staff.

Some hospitals are also doing the same thing and have special medical tents being provided and again only one person at a time, and reason for patient donor spacing is to allow them plenty of time to sanitize the location for the next donor.

Here is a list of things we should all be doing to help prevent the spread of the Corona Virus:

- Avoid large events and mass gatherings.
- Avoid close contact (about 6 feet) with anyone who is sick or has symptoms.
- Keep distance between yourself and others if COVID-19 is spreading in your community, especially if you

have a higher risk of serious illness.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw away the used tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if your hands aren't clean.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces you often touch on a daily basis.
- Avoid eating raw or undercooked meat or animal organs.
- If you're visiting live markets in areas that have recently had new coronavirus cases, avoid contact with live animals and surfaces they may have touched.

If you think you've been exposed even if not sure, then you should self quarantine for a period of 14 days. If you have been in fact exposed, tested and diagnosed, then a self quarantine of 7 days minimum until symptoms go away, then add to that an additional 3 days to make sure all symptoms are gone.

Last week I didn't have stats, and surprisingly enough I received stats this morning for the period of January 1 to April 1, 2020 of the total number of deaths by category:

Covid-19 46,438
Seasonal Flu 121,993
Malaria 246,121
Suicide 269,076
HIV/AIDS 421,808
Alcohol 627,571
Cancer 2,060,730
Hunger 2,806,314
Abortion 10,665,130

As a reminder, under the "Take Action" section one more bill has been added where you can read about the bill, then send out the pre-written E-Mails.

With your help, we can win again! So please, send off the E-Mail, follow it up with a phone call to your Rep in DC, go on to their website and ask them to support this legislation. And I know many don't like doing this over and over again, but please do this once weekly.

Copy and paste it or forward the newsletter onto friends and family and ask that they too do the same. We certainly need all the help we can get to insure it passes!

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

Respectfully,

Jim Davis

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Beware of COVID-19 Testing Scams Targeting TRICARE Beneficiaries

While medical professionals in the U.S. and overseas are working hard to combat the coronavirus, some people are using this as an opportunity to take advantage of others. If you receive a call from someone offering to send you a COVID-19 testing kit, you could be the target of a scam. Below are facts about testing and ways you can prevent your TRICARE information from being stolen.

To learn more, [read the article](#).



Links to Other Stories

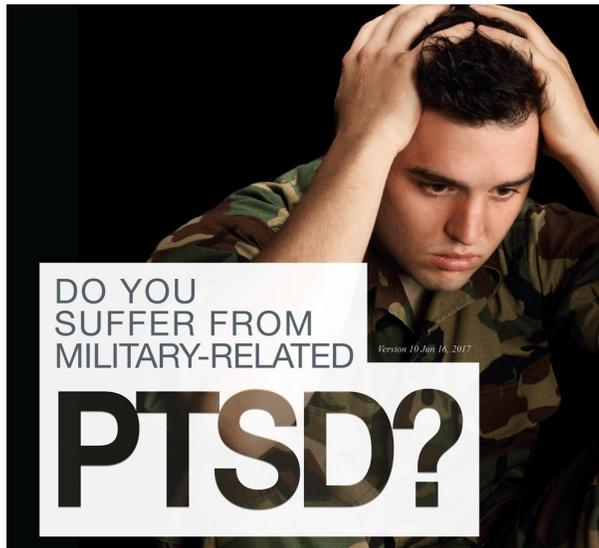
1. [VA has 'stripped the trust' on Cerner EHR project, House committee says](#)
2. [Could pop-up homes help solve Veteran homelessness?](#)
3. [VA Braces for Potential Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

Among Veterans

4. Everything Veterans Need to Know About Accessing On-Base Benefits
5. World War II Veterans are honored for their service
6. Kansas non-profit helping Veterans coping with PTSD
7. Coronavirus Evacuees Passed Through Travis AFB. Did the Safety Plan Break Down?
8. Brain Injury Awareness Month raises awareness of TBI in the military
9. What's the Difference between Primary Care Behavioral Health and Specialty Behavioral Health?
10. VA's judge employment peaks, as department continues record breaking appeals progress
11. VA partners with Verizon, Medivis and Microsoft to advance health care services for Veterans
12. Communities fighting transfers of coronavirus patients from military installations
13. Veteran benefits surviving spouses should know
14. Former Veterans Affairs Official Sentenced To 18 Months In Federal Prison For Role In Bribery Scheme To Rig Federal Contracts
15. New plans for the VA hospital in Hot Springs

