



**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683**

**All American Post 2021-2022**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

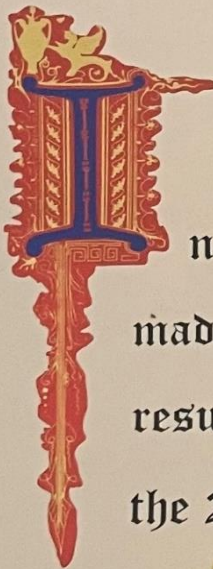


of the United States

## All-American Post



### John Wiley Brock Post Post 6683



In recognition of the outstanding contributions made by the members of VFW Post 6683 that have resulted in their Post being named as a member of the 2021-2022 All-American Team.



In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the official seal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Matthew M. Mihelcic, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin Jones, Adjutant General

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25 and 26.

**Our Post meets on the 2d Tuesday of the Month at 6pm  
2615 Country Road 537, Enterprise!!**





## FROM THE COMMANDER *Robert Schmidbauer*

Greetings Comrades,

You continue to impress me! We had an extremely successful month of membership participation; we continue to recruit new members and existing members continue to return to active participation with the post and our activities.

Since our meeting in August, we have had so much go on both at the post and within our community.

We had our second Post Fellowship Dinner, which this month was Cajun Cuisine, It was exciting to see so many Comrades and members of our community show up and share in some spirit de corps with us. And for the second month in a row, we were able to recruit new members. Many thanks go out to the Fellowship fundraising Chair and his committee. I look forward to Octobers Fellowship Dinner and cannot wait to taste the Oktoberfest food you come up with.

The Post Board of Management Committee continues their Post Building and grounds maintenance. They repaired two of the three lawnmowers, repaired our Post Barn, and conducted lawn maintenance. They conduct this on the third Saturday and Sunday each month and each month we continue to see new members show up to support them. I hope to see you there

on 16 October for their next Post and Ground Maintenance Day.

We participated in the Enterprise Patriots Day Ceremony and there was great post, VSO and community turn out for the first of the seven newly sponsored City of Enterprise Veteran Recognition Days. Thank you to Mike Sutterfield and Scotty Johnson for spearheading this effort, as well as Sam Baker and Malcolm Wise for representing our post in the ceremony itself. The Veterans of our community and its residents had nothing but great things to say about the progress we are making on this effort in coordination with the other Veteran Service Organizations within the community.

And lastly, at our last meeting Girl Scout Troop 9048 prepared a wonderful Taco Dinner for our post members and we successfully passed our post inspection.

We have a team of Comrades representing our post teaching students Flag etiquette and Patriotism at the Enterprise Schools on October 4 and we will be having our next monthly Fellowship Dinner on October 5 from 5-7pm which will be Oktoberfest foods. October will also be the return of our Fellowship Fires at post, so please keep your eyes out on our Facebook group for more information on this.

As always, remember that this is your Post, I as well as the other elected leaders are simply your representatives. Make sure you come support your Post, express your ideas, participate in our community, and enjoy the comradery of your fellow members. Our Post is only as good as we make it together and we can always get better.





**FROM THE SR VICE COMMANDER**

*Pamela Y. Smith*

## Local Hero Saves Two Women From House Fire in Enterprise

Late Sunday afternoon, two occupants of a house fire in Enterprise were “saved” by a neighbor.

We learn that the neighbor risked his own life in order to save the lives of the “elderly” occupant and her caregiver.

Sunday afternoon, flames could be seen coming from the two-story house on Bellwood Road. Elderly resident, Mary Griffin, who is a “retired” Enterprise teacher along with her caregiver were trapped” inside.

Marvin Pinckney, a 30 year retired Army Veteran, who lives a few doors down saw the flames and ran inside the burning home. Once inside, flames blocked the entranceway. He picked up Griffin and her caregiver, passing them to neighbors waiting outside a window. Marvin Pinckney says “We couldn’t go out the back and we couldn’t go through the front because there was so much smoke so the only way out was a bedroom off to the front of the house. I pushed out the screen by that time neighbors were in the front and was able to pass her through the window and got the other occupant out as well.”



Enterprise Fire Chief, Chris Davis, says his engine units got to the scene in minutes. But if Pinckney didn’t act when he did, the two women may have been lost.

“He’s the epitome of my brother’s keeper. He didn’t have to act; he could have just called 911 and made no further steps. But as progressive as the situation was it is quite clear that we would have had a different outcome if he had not acted. “He’s a very humble man,” according to Davis.

“All I kept saying to myself is don’t let them be hurt, don’t let anything happen to them. The house can be replaced but



they are special people and I am very fond of them both. A hero, absolutely a hero, they're in the shape that they're in because of him. If they were in there any longer it is very likely that one or both of the occupants would not have made it out of that house," according to Davis.

The two women were hospitalized for observation but reportedly are in good shape. Chief Davis says the cause of the fire remains under investigation, but it's believed to have started in the garage, or back of the home. Marvin Pinckney is a Lifetime Member of VFW Post 6683. Enterprise Mayor Cooper and Fire Chief Christopher Davis presented Retired Sergeant Major Marvin Pinckney with both awards, one which was the Key to Enterprise, AL.

