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Convert to Life now—or buy tickets for a chance to upgrade with Post 6683!! We're offering a cash incentive this month to bring in more Life Members! [#EveryVeteranCounts](#)

LIFE MEMBER INCENTIVE



As we continue to move closer to our membership goals, there is no better time to stress the importance of Life Membership. To this end, we're offering a cash incentive this month to bring in more Life Members!

During the month of October 2022, for every new Life Member you bring into your Post, we will issue a \$50 grant directly to the Post at the end of the month!



For the purposes of this program, the National Headquarters will be issuing a grant of \$50 directly to the Post for each of the following during the month of October:

- a new member who pays the Life Membership amount in full
- a lapsed member who rejoins by paying the full Life Membership amount
- an Annual member who converts to Life by paying the full amount
- a member currently on the Life Member Installment Plan who makes their final payment and converts to Life before the end of the month.

Departments may also receive the grant for members-at-large recruited or reinstated as a Life Member. A recruiter number must be attached to these transactions in order for Departments to receive the grant for members-at-large.

There is no easier way to retain members than by having them become a member for life. Not only do they experience the benefits of Life membership, but the Post can save time and effort when working towards your retention goals. Talk to your members today about the benefits of becoming a Life Member, and how it helps the VFW's mission. It's time to make that lifetime commitment because...

EVERY VETERAN COUNTS.

This contest will count the Life Members as listed above from October 1st through close of business October 31st. Transactions posted before close of business will be credited that business day. Payouts will be made by ACH debit to the Post using the account on file. For assistance with setting up ACH deposits for your Post, please contact our Member Service Center at 1-833-839-8387.





FROM THE COMMANDER
Robert Schmidbauer

Greetings Comrades,

We once again 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 September, we have held and participated in many activities, both at the post and within our community.

We had our third Post Fellowship Dinner, which was Oktoberfest Food, It was exciting to see the largest attendance to date, so many of our Comrades and members of our community showed up and we had to go get more brats to support the event. We were able to recruit four new members and received many other inquiries on membership. Big shout out to Chris Wood and the Fellowship Committee for an outstanding event. We are looking forward to Novembers Chicken and Dumplings.

The Post Board of Management Committee continues their Post Building and grounds maintenance. All three lawnmowers were repaired, and the NCO Academy joined us for Post Clean up on 16 October. Thanks to their volunteer efforts, along with many members of our post, we were able to significantly clean up the wood line bordering our post. Keep your eyes out on Facebook for future clean updates.

We participated in the Boll Weevil Fall Festival. Pete Hill, Buddy Poppy Chair, and Ken Donahue, Membership Chair, along with several post members set up, and handed out over 1300 poppies at the event and we were able to recruit multiple members to join the VFW and or transfer their membership to our Post. Great job!

The month of November is a significant month for Veterans, on November 10th; Fort Rucker will have a Veterans Day Ceremony at 1100 hours. On November 11th, 1700 hours, the DAV will be laying a wreath at the Memorial Wall at Johnny Henderson Park, followed by a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Enterprise Civic Center at 1800 hours, which will honor our Veterans and award the Veteran and Active Duty Soldier of the Year. On 12 November, the Lyons Club will be putting on a breakfast, followed by the Flag Retirement Ceremony at 0900 at Sam Boswell Honda. There are multiple other activities over this weekend and throughout the month and I encourage you to follow the Enterprise Chamber Calendar to stay abreast of dates, times and details.

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.

CSM (R) Marvin Pinckney received the VFW National Lifesaving Award

CSM (R) Marvin Pinckney received the VFW National Lifesaving Award for his recent heroic actions to save two individuals from a burning house in Enterprise Alabama.

Additionally, Mayor William E. Cooper at the City Council meeting Tuesday honored Marvin Pinckney for his life-saving heroic actions earlier this month.

Pinckney, a retired Army command sergeant major, was in his garage September 3 when he noticed flames coming from a neighbor's home on Bellwood Road. He called 911 and entered the home to rescue Mary Griffin and her caregiver. With the help of passersby, Pinckney was able to evacuate the women from the home.

“Mr. Pinckney, I know you do not want to be recognized as a hero, but you truly are,” Mayor Cooper said. “The City Council, Chief Davis, and I commend you on your unwavering regards to you own safety and for jumping into action without hesitation.”

Cooper went on to say that Pinckney's actions changed the outcome of a situation that could have been tragic. Pinckney was presented a plaque and Key to the City for his heroic actions.



US FLAG ETIQUETTE

Representatives from VFW Post 6683 spent some time at Enterprise High School teaching US flag etiquette as well as providing important information on some of the programs offered by the VFW to help pay for college.



Flag Etiquette

The American flag has a long history, and the members of our organization have spent nearly as long defending and honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom. Whether you're looking for the historic details of how the U.S. flag came to be, or the rules and regulations that encompass her daily flight, we're here to ensure you can find the information you need.