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**Veterans Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255 & Press 1
Ntl Call Center for Homeless Vets
1-877-424-3838**



CALIFORNIA VETERANS HOME EMPLOYEE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID- 19

REDDING – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) today announced an employee of the Veterans Home of California-Redding has tested positive for COVID-19. That staff member was last at the home on March 26 and is currently isolating at home. No residents or staff members are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and we continue to monitor residents regularly.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our

residents, staff, and the wider communities associated with our homes,” said CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani MD. “Each and every one of our CalVet employees has been working diligently over the past several months to protect our vulnerable veterans. I am thankful to all of them and I am hopeful this employee makes a fast recovery.”

At this time, no veteran or veteran spouse in any of CalVet’s eight homes has tested positive for COVID-19. CalVet is following all protocols and is working with the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency as well as the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control on steps to mitigate the spread of this infection and protect the staff and residents of the Redding home. Those steps include identifying anyone in the home who may have come in contact with this employee. In addition to all county, state and federal directives, CalVet staff follow the Veterans Homes of California’s own longstanding practices that include an extensive COVID-19 Preparation and Risk Reduction Action Plan.

“I understand many are feeling anxiety about this evolving situation, and we are committed to doing all we can to protect our veterans, their families, our employees, and the community,” said Imbasciani.

Earlier this week, a permanent intermittent employee

who was last at the Redding Home on March 14, called the home and told a supervisor that they had tested positive for COVID-19. Officials with the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency could not confirm the case as there was no medical need to disclose medical information based on any danger to the home.

Due to the sensitive and dynamic nature of the COVID-19 public health situation, we ask our partners in the media to please respect the privacy of our residents and families. We also ask that you please respect our staff at our homes and the critical work that they are performing.

Stay informed: www.covid19.ca.gov.

Background: On Sunday, March 15, 2020 CalVet began restricting all visitation to the homes except to those in hospice care. Prior to that, group events both on and off the campuses were postponed and communal dining for most residents was halted. Currently, every employee is screened before entering the home, and the department has increased the cleaning and sanitizing of all spaces. CalVet has isolation areas in every home and all homes have ample supplies of sanitizers, gloves, and masks.

Each of CalVet's eight veterans homes has a dedicated phone line to address calls from family members and to make sure they can check on their loved one and get up-to-date information. The homes have also assisted with video calls between residents and their loved ones.



Veterans-For-Change Web Site

The Veterans-For-Change website has been around since 2009. The looks pretty much stay the same, but in the background our new webmaster has been making repairs to things that haven't worked properly in over a year.

There are still repairs being made, but the polls are now working 100% and there are five polls open to all to take.

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 for Mental Health and are currently seeking a new Licensed Mental Health Worker, where you can seek help or just ask questions.

We average **3,553** hits per day, and downloads average **4,908** per day with a total **6,062,303** 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 **18,649** documents in 171+ Libraries, added 1 documents on-line (Updated: 03/13/20)
- FAQ's on-line with **1,790** FAQ's on 101 topics!

(Updated 08/29/19 - 128 NEW)

- Multiple Forums
 - o Afghanistan Veterans
 - o FMP - Foreign Medial Program
 - o Gulf War & Desert Storm Veterans
 - o Iraq Veterans
 - o Korean Veterans
 - o Men Veterans Forum
 - o Mental Health for Veterans (Counselor Needed)
 - o Political Issues
 - o Suggestion Box
 - o The Mess Hall
 - o VA Hospitals and Medical Centers
 - o Veteran Affairs
 - o Vietnam Veterans
 - o Welcome Mat
 - o Women Veterans Forum
 - o WW II Veterans
- Job Postings
- Memorial Pages (Updated: 02/26/18) (115 Added)
- News (Articles On-Line: **9,618**)
- Polls
- Web Links, more than **7,461**, Added **55** New Links (Updated: 04/02/20)

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



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!*

You don't need to be Active Duty or a Veteran, in fact we ask all Veteran friends to also help!