Despite everything, however, Marvin doesn't believe he should be called a hero. He says that after 30 years in the military, the title feels undeserved. He says that those that serve their country deserve it more. "30 years in the military, the heroes to me are my comrades who fell in arms, or who fell while serving," Says Pinckney.

He was joined in support today by various members of the buffalo soldiers, who Pinckney says are like brothers and sisters to him.

## Life Insurance

Beginning in 2023, the VA will be getting into the life insurance business. The new law requires the VA to offer all disabled veterans under age 81 a whole-life policy by that date. The program will be similar to [Veterans Group Life Insurance \(VGLI\)](#); however, veterans must sign up for VGLI within 16 months after leaving the service. The new insurance program will have no such time limit. Policies will be limited to a \$40,000 payout for most veterans when the program begins.

## Memorial Benefits

Within two years of the bill becoming law, the VA will begin paying the costs to transport a deceased veteran's remains to state and tribal veterans' cemeteries. Currently, the VA will pay only to transport a deceased veteran's remains to a national veteran's cemetery.

In two years, the VA will begin furnishing urns for storing the cremated remains of deceased veterans. Families will have the option of receiving a free headstone or burial urn, but not both. Currently, most veterans are eligible to receive a free headstone upon their death, but not an urn.

Also, veterans who receive the free VA-issued headstone and are buried in either a state or private cemetery will be able to have their spouse's name engraved on the headstone at no cost. Currently, the family must pay to have the spouse's name engraved on a VA-issued headstone. This will be effective for deaths going back to Oct. 1, 2019.

Again thank you all for what you do for Veterans, the community and our VFW Post. I salute you all!





**FROM THE JR VICE COMMANDER**  
**Clarence L. Carroll III**

**Greetings from the badlands and Medora, ND.**



Thank you for allowing me to miss our September meeting. Jenn and I have been on the road since August 25<sup>th</sup> and will return to Enterprise on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you've never been to Medora, you should place it on your to-do list. Medora sits in Western North Dakota at the base of the Theodore Roosevelt

National Park. My wife is the project manager for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library which will open in Medora in the summer of 2026. Medora was the place that Theodore Roosevelt rested after the death of both his mother and his wife. It is here that he gained many of the skills (Driving cattle, hunting big game, he even captured an outlaw) he applied as a Lieutenant Colonel during the Spanish-American war. His charge up San Juan Hill leading the Roughriders would eventually result in him being awarded The Medal of Honor. Additionally, it is here that he gained the inspiration to eventually become our 26<sup>th</sup> President (1901-1909). My time away from Enterprise has not been wasted. I attended the American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee, serving on The National Affairs Committee, and as The Commander-Elect for The Department of ND; I continue to lobby for Veteran's Affairs inside the state of ND. Don't worry! Alabama remains my forever home and I look forward to finishing my obligations out of state so I can be in "Sweet Home Alabama" more often. As I compile the information for this month's newsletter, I remain amazed at the many accomplishments of our post. I look forward to being with you IN PERSON at our next meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for what you do! Your service matters! It continues to be my honor to serve as YOUR Jr Vice Commander.



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# Upcoming Events



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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 AT 7:30 AM**

**Quarterly Military & Veteran Affairs Committee Breakfast**

John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama



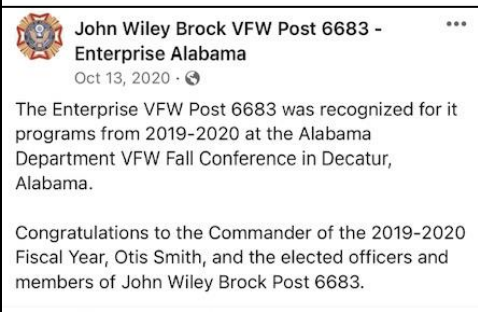
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 AT 5 PM - 7 PM**

**Community Fellowship Dinner - Octoberfest**

John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama

## FACEBOOK (<https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683/>) HIGHLIGHTS



**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama**  
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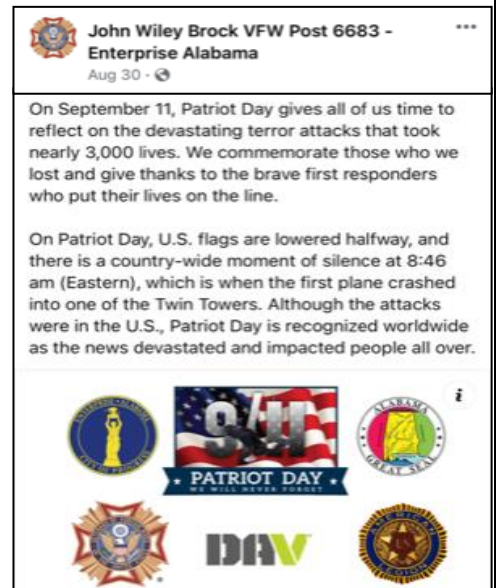
The Enterprise VFW Post 6683 was recognized for its programs from 2019-2020 at the Alabama Department VFW Fall Conference in Decatur, Alabama.

Congratulations to the Commander of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, Otis Smith, and the elected officers and members of John Wiley Brock Post 6683.



**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama**  
 Sep 13


A signed copy of local renown artist and Army Warrant Officer Fred Draper's "After The Patrol" was professionally mounted and donated to VFW Post 6683.