Displaying the Flag

On Same Staff

U.S. flag at peak, above any other flag.

Grouped

U.S. flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.

Marching

U.S. flag to marchers right (observer's left).

On Speaker's Platform

When displayed with a speaker's platform, it must be above and behind the speaker. If mounted on a staff it is on the speaker's right.

Decoration

Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

Salute









All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Over a Street Union (stars) face north or east depending on the direction of the street.

Half Staff

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

Special Rules

-  Do not let the flag touch the ground.
-  Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
-  Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
-  Do not use the flag as clothing.
-  Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
-  Do not use it as a cover.
-  Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
-  Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.

Illumination Guidelines

Per Federal Flag Code, Section 2, paragraph (a), it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

POW/MIA Protocol

The POW/MIA flag features a silhouette of a POW before a guard tower and barbed wire in white on a black field. "POW/MIA" appears above the silhouette and the words "You Are Not Forgotten" appear below in white on the black field. This black and white flag stands as a stark reminder of Americans still prisoner, missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia and is now accepted nationally and internationally as the symbol of vigilance and remembrance for all POW and MIA's.

Order of Precedence in the Display of the POW/MIA Flag

All flags flying on the same pole with the U.S. flag will be subordinate to the U.S. flag. The question frequently arises about what flag (POW/MIA, state, organization, etc.) has precedence to be flown directly beneath the U.S. flag and above any other flag. There is no definitive answer or protocol established in writing or codified in law. It is VFW protocol, since the POW/MIA flag is considered a federal banner, that the POW/MIA flag has precedence over all other flags flying on the same pole beneath the U.S. flag. In a line of march, the POW/MIA flag is carried to the immediate left of the U.S. flag. The VFW views the POW/MIA issue as a matter of national importance first, thereby giving the POW/MIA flag a position of prominence.

For the full protocol for displaying the POW/MIA Flag, visit the National League of POW/MIA Families website.

Flag Disposal

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
2. It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
3. Place the flag on the fire.
4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
6. Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

Note: Please [contact your local VFW Post](#) if you'd like assistance or more information on proper flag disposal.

Order of Precedence

The order of precedence when displaying military flags together is Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.





FROM THE SR VICE COMMANDER
Pamela Y. Smith

Women Veterans Health Care

Our primary care and comprehensive women's health services include:

- General health care and wellness checks, including routine screenings
- Women-specific care for reproductive health (including birth control) and menopause
- Management of long-term conditions, like heart disease and diabetes
- Pain management and care related to musculoskeletal injuries
- Mental health services including medications, counseling, and referrals
- Treatment for conditions related to military sexual trauma

VA also provides specialty services, such as:

- Gynecologic and fertility treatment
- Sensory aids and prosthetics, including gender-specific items like post-mastectomy needs
- Other specialties including radiology, neurology, cardiology, orthopedics, rheumatology, oncology, and endocrinology

Please logon to [Women Veterans Health Care Home \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov) for more information.

The Women Veterans Call Center is Your Guide To Women's Health



If you have questions or can't find what you're looking for, you can call, text, or [chat online](#) with the **Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC)** at

855-829-6636 to get help and find available resources and services in your area. Trained women representatives can also help you with issues such as:

- Enrolling in VA health care if you have not already
- Setting up a medical appointment in your area
- Answering questions about eligibility (including questions about disability ratings) and other VA benefits like employment, education, and home loans
- WVCC representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET

How do I get help for a Veteran who's in crisis?

Find out how to get support anytime, day or night.

If you're concerned about a Veteran in crisis, connect with our caring, qualified Veterans Crisis Line responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves. This service is private, free, and available 24/7.

To connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder anytime day or night

- Call **988**, then press **1**.
- [Start a confidential chat](#).
- Text **838255**.
- If you have hearing loss, call TTY: **800-799-4889**.

If you're concerned about a Veteran who's homeless or at risk of becoming homeless Call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at **877-424-3838** for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You or the Veteran can talk privately with a trained VA counselor for free.

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

www.attainable-wealth.com
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Happy Autumn! Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour on November 6th. May the early setting of the sun remind us all that it's time to take a little rest before the Holidays. You ALL deserve it! It is incredibly inspiring to see the many ways our post is spotlighted in our community. We are all super busy with family, friends, travel, and yet the service of our members continues to inspire. As we serve in the name and spirit of the VFW, be sure to snap a photo and send a few comments so that we can continue to publish our achievements in the Newsletter. This is our VFW! By spotlighting our achievements, we can continue to attract other Veterans that desire to be a part of our service and mission. 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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Wills

A will is a legal document you use to dispose of your property at your death. It may also nominate people to do important jobs, such as serving as your child(ren)'s guardian or as your estate's personal representative (called an "executor" in many states). The maker of the will is called the testator. To be valid, a will must comply with specific legal requirements. If you die without a will, the intestacy law of the state where you were domiciled at death will determine who should receive your property. Your domicile is the state where you are a legal resident and is not necessarily the state where you resided or lived before your death.