1. [Allow Active Duty to Sue Military for Medical Malpractice \(H.R. 2422\)](#)
2. [Urge Congress to Pass the Retired Pay Restoration Act](#)
3. [Protect Bankrupt Disabled Veterans from Losing Benefits](#)
4. [S. 2966, the Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2019](#)
5. [S. 1003, VET OPP Act to Reform VA Employment Programs](#)
6. [H.R. 4574 - Pass the Veterans' Right to Breathe Act Now!](#)
7. [S. 2810, the Veterans Hearing Benefits Act of 2019](#)

8. Support H.R.4985, the Veterans Residential Care Choice Act
9. New Concurrent Receipt Bills Introduced!
10. STOP Downsizing of Military Treatment facilities
11. Support H.R. 5610 and S. 3444 to add Agent Orange Presumptives
12. Temporarily Waive TRICARE Mail Order Campaign
13. Need Your Help on Recovery Rebate Checks



Staying Mentally Fit During Social Distancing

Are you experiencing cabin fever? If so, you're not alone. Sudden lifestyle changes and extended time at home is a reality for many during the COVID-19 outbreak. Social distancing, while necessary for slowing the spread of coronavirus, can be challenging, especially for those already dealing with anxiety. But approaching social distancing in a strategic way can not only help you cope in the moment but be good for your overall mental health as well.

To learn more, [read the article](#).





We are all feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, the National Cemetery

Administration (NCA) has adjusted operations in order to keep people safe and to do our part to stop the spread.

In order to get the word out to Veterans, family members and supporting organizations, [NCA produced a video](#) designed to explain how and why we adjusted operations. As you will see, the video shows that we are working harder than ever and our NCA team members continue showing the dedication NCA is known for.

Thank you for all you do every day!
The National Cemetery Administration



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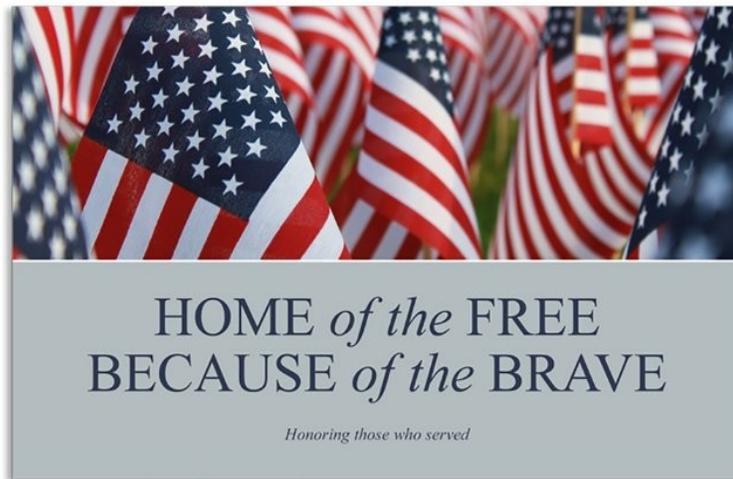
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2020 General Election

As of today, March 30, 2020, the General Election is 218 days to November 3, 2020. What plans have State Secretary of States as well as County Election Officials considered should today's COVID-19 pandemic or who knows something far more worse or devastating happens?

There is much uncertainty as to what the “NEW NORM” will be after this pandemic, let alone know when it's going to be safe to go out and not be worried about exposure. Today is the time to start planning for the possibility of the General Election be conducted by **Absentee Ballot**.

There is no legal precedent allowing for the General (Presidential Elections) to be delayed. In the [United](#)

States, Election Day is the annual day set by law for the **general elections** of **federal public officials**. It is statutorily set as "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November" or "the first Tuesday after November 1".[1] The earliest possible date is November 2, and the latest possible date is November 8- source Wikipedia:
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Election_Day_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Election_Day_(United_States)). I don't think there is any legal precedent for incumbent president to continue until election may be conducted at a later date.