**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama**  
 Aug 30

On September 11, Patriot Day gives all of us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line.

On Patriot Day, U.S. flags are lowered halfway, and there is a country-wide moment of silence at 8:46 am (Eastern), which is when the first plane crashed into one of the Twin Towers. Although the attacks were in the U.S., Patriot Day is recognized worldwide as the news devastated and impacted people all over.




**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
 of the United States

**Veterans & Military Support Programs**

**Certificate of Recognition**

Presented to  
**VFW Post 6683**  
**John Wiley Brock Post**

In recognition and sincere appreciation of your commitment to VFW's Veterans & Military Support Programs through United Needs, MAP and VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship," for support of the men and women serving on active military duty around the world, their families, as well as hospitalized veterans.

Your commitment to help support these programs has earned you special recognition for your efforts to assure that Veterans & Military Support Programs continues to meet the needs of America's heroes.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the official seal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

*[Signature]*  
 Commander in Chief

*[Signature]*  
 Adjutant General




**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama**  
 August 30 at 9:59 AM

#VFW6683 supporting the Grand Reopening of Wendy's of Enterprise!




**John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 - Enterprise Alabama**  
 September 11 at 8:29 AM

Some photos from today's 9/11 event at Johnny Henderson Park in Enterprise, Alabama.




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## Patriot Day 2022 9/11 Memorial Event at Johnny Henderson Park in Enterprise, Alabama.



STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — On the evening of Sept. 10, Lillian de la Cruz Caceres acted in a church play intended to get the audience to contemplate its eternal destiny.

The evangelistic production depicted a string of sudden tragedies -- including a plane crash and a building collapse -- to illustrate the uncertainty and frailty of life.

The play's dead eventually made their way to a stage decorated in silver, with a golden staircase leading to heaven for those whose names were scrawled in the Book of Life.

With her 11-year-old daughter, Joanna, watching from a front pew, Ms. Caceres played a white-caped angel showing the way.

Early the next morning, the 48-year-old Castleton Corners resident was in her office at Marsh & McLennan on the 97th floor of 1 World Trade Center when a hijacked airliner slammed into the building. She remains among the thousands missing in the attack.





## VFW 101 - All State Programs

The All-State Program is a point-based system this year. There are two categories: Required and Bonus. The post must complete ALL required tasks (on time) to be qualified for All State status. The Commander of the post that has the most total points amongst the All-State qualifying posts will be the State All State Team Captain.

### Required:

- Voice of Democracy (10 pts)
- Patriot's Pen (10 pts)
- Teacher of the Year (10 pts for first level, 5 points each additional level 20 pts max)
- Gold Medal Award (10 pts for the first category, 5 points each additional category)
- Legislative (5 pts for each contact (proof required) 25 pts max)
- Veteran and Military Support Donation (10 pts)
- VSO Donation (10 pts)
- Quartermaster Bond (on time – 10 pts)
- Trustee Audit (on time AND correct – 20 pts per qtr, 80 pts max)
- Community Service Report (5 pts per qtr, 20 pts max)
- 990 (by 31 Dec 22 – 10 pts)
- Completed Inspection (by 31 Dec 22 – 10 pts)
- 100% +1 Membership (20 pts)

### Bonus:

- Social Media Post (10 pts per qtr, at least one veteran oriented post a qtr)
- Recruitment (1 pt per new member, 20 pts max)
- Convert Annual Member to Life Member ( 5 pts, 20 pts max)
- Convert Life Member to ANY Legacy Member (5 pts, 20 pts max)
- Recruiting Event (20 pts)
- Adopt a Unit (10 pts)
- Coordinate with another Post to complete a mission (10 pts)
- Coordinate with an outside organization to complete a mission (10 pts)
- Community Service Book (10 pts)



**Voice of Democracy:** The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program. Students must record a 3-5 minute (+/- 5 second) audio essay on a flash drive or other electronic device on the topic "Why is the Veteran Important?" The recording, typed essay and completed entry form **must be submitted to the post by 31 October 2022.**





**Patriots Pen:** The Patriots Pen is open to students in grades 6-8 who are enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program. Students must write a 300-400 word essay (+/- 5 words) on the topic “My Pledge to Our Veterans.” The typed essay and completed entry form **must be submitted to the post by 31 October 2022.**



**Teacher of the Year:** The Teacher of the Year is open to all licensed teachers in grades K-12 who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism. A one page resume, a head and shoulder photo and nomination form **must be submitted to the post by 31 October 2022.**

**Gold Medal Award:** The Gold Medal Award is for Outstanding Public Servant and is open to Emergency Medical Technicians, Law Enforcement, and Firefighters. Criteria for these awards is recognition by their colleagues or those they serve, consistent excellence in the performance of their duties, and consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibility and skills within their profession. To submit a nominee, write a nomination letter containing the candidates name, title, address, telephone, and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered, including justification outlining background in field, accomplishments and awards. This and a completed nomination for award **must be submitted to the post by 31 October 2022.**



**Legislative:** Enrollment and participation in the VFW Action Corps. Once enrolled, when US congress is preparing to vote on legislation endorsed by the VFW, you will receive an

Action Alert email. You will be asked to click on a link provided in the email. This will automatically generate a letter to your Congressional representatives. You can modify the letter to make it more personable before hitting the SEND button. This letter will automatically be sent to your Senators and US Congressman representing your district. Send a copy of the response you receive back from your representatives to the Post Quartermaster for the Post to receive credit for this task.