If you leave no valid will, the estate will be divided according to the intestacy statutes. This generally means your spouse and child(ren) inherit your property or estate. If you die without a surviving spouse or child(ren), the standard inheritance scheme of state law means that certain other blood relatives receive the estate. This division can become complicated. These same laws also specify who will be in charge of the estate (the personal representative or executor) and guides a judge in deciding who will be guardians for children. Little flexibility in these laws exists to provide for special needs or family security—a good case for being sure to have a will

Who can make a will? When should I make my will?

In Alabama, a person 19 or over, of sound mind, can make a will, but Service members are exempt from that age requirement. These are the basic requirements, but other factors are important if the will is to be upheld. The person should be free of coercion and have an awareness of his immediate family (regardless of whether they're included in the will) and have a general understanding of the extent of his possessions. When you sign a will is important.

Signing a will under extraordinary situations invites litigation, so don't put it off until you're contemplating a trip, illness occurs, etc.

Can assets be given to whomever the person names?

This is generally true, with two notable exceptions.

In most states, the surviving spouse can choose to receive a fixed share of the estate regardless of what the will states. This may not apply if a spouse receives property by other means than the will, such as life insurance proceeds.

Also in some states, a child born after the will is signed (called a “pretermitted child”) takes a share of the estate as if no will existed, unless it's made clear that the testator intended to exclude the child.

Can I change my will?

Yes. You may change your will, in whole or in part, as long as certain conditions are met. The most important condition is that changes should never be made by writing on the will.

You should ordinarily consider changing your will upon marriage, divorce, the birth of your first child(ren), or if you decide you do not want to leave property to someone mentioned in your current will.

Frequently, a will is changed because the person has changed his mind about how to divide personal property. In some states (but not Alabama), you don't have to make a new will to change this decision. You can use a memorandum disposing of personal property. It's a simple document that doesn't require the formalities of a will. This can be used only if the will specifically refers to the use of such a memorandum. Discuss this with a Legal Assistance Attorney to be sure your desires will be effective. Most of the time it is better to prepare a completely new will.

What else does a will do besides distribute property?

Through a will, you can nominate who will administer (personal representative/executor) your estate. You can set up a trust for long-term management of assets and the protection and security of your surviving family members. You can nominate the guardian of minor children, although there are some restrictions. Even if you intend to leave your estate to the same people who would receive it under the intestacy laws, a will can simplify administration and allow for different distributions. A well-drafted will can often reduce the time and expense of administering an estate.





FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER *Mike Sutterfield*

Managing Stress

Happy October, Comrades!

We seem to have turned the corner on summer (until next week...) which means the Holidays are quickly coming up. Which leads me to this month's topic, STRESS.

Family, friends, fun, and food: holidays can be the best of times.

But they're also stressful times, full of demands and deadlines, and for some of us, memories or triggering events.

"Stress during any time of year can become a problem and affect your health when it goes on for too long or feels overwhelming," says Dr. Peg Dundon.

Dundon is the National Program Manager

for Health Behavior at VA's National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCP).



Use these seven tips to de-stress during the holidays and year-round:

1. Get physical—Take a brisk walk or be physically active in another way. Regular activity is best. Even a 10-minute chunk of active time can help!
2. Be part of the solution—Learn problem-solving skills. They can improve your ability to cope. Your VA medical center may offer a class or information session. A web-based problem-solving program called "Moving Forward" is also available at www.veterantraining.va.gov.
3. Learn to relax—Discover relaxation and mindfulness skills. They can help you manage stress and even protect you from it.
4. Express yourself—Keeping your thoughts bottled up can increase stress. So speak up in respectful ways. Sharing thoughts and feelings in a polite yet firm manner can help reduce stress.
5. Manage Your Time—List what needs to get done, make plans for addressing issues, and stick to the plan as best you can.
6. Use positive power—Stress often is associated with negative, self-critical thinking. Focus your attention on positive thoughts about yourself and others.
7. Enjoy Yourself—Despite extra pressures from busy schedules, it's important to take time for yourself. Plan something you enjoy.

The VA offers many tools for handling stress, including the Manage Stress website (Manage Stress - National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (va.gov)). The site offers links to the Manage Stress Workbook and relaxation recordings. Plus, you'll find links to many helpful websites and mobile apps that teach strong stress-management skills. You can also go to the Veterans Health Library at www.veteranshealthlibrary.org for more information on managing stress.

All of the above actions are great things to help anyone cope with stress during the holidays, but I have found that there is even a better way.... Avoid the stressing action, if at all possible. If you feel you are overwhelmed with ANYTHING, EVERYTHING, ALL-OF-IT this Holiday season, please reach out to a Buddy. Plan for that eventuality NOW. Start that conversation, NOW. Procrastination and hesitation will only increase the stress and further limit the ability to cope, when you most need it. As I tell folks all of the time, I'm NOT from the Government, I really am here to help. As are every other Member of this Post.



