

RAO BULLETIN

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THIS RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE BULLETIN CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

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04 ==	DoD HIV Policy [89]	---- (Lawsuit to Overturn Military's Deployment Concern)
05 ==	Navy Maintenance Struggle [89]	---- (Attack Sub Boise Overhaul to Begin after 5 Year Sideline)
06 ==	Arlington National Cemetery [89]	---- (Proposed Rule Change Excludes More Vets, Service Members)
07 ==	Chemical Weapons [01]	---- (Mustard Agent Projectile Destruction Ahead of Schedule)
08 ==	NDAA 2021 [09]	---- (How It Could Improve TRICARE Coverage)
09 ==	DoD Pharmacy Program [02]	---- (ATM Style Dispenser Coming)
10 ==	DoD CATCH Program	---- (Still Available Amid Covid-19 Pandemic)
11 ==	Military ID Card Requests [02]	---- (Pandemic Temporary Policy Change USID, CAC, & VOLAC Cards)
12 ==	POW/MIA [124]	---- (Jerome V. Hummel Remains Identified After 70 Years)
12 ==	POW/MIA Recoveries & Burials	---- (Reported 16 thru 30 SEP 2020 Eight)
.		* VA *
14 ==	Burn Pit Toxic Exposure [80]	---- (VA Still Denies 78% of Vet Claims after 20 Years of War)
16 ==	VA Blue Water Claims [83]	---- (Vietnam Deck Log Digitalization Project Completed)
16 ==	VA Home Loan Guaranty [01]	---- (COVID-19 Regulatory Relief)
17 ==	VA Debt [10]	---- (Relief Offered to Veterans Impacted by Natural Disasters)
17 ==	VA Appointments [22]	---- (Wilke to Vets -- Hang in There for In-Person Care)
18 ==	VA Chronic Wound Care	---- (VA Researcher Develops 'Smart Bandage' Technology)
19 ==	VA Covid-19 Care [02]	---- (VA Aims to Validate Effective Treatments through New Initiative)
21 ==	VA Covid-19 Cases [06]	---- (Decline Ends with 7% Spike)
21 ==	VA Alcohol Misuse Care	---- (Fecal Transplant Helps Alcohol Cravings)
23 ==	Flu Shots [16]	---- (Where & How to Get Them)
23 ==	GI Bill Modernization	---- (Digitize Education & Housing Benefits Administration)
24 ==	VA C&P Exams [01]	---- (All Exam Locations Now Open)
25 ==	VA Telehealth Program [20]	---- (Veteran Access Expanded with iPad Services)
26 ==	VA Disaster Resources	---- (Available to Veterans)
27 ==	VA Fraud, Waste & Abuse	---- (Reported 16 thru 30 SEP 2020)
.		* VETS *

- 31 == Covid-19 Vet Impact ---- (8 Ways Veterans are Particularly at Risk)
- 32 == Vet Burial Plans [01] ---- (How to Obtain a Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility)
- 34 == MOH License Plate ---- (Someone Stole Leroy Petry')
- 35 == Military Retiree ID Card [04] ---- (New Cards More Durable and Resemble CACs)
- 36 == Korean War Vet ---- (Donald M. Griffith | Chosin Reservoir Survivor)
- 37 == WWI Vets 11 ---- (Louis W. Miles | MOH Awardee Takes Enemy Trench at Age 45)
- 39 == WWI Vets 12 ---- (Eugene Jacques Bullard | World's First Black Fighter Pilot)
- 40 == Vietnam Vets 44 ---- (David Harker | Recalls His Time as POW)
- 43 == Military Retirees & Veterans Events Schedule ---- (As of 30 SEP 2020)
- 44 == Vet Hiring Fairs ---- (Scheduled as of SEP 2020)
- 45 == Veteran State Benefits ---- (Pennsylvania 2020)

* VET LEGISLATION *

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- 47 == Military Sexual Harassment/Assault [09] ---- (H.R.8270 | Improve DOD Responses to Sex-Related Offenses)
- 48 == Servicemembers Lease Protections [01] ---- (S.4566 | Modernizing Notice of Lease Terminations)
- 48 == Suicide Prevention Legislation ---- (Lawmakers Take Major Step to Advance Package of Bills)
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- 50 == House Vet Bill Progress ---- (16 thru 30 SEP 2020)
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* MILITARY*

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- 58 == Marine Corps Boot Camp [02] ---- (Closing/Relocation Plan under Consideration)
- 60 == USSF [02] ---- (Upcoming 1st Birthday Will Unveil a Slew of Decisions)
- 61 == USCG Sea Pay ---- (New Fiscal 2021 Rates)
- 62 == Military Children U.S. Citizenship ---- (New Law Makes it Automatic for Those Under 18)
- 62 == Military Working Dogs [05] ---- (Call for U.S. Bred Dogs Grows to End 'Outsourced' Security)
- 64 == USS Grenadier (SS-210) ---- (77 Year Old Wreck Discovered)
- 66 == Navy RAO Program [02] ---- (How to Locate Offices for Services)
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- 68 == Normandy Airborne Assault ---- (The 82nd and 101st Airborne on D-Day)
- 69 == WWII Operation Drumbeat ---- (Nazi Submarines Brought the Fight to Florida)
- 71 == WWII Bomber Nose Art [60] ---- (Night Mission)
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- 71 == Navy Coffee ---- (Why WWII Navy Veterans Added Salt to It)
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* HEALTH CARE *

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- 76 == Smoking [08] ---- (Study of Effects on Therapeutic Stem Cells)
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- 81 == Drug Cost Increases [20] ---- (Sen. Bernie Sanders Blasts AstraZeneca for Raising Prices)
- 83 == Coronavirus SITREP 13 ---- (Covid-19 Real Stats)
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- 86 == Covid-19 Headgear [10] ---- (Television Commercial for Zshield Face Shields Criticized)
- 97 == Coronavirus Vaccine [14] ---- (Army's May Produce a Side Benefit: Cure for the Common Cold)

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- 88 == Vet COLA 2021 [02] ---- (Will See Same COLA Boost as Social Security Beneficiaries)
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Attachment - Military History Anniversaries 01 thru 15 OCT (Updated)

Attachment – WWII Hell Ships

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