**Veteran and Military Support Donation:** Veterans and Military Support Recognition Program recognizes Posts for their support of the programs under the Veterans and Military Support Programs umbrella, which includes MAP, Virtual PINs, Unmet Needs and the VFWs Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship. Posts will receive a certificate of appreciation for donations from \$100.00 and above.

**VSO Donation:** The VFW accredited Service Officers are trained experts, helping Veterans develop their case with ease by reviewing and applying current law, pertinent legislation, regulations and medical histories. Proof of donation for qualifying.

**Quartermaster Bond:** The purpose of bonding the quartermaster is to protect the VFW against actions of the Quartermaster. Bond is required to be completed and submitted to state and national headquarters by their deadline to be eligible.

**Trustee Audit:** The post Trustees are mandated to make the audit and submit this audit quarterly. We receive points for timely and accurate submission.

**Community Service Report:** The Department of Alabama Veterans of Foreign Wars requires a quarterly Activity Report for all community service activities carried on by post members. This report tracks activities, volunteers, time, money spent and miles traveled. We receive points for each quarterly report submitted on time.

**990:** The IRS Form 990 is an annual information return that most organizations claiming federal tax-exempt status must file yearly. We receive points for submitting this on time.

**Completed Post Inspection:** The National and State VFW Bylaws mandate that all posts complete and maintain proof of various items. These items are inspected yearly by a State representative. A completed passing inspection by 31 December earns the post points.

**100% +1 Membership:** Each year the VFW National Headquarters calculates the End of year membership of a post and sets this as the total for each post to maintain throughout the year. Obtaining this membership total and adding one additional member to the post makes us eligible for points.

**Social Media Post:** Each post is challenged to share their activities on social media, if we share at least one post of veteran oriented material quarterly, we will receive points.

**Recruitment:** For each new member our post recruits, we will receive a point.

**Convert Annual Member to Life Member:** For each member we convert from annual member to life member we will receive 5 pts.

**Convert Life Member to ANY Legacy Member:** For each life member we convert to any level of legacy membership, we will receive 5 pts.

**Recruiting Event:** We will receive points for holding at least one recruiting event throughout the year. We must have photographs of the event for credit.

**Adopt a Unit:** We receive points for each Active, Reserve or Guard Unit we adopt, we must show proof of adoption and activities we participated in with our adopted units for points.

**Coordinate with another Post to complete a mission:** If we perform a mission with another VFW Post, we will receive points.

**Coordinate with an outside organization to complete a mission:** If we perform a mission with another organization, such as American Legion, DAV, Lions Club, etc... we will receive points.

**Community Service Book:** We receive points for maintaining a hard copy community service book. This is comprised of photos, newspaper articles, invitations, programs, etc.



## *No One Does More For Veterans.*

**Our Mission:** To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve our veterans, the military and our communities; to advocate on behalf of all veterans.

**Our Vision:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

**Who We Are:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veteran's service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.









In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Our voice was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, development of the national cemetery system, in the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, we won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, we became the first supporter of the National Desert Storm War Memorial which is planned for construction at our nation's capital.

We have many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide.

### **Our Core Values:**

-  Always put the interests of our members first
-  Treat donors as partners in our cause
-  Promote patriotism
-  Honor military service
-  Ensure the care of veterans and their families
-  Serve our communities
-  Promote a positive image of the VFW
-  Respect the diversity of veteran opinions

## **THE RENOVATIONS CONTINUE.**





## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

*Mike Sutterfield*

# “SERVICE”

Happy Fall, Comrades! As we move into the season of Pumpkin Spice, or second summer here in Alabama, I'd like to write about SERVICE. What is SERVICE? The dictionary provides several definitions of the word SERVICE. As a noun, SERVICE means 'the action of helping or doing work for someone'. As a verb, SERVICE means 'perform routine maintenance or repair work on (a vehicle or a machine)'.

As with all of you, I am always humbled when someone thanks me for my SERVICE. I have two responses prepared for these occasions; 1) The most fun anyone can have with your tax dollars or 2) You're worth it. My response is determined by the context in which the statement is made. The more sincere and formal the statement seems to be, the more I lean towards the second response. Usually, I get some weird looks and chuckles. Oftentimes a conversation is sparked, and I have

the opportunity to tell the story of what Selfless Service truly is and the sacrifices that we made, make, and will continue to make as Veterans. It is truly telling, even in our close knit and heavily Veteran represented communities, how little the understanding is for the hardships endured, shared experiences, and friendships forged over the span of someone's time in SERVICE.

Recently, I was asked why I served so long in the military and why I continue to serve our communities in the manner in which I do. And, upon reflection, the only answer I can provide is "if not me, who"? There is a significant decrease in folks of all ages to perform selfless acts of SERVICE. Thankfully, each of you, my Comrades, were forged in the same fires as I and know the value of Selfless Service and the sense of pride, accomplishment, and well-being we receive from these acts. Not to

mention the immense good they do in our communities.