If you sense that stress is hurting your health or causing physical symptoms, talk with your health care provider. VA primary care teams have staff members who are experts in stress management.

If you feel overwhelming stress, call the **Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and press option 1**. You may also reach confidential help by sending a **text to 838255** or through **online chat at www.veteranscrisisline.net**. You can also reach out to me or any of the other 250+ Comrades within Post 6683.

Stress is part of all of our lives to varying degrees. The key is learning and practicing ways to manage stress that work for you, so stress doesn't manage your health and well-being.



Need help with filing VA Claims
PLEASE CONTACT OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE
Mike Sutterfield
334-400-6133
michael.sutterfield@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 22	Enterprise Farmers Market Pumpkin Day	Enterprise
Oct. 28	Spooky in the City 2022	Enterprise
Oct. 29	Trick or Treat on Main Street!	Enterprise
Oct. 31	Halloween	Enterprise
Nov 4-5	Fort Rucker Spouses Club Holiday Bazaar	Yano Hall
Nov 11	Veterans Day	City Wide Ceremony
Nov 12	Flag Day	Sam Boswell Honda



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022 AT 9 AM – 9:45 AM

Flag Replacement Ceremony

Sam Boswell Honda



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VFW Post 6683
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VFW 101 - All State Programs



The All-American Program exists to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and VFW core programs.

All-American Post Criteria:

- Membership greater than 100%.
- Must conduct two Membership recruiting events, submit reports through All-American Dashboard.
- Post-Election Report must be submitted to National.
- Meet all the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - Patriots Pen – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans and Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.00.
 - National Citizenship Education Teachers Award – one entry advanced to Department judging.
 - A Post must submit a community service report to their department for submission to the All-American Dashboard NLT 30 June 2023.
 - Buddy Poppy – Purchase five per member in the Post.

100% 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 makes the post eligible.

Recruiting Events: The post must conduct two recruiting events and must have photographic and or social media proof to be eligible.

Post-Election Report: The post must complete its Post-Election Report and submit it to National to be eligible.

Post Fundraiser: The post must hold at least one fundraiser throughout the year, raising money for the Veterans and Military Support Program Services, minimum of \$100.00 must be raised to be eligible.

Community Service Report: A community service report must be submitted to The Department via the All-American Dashboard NLT 30 June 2023 to be eligible.



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.



Buddy Poppy: The post must purchase a minimum of five buddy poppies for every member of the post to be eligible.



Youth Activities Committee - Sam Baker, Chair

Comrades, to date we have yet to receive a single **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY or PATRIOT PEN** to be judged by the leadership of the Post for these awesome scholarships. The deadline to submit videos for the **Voice of Democracy** and essays for **the Patriot Pen** are **HERE** and must be 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.

The following links to the last three winners of the Voice of Democracy are fine examples of how to do a 3 minute video. . 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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbrQK8QQnGw>

Please have students or youth that you know reach out to Commander Schmidbauer, Comrade Steddum or myself for quick processing.

Poppy Committee Report - Pete Hill, Chair

The committee set up a booth in the downtown Enterprise area in support of the Enterprise Fall festival. There were (7) seven volunteers who supported this event throughout the day. Their names are listed below.

The hours of the display were from 1100 hours until 1600 hours.

The Post accepted donations for the Poppys handed out in the amount of \$437.00.

There were 4 coins sold for \$10.00 a piece for a total of \$40.00

The committee's goal was to distribute 300 Poppys to the community to increase their awareness of our veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice to their country and to honor all who have served.

At the end of the day, we distribute (1340); one thousand, three hundred and 40 Poppys and we recruited seven prospective members for our Post.



Committee Volunteers were:

Pete Hill
Carnen Donahue

Jeff Olser
Eric Broxson

Dawn Schmidbauer
Chris Wood

Ken Donahue

Fellowship and Fundraising Committee Chris Wood, Chair

Our very small group has enjoyed providing the monthly community and fellowship meal on the first Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm. If anyone has suggestions or ideas for meals please let us know. We have a small meeting just prior to meal service on the first Wednesday of the month and anyone is welcome to attend.

For the month of November our meal will consist of scratch made Chicken and Dumplings, cornbread and various cobblers for dessert. Any member is welcome and encouraged to come out and help with the meal prep and or service of the meal. This is your VFW community and fellowship meal we are just the facilitators of said meals so if you have ideas please come out and let us know. Continue to post about the meal on social media to get more and more people out to see what our post had to offer. So far the meals have given members a chance to come out at fellowship with other members as well as those from the community. Each month we have had the Fellowship meal we have gained new members. This also gives potential renters a chance to come out as see the facilities of the post and the renovations that have been done. We look forward to seeing everyone November 2nd from 5-7pm for Chicken and Dumplings.