I believe it's time to start putting the 'wheels into motion', if they don't have a plan! Purging voter registration files to ensure all those eligible are registered to vote. Remove those who have either passed or moved away. Verify those currently registered have correct mailing address.

If they have a plan, that I'm not aware of, then announce it and when it will be implemented.



FRA Urges Congress to Waive TRICARE Prescription Home Delivery Co-pay

The FRA, and several other organizations, have dispatched a letter to key lawmakers (Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Armed

Services Committees) requesting an immediate waiver of co-payments for TRICARE mail-order prescriptions for the remainder of the COVID-19 national emergency in an effort to protect service members, retirees, their families and vital medical staff.

Military Treatment Facility (MTF) pharmacies are high-traffic areas. They are often congested with beneficiaries that include active-duty service members, retirees and their TRICARE-eligible family members, as well as staff. With patients coming to pharmacies to obtain refills of prescriptions amid the COVID-19 pandemic, MTF pharmacies are becoming even busier and more congested than normal. This is exactly the opposite of effective social distancing.

The TRICARE pharmacy co-pay structure strongly incentivizes beneficiaries to fill prescriptions in-person at MTF pharmacies, rather than through mail-order options that reduce the risk of coronavirus exposure. There is no co-pay to fill prescriptions in-person at the MTF pharmacy, while many beneficiaries pay between \$7 and \$60 for each medication filled through TRICARE's mail-order pharmacy service. This copayment structure creates a strong incentive for patients to visit an MTF pharmacy, potentially exposing themselves, their families, members of our active-duty military, as well as military health personnel, to

coronavirus. This exposure could be avoided by eliminating co-payments for use of TRICARE's mail-order pharmacy during the public health emergency.

The Military Health System, in response to the current COVID-19 outbreak, announced that MTFs and pharmacies may need to change or limit access or services available to non-active duty service members, their families, or retired beneficiaries. Military commanders of MTFs will make local determination of which services may be limited, but those decisions will be based on ensuring the health, safety, and security of patients, staff and beneficiaries.

We strongly urge you to go to FRA [Action Center](#) to weigh in on this important issue.



Aircraft Carrier Crew Hit with Virus

The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt has a growing outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID 19). The ship with its 5,000 plus crew has been ordered to dock in Gaum so that all sailors on board could receive tests for the virus to identify the extent of infection on board. Initially, five Sailors tested positive for the coronavirus - the first known among the Navy's active duty force. Later in the week, three more sailors tested positive. The infected sailors have already been flown to quarantine on Guam have experienced only mild symptoms, such as aches and sore throats. None has required hospitalization. Nearly 1,000 sailors have since been taken off the aircraft carrier and almost 2,000 more will be off by in the next 24 hours.

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly and Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday announced the partial evacuation of the San Diego-based ship during a Pentagon news conference.

In related news, the USNS Mercy was deployed to Los Angeles and the USNS Comfort was deployed to New York City to help lessen the burden faced by land-based hospitals as the number of coronavirus patients increases. These Navy hospital ships will not treat victims of the coronavirus but will free up hospital beds in anticipation of a surge of infection is antic.



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To Call your Senators:

202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call Different Members of Congress:

202-224-3121

TOLL FREE: 866-272-6622

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Student Veteran Housing Bill Enacted

President Trump signed into law (P.L.116-128) legislation (S.3503), sponsored by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jerry Moran (Kan.). This bill will make sure student veterans impacted by the COVID-19-related school closings would not get their monthly housing stipends reduced. Since many classes are switching to online instruction, the VA determined those students should receive the "online only" housing rate, which is significantly less money each month. SVAC Chairman Sen. Moran quickly stepped in to make sure students using distance learning due to the outbreak would not be affected. The bipartisan, bicameral bill quickly passed the House and Senate before being signed into law by the President.