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Our Post, and the other VSOs in our community, are doing very good things. There are plans for even more. However, we need YOUR help; your SERVICE, if you will. Please take a moment to look over the planned events and determine where you can assist. The more oars in the water, the better the boat goes...

Comrades, I take great pride in serving and advocating for the Veterans in our community and I look forward to continuing to do so with each and every one of you!



## Need help with filing VA Claims

PLEASE CONTACT OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.

**Mike Sutterfield**


**334-400-6133**

*michael.sutterfield@gmail.com*





Below is a data sheet, with a QR Code for the new patient portal with VITAL information on the implementation of the NEW Electronic Health Record that will be utilized by Military Medical Treatment Facilities beginning on 24 September and will impact those of us who utilize the Lyster Health Clinic and Brown Dental Clinic on Fort Rucker for treatment or pharmacy.



# MHS GENESIS

The single record of care throughout a patient's military service

MHS GENESIS  
the new EHR is  
*Coming Soon!*  
SEPT 2022

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## COMING TO FORT RUCKER - SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

MHS GENESIS is the new electronic health record for the Military Health System (MHS).  
 Lyster Army Health Clinic and Brown Dental Clinic will transition on 24 Sept as part of the WAVE EGLIN launch.

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**How does this affect your access to health care?**  
 As we transition to the new EHR, our providers and staff will need time to adjust to the new flows, procedures, and processes. We will slow down our operations to ensure safe patient care is maintained during this transition.

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**What to expect during and immediately following launch?**

- Longer appointment times
- Increased Pharmacy wait times
- Reduced appointment availability
- Increased wait times for Lab and Radiology results

**4 Steps to Prepare:**


- Make routine appointments early
- Fill prescriptions early
- Verify information in DEERS
- Know your DS Logon

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**How will MHS GENESIS improve your overall experience?**  
 MHS GENESIS allows you to securely access your electronic health records 24/7 and exchange messages with your military health care team. It provides more efficient management of chronic, complex, and time-sensitive health conditions; provides automated, real-time clinical decision support for healthcare teams; and increase patient engagement capabilities that allows a patients to communication directly with providers.

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**What is the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?**  
 Along with the new EHR, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is a secure website available 24/7 that gives you access to your health information. Through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, you can:





- Manage primary care medical and dental appointments
- Review clinical notes, referrals, and lab test results
- Request prescription renewals
- Exchange secure messages with your healthcare team
- Monitor health information & view your portal profile


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**How do I access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal once it goes live on 24 Sept?**  
 MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is replacing TRICARE Online to include secure messaging.

- If you had a current TRICARE Online account, it will migrate to MHS GENESIS on September 24, 2022. No action is necessary from you.
- If you don't already have a TRICARE Online account, use your DS Logon.

To access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, visit [patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil](https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil) or scan the QR Code.



**PATIENT SUPPORT NUMBERS**

Lyster Appt Line: 800-261-7193      Patient Advocate: 334-255-7229

Nurse Advice Line: 800-874-2273      Dental Appt line: 334-255-3393/2367

## Youth Activities Committee - Sam Baker, Chair

Comrades, the time is now as the deadline to submit videos for the *Voice of Democracy* and essays for the *Patriot Pen* are upon us in being submitted to the Post by **31 October 2022 for the 2023 campaign**. We have expanded our area of responsibility to not only be the City of Enterprise, but any student in the confines of Coffee County enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or home study program. Our post must step up and present nominations for both the Patriot Pen and the Voice of Democracy.

This is a great incentive for the youth in the wiregrass and I need your help in sharing this information with the students in the community to let them know that not only do they have the ability to attain the grand prizes in each category, but monetary awards begin here at Post 6683 and they may claim scholarship monies at every echelon with the ultimate National prizes of \$5000 for the Patriot Pen and \$35,000 for the Voice of Democracy. In total last year, 2.1 million dollars was awarded for Voice of Democracy and 1.4 million for the Patriot Pen. I challenge each and every one of you to let our youth know about this program to enter and share what's in their heart and mind.

The Patriot's Pen - The VFW believes in good citizenship and fostering patriotism. That is why we encourage youthful minds to examine our nation's history and their own experiences in modern

American society through our Patriot's Pen youth essay-writing contest. Annually, students from grades 6-8, enter to win money for college by drafting a 300-400 word essay expressing their views based on a patriotic annual theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. This year the 2022-2023 theme is **"My Pledge to Our Veterans."**

The Voice of Democracy program began in 1947 to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$500 and up plus the first place winner from each (State) VFW Department wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students should record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds). Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to an audio CD/flash drive, they can submit their typed version, CD/flash drive and Voice of Democracy entry form to Post 6683 by the 31 October deadline. The 2022-2023 THEME is **"Why is the Veteran Important?"**

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

Originality is worth **30 points**: Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth **35 points**. Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to the other.

Delivery is worth **35 points**: Speak in a clear and credible manner.

I have listed links to the last three winners of the Voice of Democracy. An original submission, Erin Stoeckig of 2021 demonstrates how to record a Voice video where you can see that location and background may contribute to the recording. Additionally, you may notice she is wearing a VFW jacket as it doesn't hurt to play to the grading audience, so with that in mind, let's encourage everyone to share these links and solicit a submission for either competition.