FROM THE POST CHAPLIN

Myroan Brown



Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. *Galatians 6:7*

It is possible to fool people. It is possible to put up a front that speaks well of you to the people around you, but which has nothing actually backing it up in reality. The goal of the people that do this kind of thing is to reap the benefits of righteous behavior without actually doing anything righteous. A good example of this are people who boast about how much they give to the work of the Lord, but without actually giving anything significant at all.

It is not, on the other hand, possible to fool God. God is omniscient and knows everything that is going on in His creation. He sees what people claim to be doing and He sees what they actually do in private (*Matthew 6:4*). If they try to pull the wool over someone's eyes, He knows about it. God knows our deepest thoughts (*Romans 8:27*). He knows who is genuine and who is phony.

If you try to do the impossible, if you try to fool God, you are only fooling yourself. Since God cannot be fooled, since God sees through the deceptions, to think that you can get away with the fronts and the

phoniness is deeply self-deceptive. It is self-deceptive because the people who put up fronts actually think that God does not see, or that God does not care. Although they are well aware of God's existence and nature, they have convinced themselves that God will overlook what they are doing.

Even though phonies may receive some short-term benefit from their deception, they fail in the things that really matter. This is because of a law in God's Kingdom: you will harvest what you have planted. That's why, for example, if you have only planted a few seeds, if you have only given a small percentage, then you will only receive a small harvest, you will only receive a small blessing (*II Corinthians 9:6*). And this law of the Kingdom stands firm no matter what boasts you may have made to the people around you.

Thus, we should strive for sincerity and genuineness. Although people may be impressed with the fronts we construct for that purpose, we will never impress the one that really counts.

We will never impress God



FROM THE QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT *Jim Steddum*



October was a surprisingly active month. Bottom line, we have achieved 101% membership and have earned a \$250 membership grant from the VFW for recruiting or converting life members. Well done JWB Comrades!

On October 16th, 13 Air Traffic Controller from ALC Class 22-504 and their small group instructor helped with Post Grounds Maintenance. The post is gaining traction with the community and our neighbors. This was due in large part to a very active membership that is getting the words out about how we all help the community. Be proud of your post and share what we are doing with all your friends “in Real Life” and on social media.

You can be recognized for your community service by signing up on the Army’s Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). Since JWB Post 6683 is now authorized to operate our activities on Fort Rucker, they have extended to us their systems to manage our all-volunteer organization. Go to: <https://account.armyfamilywebportal.com/register> and register. You will receive a token in your email. Verify your email address with the token and log in. Once in, simply use the menu to navigate to the Volunteer Management Information System, complete your profile. Use the Fort Rucker military community (you can type this in to find it faster). Once you save your profile, you can search for opportunities to Volunteer. You can filter by organization and type in VFW. We have two opportunities listed: Post Home Maintenance and Community Service Volunteer. Simple select one or both and hit apply and then hit apply again. Feel free to call me if you need help!

Finally, the Fort Rucker Thrift Store gave the Post a \$1000 grant. We used this grant to buy a brand-new ceremonial bugle for the Color Guard. It plays taps or other bugle calls for ceremonies and funerals.

Keep up the great work comrades!





FROM EDITOR/PUBLISHER
Angel S. de la Cruz



City of Enterprise, Alabama

Road Closures

Portions of roadways in northwest Enterprise will soon be closed as part of construction related to the new Veterans Home.

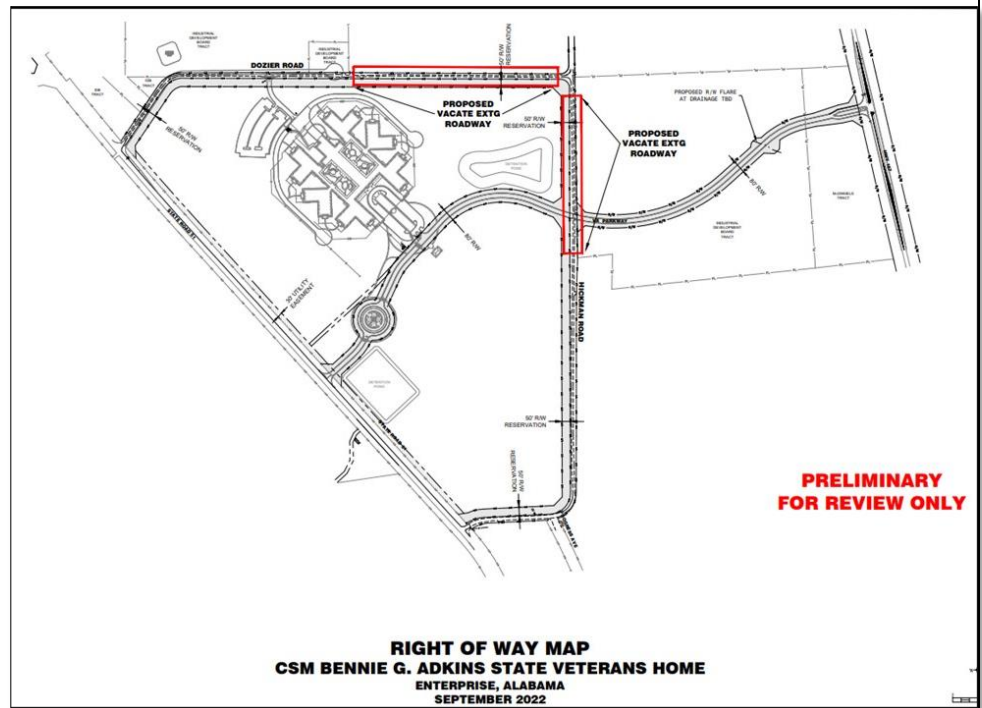
The City Council Tuesday night approved a request to temporarily close a portion of Hickman Road and Dozier Road, just off State Road 51. (See attached map for reference).