Office of Inspector General

1. [Payment Integrity: Selected Agencies Should Improve Efforts to Evaluate Effectiveness of Corrective Actions to Reduce Improper Payments](#)
2. [Information Management: Selected Agencies Need to Fully Address Federal Electronic Recordkeeping Requirements](#)



VFW Opposes VA Decision to Eliminate 48-Hour Review Period for Claims

VFW National Commander William “Doc” Schmitz called it “despicable” and “inconceivable” that Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Benefits Dr. Paul Lawrence intends to eliminate the accredited veterans service officer (VSO) 48-hour review period for claims effective April 30, 2020. “The VFW strongly opposes the repeal of the 48-hour review period in reviewing VA decisions for accuracy, as this is a final quality control check that we perform on behalf of our veterans to ensure that their rating decisions are correct the first time,” said Schmitz. VSOs have the opportunity and the responsibility to review proposed VA rating decisions to ensure that all claimed conditions have been addressed and properly adjudicated prior to VA finalizing its rating decision and sending notification to the veteran. For decades, VA has allotted VSOs 48 hours to review the applicable laws and regulations that were applied to the claim. During this time, VSO representatives can go back to VA to seek corrections before each claim goes to promulgation. This quality review allows VSOs to give the claim an independent quality control check before it is reviewed by VA and undergoes VA’s internal quality review process. [Read more.](#)



**COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments
and Small Business Assistance**

Veterans are not alone in facing economic hardship during the COVID-19 outbreak, and thankfully there is relief coming. Veteran-run small businesses and VFW Posts will be eligible for some economic relief for employees of these businesses through the Small Business Administration. Additionally, veterans and survivors who do not file taxes because they rely on VA benefits are eligible for the economic stimulus checks due in a few weeks. However, there is uncertainty on whether such individuals will need to submit information to the IRS before being able to receive the stimulus checks. The VFW and a bipartisan group of senators have implored Secretary Mnuchin to waive unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles for those veterans and survivors. Stay tuned to the Action Corps Weekly for updates. [Learn more about Economic Impact Payments.](#) [Read small business guidance.](#) [Learn about the Paycheck Protection Program](#), which VFW posts are eligible to receive.



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COVID-19-Related Debt Assistance and Deadlines for Claims

Veterans impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for temporary debt relief from the VA Debt Management Center (DMC). If you are affected and need temporary financial relief, please contact DMC at 1.800.827.0648 to request assistance. On Thursday, President Trump announced that he will direct Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie to take further measures to address issues with deadlines for claims and debt collections amidst the COVID-19 public health crisis. We are monitoring developments on both issues, but urge our members to maintain communication with their service officers. Please keep your service officer informed if you are unable to attend a compensation and pension (C&P) exam, and please contact the C&P examiner to reschedule your appointment. [Find a VFW-accredited Service Officer near you.](#) [Learn more about the VA Debt Management Center.](#)





TRICARE Extends Temporary Telehealth Support for Applied Behavior Analysis Services

TRICARE is taking new steps to support family members in the Autism Care Demonstration (ACD). From March 31 to May 31, TRICARE will temporarily cover telehealth support for applied behavior analysis (ABA) parent or caregiver guidance services. This is to help support ACD beneficiaries during social distancing and the COVID-19 response.

To learn more, [read the article](#).





Multiple VHA Facilities Inspected by OIG During Pandemic

VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) made unannounced visits to over 237 facilities throughout the nation to inspect VHA's COVID-19 screening processes and pandemic readiness last week. A report released on March 26, 2020, detailed the findings of those visits. OIG hopes these findings will assist VHA leaders in their awareness of the facilities' emergency status and preparedness during the pandemic. [Read the report.](#)



VA Changing Rules for Electronic Sharing

VA is changing the rules for electronic sharing via the Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE). Beginning April 17, 2020, VA will be able to seamlessly and securely share electronic health information with non-VA community providers treating veterans unless they opt out. VA has also recently released a new online option for veterans to manage their VHIE sharing options in [My HealthVet](#). There is no deadline for veterans to change their sharing options and they may do so at any time before or after April 17, 2020. [Learn more about VHIE](#).