**2019-2020 Voice of Democracy First Place Winner Shruthi Kumar**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldKSs6kwc7M>

**2020-2021 Voice of Democracy First Place Winner Erin Stoeckig**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCIwv2tV2go>

**2021-2022 Voice of Democracy First Place Winner Daniela Mare**

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**National information and applications may be found at:**

**<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>**



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Contributor



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The official website of the Military Health System

## MHS GENESIS IS COMING – GO LIVE SEPT 24, 2022

On September 24, 2022 the DoD's new electronic health record MHS GENESIS, will launch at Lyster Army Health Clinic and Brown Dental Clinic.

### What is MHS GENESIS?

MHS GENESIS is the new EHR that provides you and your doctor's enhanced, secure technology to manage your health information. When fully deployed, MHS GENESIS will be the single health record for service members, veterans, and their families.

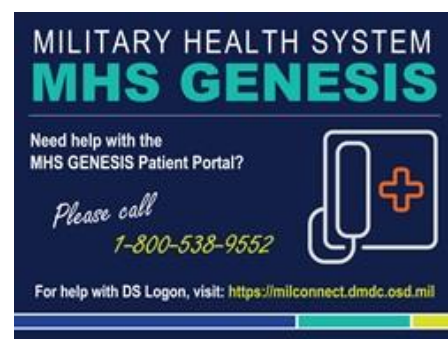
### What is the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?

Along with the new EHR, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is a secure website available 24/7 that gives you access to your health information.

- View health information
- Schedule appointments
- Communicate securely with providers
- Request prescription renewals

### What does this mean for me?

MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is replacing TRICARE Online to include secure messaging at this facility. If you had a current TRICARE Online account, it will migrate to MHS GENESIS on September 24, 2022. No action is necessary from you. If you don't already have a TRICARE Online account, using your DS Logon you can log onto [patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil](https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil). If you have questions about DS Logon, visit the milConnect Website or call 1-800-538-9552.



### What happens next?

As Lyster & Brown Dental transition to MHS GENESIS, patients can expect to see an increase in wait times and a reduction in available appointments from September - December as healthcare teams adapt office and clinic practices to new, standardized workflows. Based on industry averages, and the DoD's experience, it takes roughly 90 days for healthcare teams to adjust to the new system and return to normal wait times.



## FROM THE POST CHAPLIN

*Myroan Brown*



That the aged men be sensible, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience.

Titus 2:2

If you were asked to make a list of the personal virtues of the ideal older man, then you would be hard-pressed to find a better starting point than the list the Apostle Paul gives us in our verse for today. Paul just got done telling Titus that he should "teach what accords with sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1). Significantly, his list is the first example he gives of such teaching.

Older men should be "sober-minded." What does this mean? It certainly means that older men should not get drunk, but it goes beyond that basic understanding. Young men tend to be careless, thoughtless, and insensible. Older men should set an example for younger men by being careful, thoughtful, and sensible.

Older men should also be dignified. What does it mean to be "dignified?" A dignified man is respectable, serious when it is called for, noble in character and bearing, and a man of distinction. An undignified man, in contrast, is indiscreet, trivial, unrefined, and a man of insignificance.

Older men should be self-controlled. Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but they still

struggle with the old sinful spiritual state. Self-controlled men are able to keep the sinful spiritual state under control. They do not give in to its desires and directions easily. Instead, they follow the leading of the Spirit and reflect the fruit of the Spirit. The self-controlled man of God is a man who can be counted on to do the right thing at the right time.

Finally, older men should be sound in faith, love, and steadfastness (some translations have "patience"). Older men should be examples to the younger men of standing firm in the faith, so that the young will "no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Ephesians 4:14). Older men should also be men of love, instead of men who give in to the anger and impetuous wrath of youth. And they should be steadfast or patient. Instead of allowing impatience to stampede them into the dead ends of life, they should wait patiently for the good things the LORD has in store.

Don't think that you must be rich, have a great job, or have high social status in order to properly embody the virtues on Paul's list. With the help of the LORD, men of any means and circumstances can embody these virtues.

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**FROM THE QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT**  
*Jim Steddum*



Comrades,

The JWB Post 6683 passed our annual inspection. This is a direct reflection of our members and your efforts that we made All American status last year and are well on our way to achieving All State this year. Our membership is already up to 97%. There are a few new programs the Commander put in place to promote service and retention.

First the Member Up Opportunity is a chance to win a membership upgrade from Annual to Life membership. For Life members, it offers the opportunity to upgrade to Legacy Life. This is a \$400 value. Each ticket costs \$5 (cash or card). These tickets make great gifts for your brothers or sisters in the Post. A drawing will happen after each set of 100 tickets is sold.

Also, we soon will be using the Fort Rucker Volunteer Information Management System to record volunteer hours. These records will be to help determine who the Post will nominate for Veteran of the Year for Enterprise.

One final thought, please join us **every third Saturday** for Post Maintenance. In September, four people mowed the whole lawn, but were not able to accomplish all of the required tasks. We need much more support to maintain your VFW home. Please come on out every third Saturday for camaraderie and a little honest work.



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The **Enterprise DAV Chapter 9** provides courtesy transportation to the Central Alabama VA Health Center System facility in Tuskegee AL. We run Mon, Wed, & Fri. Pickup locations a departure times are listed below. This is a free service for our veterans.