The closures will occur on or about Sept. 26, 2022, and last at least three months, but could last longer.

“It is possible the temporary closures could expand in the future, but right now, these are roads that need to close for safety reasons associated with the Veterans Home project,” City Engineer/Public Works Director Barry Mott said at Tuesday night’s City Council meeting. “Eventually, it is expected that the temporary closures will become permanent at some point in the future.”

Barricades will be put up on both sides of the roads, along with signage to alert drivers to the closures.

The Command Sergeant Major Bennie Adkins Veterans Home will be the fifth veterans’ home in the state. The long-term, state of the art facility will house 175 residents and is expected to open in 2023.



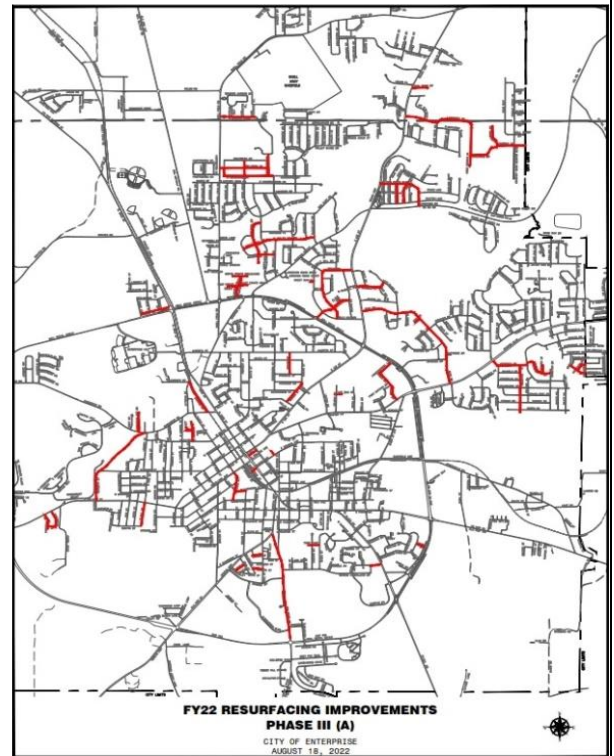


City of Enterprise, Alabama

Infrastructure Resurfacing Improvement Project

Heads up! The next phase of the City of Enterprise’s Resurfacing Improvement project is expected to begin next week, with several neighborhood roads on the list for resurfacing.

Nearly 60 streets, totaling roughly 16 miles of roadway, are included in Phase III (A): Baker Street, Bellwood Road, Benson Street, Biscayne Drive, Boykin Street, Cedar Drive, Colonial Drive, Cotton Creek Boulevard, Courthouse Street, Curry Alley, Damascus Apartment Road, Dixie Drive, Don Circle, Donald Street, Douglas Brown Circle, E. Russell Street, East Point Court, Easy Street, Fairway Drive, Feagin Street, Gibson Street, Hall Hill Court, James Drive, Johnson Street, Lakewood Drive, Live Oak Court, McRae Street, Meadow Lane, Meredith Street, N. Valley Hill Drive, North Pointe Boulevard, North Point Parkway, Pine Wood Drive, Pinecrest Loop, Pinedale Drive, Pinehurst Drive, Pineridge Drive, Professional Lane, Regency Drive, Rosebrook Place, S. Hill Street, S. Rawls Street, S. Valley Hill Drive, Sweet Gum Place, Tiger Lane, Vineyard Lane, W. Grubbs Street, W. Harrison Street, W. Kingswood Drive, W. Sand Creek Drive, Welborn Avenue, Wellston Drive, Wentworth Drive, West Point Court, Windsor Trace, Windwood Lane, Woodfield Place, and Woodley Drive. (See attached map).



“We are excited to be moving into the next phase of this project for infrastructure improvement and once this phase is complete, nearly 20% of City-maintained roadways will have been repaved,” Barry Mott, City Engineer/Public Works Director said. “This project continues to enhance the quality of life for the residents all over the City of Enterprise.