Share Your Story: S. 3393 or H.R. 5995

The [Major Richard Star Act](#), would enable Chapter 61 veterans who have been medically discharged due to combat-related injuries to rightfully receive retirement pay and disability compensation without offset. In FY18, there were 42,163 disabled veterans affected by this offset. An [Action Corps Action Alert](#) has been launched. For veterans who are affected by this offset, [please share your story](#) by writing a short essay detailing your years of service, DOD/VA disability percentages, and how the offset has impacted your standard of living. The VFW will use these stories to build support for the passage of the Major Richard Star Act. If you are interested in participating, please send your story to vfwac@vfw.org. [Learn more](#) and/or [take action](#).



DOD Modifies Use of National Guard Forces

Last Friday, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper modified and accelerated the process for how DOD authorizes the use of National Guard forces under Title 32 Section 502(f). The modification creates a conditional pre-authorization in response to Federal Emergency Management Agency requests that ensures quicker federal funding for state National Guard forces mobilizing to aid in whole-of-government COVID-19 response efforts. [Read DOD release.](#)



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Possible Military Pharmacy Changes Due to COVID-19

Do you use a military pharmacy? If so, there may be temporary limitations that result in decrease in service or closure at your pharmacy due to COVID-19. To maintain patient and personnel safety, you may have to temporarily switch your prescription to TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or to a TRICARE retail network pharmacy.

To learn more, [read the article](#).



Do You Use a Military Pharmacy?

If so, there may be temporary limitations that result in a decrease in service or closure at your pharmacy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to maintain the safety of patients and personnel, you may have to temporarily switch your prescription to TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or to a TRICARE retail network pharmacy. [Learn how to switch](#).





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Have You Filled Out Your Census Form Yet?

It's time to be counted in the census again. The results of the census will determine congressional representation, advise hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding, and be used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. The VFW encourages all Americans to take part in this year's census. [Learn more.](#)





Tax & Credit Information

1. Get up-to-date information including the annual IRS 'Dirty Dozen' with IRS e-News Subscriptions
2. Taxpayers should know the signs of a phone scam, especially during filing season
3. IRS extends April 15 and other upcoming deadlines, provides other tax relief for victims of Tennessee tornadoes
4. Two updated IRA publications, other online resources can help anyone planning for retirement
5. IRS: High-deductible health plans can cover Coronavirus costs

6. Five ways taxpayers can pay their taxes
7. IRS announces waivers for Offer in Compromise applications
8. Taxpayers can check the status of their refund on IRS (dot) gov or the IRS2Go App
9. Tax Time Guide: Guard personal, financial and tax information year-round
10. Treasury, IRS and Labor announce plan to implement Coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses to swiftly recover the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave
11. IRS YouTube videos can help taxpayers with their taxes
12. Taxpayer Bill of Rights: The right to confidentiality
13. Find tax help in several languages on IRS (dot) gov
14. Tax Day now July 15: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments regardless of amount owed
15. IRS unveils new People First Initiative; COVID-19 effort temporarily adjusts, suspends key compliance programs
16. Longtime tax pro, Erin Collins begins as new National Taxpayer Advocate; Collins takes on job early to help with COVID-19 response



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Be Informed: COVID-19 Myth vs. Fact

As the Military Health System responds to meet the health care demands of COVID-19, it's important to stay informed. TRICARE can help you separate rumors from truth. Here are a few COVID-19 myths and facts.

To learn more, [read the article](#).



MIA
Update



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one new burial update for a service member who has been missing and unaccounted-for from WWII. Returning home for burial with full military honors is:

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Ernest L. Roth, 20, of Los Angeles, was assigned as a pilot with the 359th Bombardment Squadron, 303rd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force in Europe. On May 19, 1944, he was piloting a B-17G bomber while on a bombing run over Berlin when the plane was hit by flak and crashed. Six of the 10 crewmembers, including Roth, were killed in the incident. They were recovered by German forces and reportedly buried in the Döberitz cemetery. Roth will be buried in his hometown. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Roth.](#)



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