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0630	Clio	Store next to red light
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## DOD Next Generation USID Cards & Transportation Security Administration Usage:

Identification cards for service members, retirees, and their dependents have changed to the Next Generation Uniform Service Identification (USID) cards and are being issued now. Those whose cards do not have an expiration date will need to upgrade within the next four years. The USID cards provide enhanced security features that include compatibility with



**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** checkpoints in all U.S. airports as a REAL ID, and free **TSA PreCheck®** availability for currently serving service members and DOD civilians. If you or your dependents have not been issued the new Next Gen USID cards, [schedule your appointment](#) today!

### What is TSA PreCheck®

Free to DoD civilians and Service members, [TSA PreCheck](#) is a voluntary, expedited security screening process offered at [select domestic airports \[tsa.gov\]](#) that allows participants to keep on their shoes, belt, and light jacket, and leave laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in their carry-on bags.

In order to use dedicated [TSA PreCheck](#) security lanes, participants must enter their DoD ID number as the “Known Traveler Number” when making official travel or leisure airline reservations.

### Eligibility

The program is offered to DoD civilians and Service members (including Reservists, National Guardsmen, the U.S. Coast Guard, and students at the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy).

At this time, Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees, retirees, veterans, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, and U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps are not eligible to participate in the free program.

Family members ages 12 and under may accompany participating Service members or DoD civilians through the [TSA PreCheck](#) line. Family members 13 and older must go through regular security lines or be separately enrolled in a [Trusted Traveler Program \[dhs.gov\]](#).

DoD Service members are enrolled in the program automatically; just add your DoD ID number to your defense travel system profile and leisure travel reservations or personal frequent flyer program profiles. Service members do not need to be in uniform to take advantage of TSA PreCheck.

DoD civilian participation in the program is voluntary. Enrollment requires a one-time opt-in.

## One-time Civilian Opt-in Process

Civilians may opt-in to the program by visiting the [DoD ID Card Office Online](#) and following these steps:

1. In the "My Profile" box (right side of screen), click CONTINUE.
2. On the next screen, click the tab for CAC and login using your CAC certificate.
3. On the Self-service Consent to Monitor page, click OK.
4. On the next screen, click the CIV tab.
5. Look for the Personnel section, and check the box for [TSA PreCheck](#) Program.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click SUBMIT to save your changes.

## Ensure Reservation Status

Once you have [TSA PreCheck](#), you'll still need to add your DoD ID Number to your reservations to use the expedited security lanes.

### 1. Locate your 10-digit DoD ID Number.

2. This number can usually be found on the back of your Common Access Card. If it's not listed there, log into [DoD ID Card Office Online \[osd.mil\]](#) and locate it under the "My Profile" section.

### U.S. Department of Defense / Uniformed Services Dependent Identification and Privilege Card



**DOD Identification Number**  
 (not used to file claims)

**DOD Benefits Number**  
 (used to verify eligibility and file claims)

3. Save your DoD ID Number to your profiles.
4. To ensure your DoD ID Number is automatically applied to future reservations, save it as your Known Traveler Number in your profile on DTS and MyTravel. To use [TSA PreCheck](#) on leisure travel, add the number to personal reservations and frequent flyer program profiles.
5. Check that your DoD ID Number appears in the Known Traveler Number field of your reservations.
6. If you've saved your DoD ID Number to your travel system profile, it should automatically populate. If you haven't, you'll need to add it manually or provide it to your Travel Management Company.
7. Check your boarding pass for the [TSA PreCheck](#) logo.
8. Your boarding pass should show a [TSA PreCheck](#) approved indicator. Your DoD ID Number will not display.





## CHAIRMAN TAKANO APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF FIVE VETERANS BILLS

Press contact – Daniel Santo Cruz (202)-603-1929

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, the House of Representatives passed 5 bipartisan bills that will strengthen the delivery of benefits and care to veterans and their families, including the Veterans' Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act and the Student Veteran Emergency Relief Act.

“The bills passed today build upon the work this Committee has done to support veterans and their families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Chairman Takano. “In particular, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Chairman Mike Levin’s Student Veteran Emergency Relief Act protects student veterans’ GI Bill benefits during national emergencies, making permanent the temporary protections we implemented in the early days of the pandemic. The House also renewed our commitment to supporting veterans’ quality of life by passing the Veterans’ Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act. I look forward to seeing the Senate act on these bills – along with bills from Ranking Member Bost, Representative Pappas, and Representative Aguilar.”

A full list of bills passed today can be found below:

1. H.R. 7846 – Veterans’ Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act (Rep. Luria)
2. H.R. 5916, as amended – Wounded Warrior Access Act (Rep. Aguilar)
3. H.R. 7939, as amended – Student Veteran Emergency Relief Act (Rep. Levin)
4. H.R. 8260, as amended – Faster Payments for Veterans’ Survivors Act (Rep. Pappas)
5. H.R. 7735, as amended – Improving Access to the VA Home Loan Benefits Act (Ranking Member Bost)

## Eliminate Unjust Offset for Chapter 61 Retirees

**Background:** Reform to retirement pay and disability compensation policy is long overdue. Many of our nation’s combat-disabled veterans are prohibited by Congress from receiving their full earned Department of Defense retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs service-connected disability compensation. Over 50,000 Chapter 61 retirees with combat-related disabilities are required to **forfeit every dollar** of their retirement pay for every dollar they receive in disability compensation. No veteran should have to choose between two fundamentally different benefits that they earned for two entirely different reasons. This offset must be eliminated. Our combat veterans have already sacrificed enough.