In June 2020, all of the City-maintained roads were analyzed and scored. Roads were ranked from best to worst. Streets included in the resurfacing project were chosen based on the current pavement conditions in conjunction with the potential waterline and underground utility risk for damage. The goal is to replace any at-risk water lines before resurfacing to reduce the likelihood that the new paving would have to be repaired or replaced. Phase I, which included 42 streets and eight miles of roadways, was completed in 2020. Phase II, which was just completed, included 55 streets and 17 miles of roadways. Phase III (A) of the project will cost about \$3.9 million. Enterprise City Council awarded the bid to Wiregrass Construction Company.

Drivers are reminded to use caution while in the work areas and be mindful that some street closures and other traffic interruptions may take place. [#enterpriseal](#) [#EnterpriseAlabama](#)

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City of Enterprise, Alabama

ENTERPRISE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL DISTRIBUTE FREE SMOKE DETECTORS



The Enterprise Fire Department will distribute free smoke detectors to those living within city limits later this month in an effort to increase the chances of surviving a fire.

‘Operation Smoke Detector’ will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at the corner of W. Harrison Street and Bell Street. Smoke detectors will be given out while supplies last. Volunteers, paired with EFD personnel, will be going door-to-door in the area offering smoke detectors and installation, if needed.

“When there is a house fire, you may have as little as two minutes to safely escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds. A working smoke detector increases the chance of you and your family getting out safe,” Enterprise Fire Chief Christopher Davis said. “Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so they know what to do when the alarm goes off.”

Davis also encouraged everyone to plan and practice a fire escape route. He offered the following tips:

- Know at least two ways out of each room, if possible
- Make sure all windows and doors open easily
- Designate a place to meet outside that’s a safe distance from your property
- Practice your plan at least twice a year

Chief Davis’ message coincides with the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 9-15. This year’s campaign is “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.” Mayor William E. Cooper signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 9-15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week in Enterprise.

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City of Enterprise, Alabama

ENTERPRISE OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Fall in love with the City of Enterprise this month during one of the many festive activities planned:

- **Oct. 22: Enterprise Farmers Market Pumpkin Day**
- **Oct. 28: Spooky in the City 2022**
- **Oct. 29: Trick or Treat on Main Street!**
- **Oct. 31: Halloween**



“From clowns to cowboys and pirates to princesses, we want to encourage parents to bring their kids to these festive fall events,” said Tammy Doerer, Director of Tourism and Community Relations. “Whether you’re riding in the car, visiting various stops with Spooky in the City, or going door to door trick-or-treating along Main Street, we’ve tried to create fun, interactive activities that all ages will enjoy.”

The Boll Weevil Fall Festival is this Saturday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Enterprise. The free event showcases Main Street merchants and restaurants, handcrafted gifts, décor and art, festival food, entertainment and more. The [Enterprise Police Department](#) will be on site and have a space designated to sign up participants for Project S.N.A.P. The [Enterprise Fire Department](#) will also have a space and will be sharing resources as part of fire prevention week.

Next Saturday, Oct. 22, is the return of the [Enterprise Farmers Market](#) Pumpkin Day. The annual tradition is sure to be a hit with the entire family. Kids will be able to paint and decorate a pumpkin, free of charge, while supplies last. The Welcome Ceremony begins at 8 a.m. and the winners of the Pumpkin Painting Contest will be announced at 11:30 a.m. As always, shoppers will enjoy fresh, seasonal produce, as well as local honey, jams, jellies, and baked goods. There will also be a variety of crafts including handmade soaps, jewelry, embroidered items, wood products and more.

Spooky in the City returns Friday, Oct. 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by [Enterprise Parks and Recreation](#), this family-friendly activity features a free virtual game where participants collect goodies along the way at each spooky stop. Teams who visit all stops will be entered to win prizes donated by local businesses.

[Downtown Enterprise](#) is hosting Trick or Treat on Main Street on Saturday, Oct. 29 starting at 10 a.m. Participating businesses will hang an orange ribbon on the door. Goodies will be given out to kids, while supplies last.

Finally, in the [City of Enterprise, Ala.](#), trick-or-treat hours will be 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Enterprise City Council decided at the meeting on Aug. 16 that these trick-or-treat hours will remain the same through 2025.

As always, adults are reminded of basic safety tips for Halloween-related activities.

“Children should wear bright colors, add reflective tape to their costumes, and carry either a flashlight or glow sticks at night,” Police Chief Michael Moore said. “Remind kids to look both ways before they cross the street and only cross at an intersection. At the same time, drivers should keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters on roadways, sidewalks, medians and curbs. This will ensure everyone has a fun and safe evening.”

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RABREN GENERAL CONTRACTORS SELECTED TO BUILD NEW ADVA STATE VETERANS HOME

The State Board of Veterans Affairs (SBVA) recently selected Rabren General Contractors to build the Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans Home in Enterprise. The state-of-the-art skilled-care nursing facility will be approximately 182,000 square feet and house 174 residents. Construction is scheduled to begin July 5, and the facility is expected to open in 2024.