**Take Action:** Tell Congress to end this extremely unjust offset by immediately passing the Major Richard Star Act.



<https://www.votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/97496/Respond>



**PACT Act Information for Survivors:** With the passage of VFW-supported *Honoring Our PACT Act*, VA has made information available for survivors regarding Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits. If you are the

survivor of a service member or veteran who died from a service-connected condition linked to burn pit exposure, contact a [VFW Service Officer](#) today to discuss your VA claim.



## VA SURVIVOR BENEFITS & THE PACT ACT

You may be eligible for VA benefits and services after your loved one has passed.



### The PACT Act makes it easier for many survivors to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

VA will be contacting survivors who were previously denied DIC benefits and may be newly eligible under the PACT Act. You do not need to wait for VA to contact you to submit a claim.

#### How to Apply for DIC and/or Accrued Benefits

Surviving family members may apply for these benefits using the appropriate VA form on [va.gov/family-member-benefits](https://va.gov/family-member-benefits).



#### Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent children or parent(s) of the Veteran or service member IF Veteran or service member died in the line of duty or due to a service-related injury or illness.



#### Accrued Benefits

A one-time payment to a surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on relationship when the record shows additional benefits (such as VA compensation or pension) due to the Veteran prior to passing.

#### Additional Survivor Benefits Available:



#### Burials and Burial Allowance

Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of our National cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone, marker, or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost. Some survivors may also be eligible for a plot allowance, transportation allowance, and burial allowances based on the service connected disability status of the deceased Veteran.



#### Education and Training

Chapter 35 benefits and Fry Scholarship are the two main GI Bill programs offering educational assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of service-related disabilities.



#### Final Monthly Payment

If a Veteran who is receiving VA compensation or pension benefits passes away, their last month of benefits can be paid to their surviving spouse.



#### Home Loan Guaranty

Certificate of Eligibility is available for surviving spouses receiving DIC.



#### Health Care

Survivors and dependents of Veterans may qualify for health care benefits, such as CHAMPVA.

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## VFW ASKS FOR DEEPER DIVE ON VETERAN SUICIDE

**Recent VA annual report on suicide is 'no victory lap,' says VFW National Commander**

September 21, 2022

WASHINGTON – Despite news reports of veteran suicide numbers at their lowest since 2006, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is urging the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct further, in-depth research on the topic following the release of the [2022 National Veterans Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#) on Monday.



"We applaud the VA for stepping up its reporting data as we work to help veterans and prevent suicide, but this report is not good news," said VFW National Commander Tim Borland. "Even though the reporting of veteran suicide numbers dropping is positive, the report also includes the sobering statistic of suicide as the second leading cause of death for veterans aged 18 to 44. The report is no victory lap and demands a deeper dive."

Published every September, the report is the largest national analysis of veteran suicide rates each year. This year's report is the first to examine national veteran suicide mortality data during 2020. It also included information regarding suicide among subpopulations of veteran as it relates to contacts with the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration.

"This report's inclusion of all VA interactions, to include findings associated with VA benefits, is something the VFW has been advocating about for years," said VFW Director of National Legislative Service Pat Murray. "As suspected, this report demonstratively shows suicide is not simply a clinical issue. We are grateful to the VA for this valuable information and will continue to press Congress to make sure the VBA data is researched as much as possible to help reduce veteran suicide."

"This new data VA is presenting invites more complex questions," added VFW Deputy Executive Director Ryan Gallucci. "Things like the increased rates in certain age groups, identifying what are considered 'accidental' deaths, and the rise of opioid use disorder need to be explored. I also find there is no coincidence that veterans who use earned benefits through VA are being positively influenced upstream of suicidal ideation."

"We thank the VA for continuing to provide these statistics every year and ask them to refocus the Office of Suicide Prevention, so it oversees both the Benefits and Health administrations' suicide prevention efforts within VA," said Gallucci.

The report included findings of veteran suicide in the first year following separation from active military service, overall and by branch, as well as method-specific suicide rates. The report also compared suicide rates between veteran and non-veteran adults in the U.S. with reporting specific to different demographics such as age, sex, race, and ethnicity. Of the 44,298 U.S. adults that died from suicide in 2020, 6,146 were veterans – a rate 57.3% higher than the rest of the population.


“The problem of veteran suicide is a complex one that deserves serious study and academic rigor. I think the nation owes our veterans that much,” said Borland.



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## Public and Private Web and Facebook sites.

Comrades, in an effort to keep members aware of the upcoming events of our organization, we have recently established new Web and Facebook sites for our organization. The original Facebook site has been linked to <https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683/> and titled **Enterprise VFW – Post 6683**.

All post events for John Wiley Brock Post 6683 will be posted on the events tab of the Facebook site mentioned above as well as the Post Google Calendar, the Google calendar will also post other veterans' organization and community organization events of interest to veterans. If you would like access to the google calendar, please send an email to: [post.6683.vfw@gmail.com](mailto:post.6683.vfw@gmail.com)

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