“We look forward to working with Rabren General Contractors. We are familiar with several of their projects through the Southeast and have been impressed with the quality their work,” said Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Kent Davis. “The Enterprise community and Wiregrass share this same excitement as this project continues moving forward.”

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) and SBVA celebrated breaking ground of the new facility on June 17. Officials from the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, and Fort Rucker, along with representatives from Rabren and Williams Blackstock Architects, who designed the facility, participated in the event.

Enterprise was chosen as the new home’s location in early January 2020. The site of the facility will be on 108 acres off Highway 51 just north of Yancey Parker Industrial Park. This location was chosen largely because of the considerable Veteran population in Coffee County. Studies indicate the county, and Enterprise in particular, will see a significant growth in the Veteran population in coming years. It is expected to provide jobs for more than 200 people in the community.



“We are grateful to the ADVA for allowing us to be part of such an important project. We look forward to commencing work and building something that will provide a benefit to Enterprise and the Wiregrass community for years to come,” said Rabren General Contractors Senior Project Manager Matt Ostendorf.

Rabren General Contractors was established in 2000 and has become one of the largest privately held general contractor in the state of Alabama with experiences in a variety of market segments that include K-12 and higher education, multi-family and student living, hospitality, sports and recreation, government, office, healthcare, and more

<https://va.alabama.gov/>

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. BENNIE G. ADKINS STATE VETERANS HOME



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Senate Passes COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors:



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



Legislative Priorities



The location of our Washington, D.C., office allows us to monitor all legislation affecting veterans, alert VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and to actively lobby Congress and the administration on veterans' issues. **National Legislative Service** establishes the VFW's legislative priorities and advocates on veterans' behalf. By testifying at congressional committee hearings and interacting with congressional members, the VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th century. Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's Priority Goals and veterans' well-being in mind. With the strength of the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, our voice on Capitol Hill cannot be ignored!

Among the VFW's most recent and important legislative victories was expanding college education benefits for military service members with the signing of the Forever GI Bill, and ensuring America's service members and veterans receive the care they deserve - whenever and wherever they need it - by passing the VA MISSION Act.

Our 2022 Priority Goals:

Budget

To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

- ✚ Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- ✚ Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- ✚ Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.



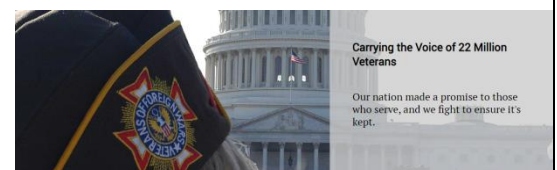
Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- ✚ Pass comprehensive toxic exposure reform, including improvements to the claims process, to provide health care and benefits to all toxic exposed veterans.
- ✚ Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- ✚ Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- ✚ Reinstate a pre-decisional review period for claims representatives prior to final ratings decisions.
- ✚ Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- ✚ Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- ✚ Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- ✚ Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors.
- ✚ Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.

Education, Employment and Transition Assistance

- ✚ To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:
 - ✚ Conduct oversight of transition assistance program pathway attendance and ensure access to community transition resources.
 - ✚ Improve education benefits through increased online student housing allowances, child care stipends, parity for Guard and Reserve members, and elimination of delimiting dates.
 - ✚ Enhance outreach and counseling for Veteran Readiness and Employment eligible veterans.
 - ✚ Expand small business and entrepreneurship resources for veterans and military spouses.
 - ✚ Expand preferences and tax incentives for hiring veterans and military spouses.
 - ✚ Fund and track outcomes for career-focused training programs.
 - ✚ Increase funding for HUD-VASH vouchers, grant and per diem payments, and pilot programs to combat veteran homelessness.
 - ✚ Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.



Health Care

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- ✚ Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide to zero.
- ✚ Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- ✚ Require an assessment of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- ✚ Improve programs and services for women and minority veterans.
- ✚ Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- ✚ Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care, including medications.
- ✚ Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- ✚ Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- ✚ Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- ✚ Expand telehealth services.
- ✚ Expand nursing home eligibility, and long-term care options.

Military Quality of Life

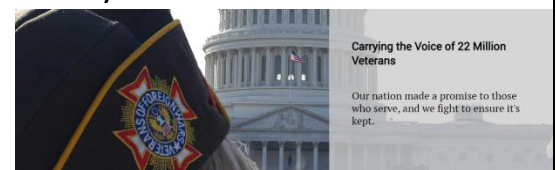
To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- ✚ Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- ✚ Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- ✚ Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- ✚ End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- ✚ Ensure military family members are gainfully employed.
- ✚ Eliminate food insecurity in the military.
- ✚ Establish the Armed Forces University.
- ✚ Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.
- ✚ Improve stability and support for military families.

National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

To fully support service members, and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- ✚ Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- ✚ Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- ✚ Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission.





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<https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2022/#10-2022-2>



TRICARE Network Pharmacy Changes Coming Soon:



TRICARE has announced that on Oct. 24, 2022, thousands of community pharmacies will leave the network. Express Scripts is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor with oversight of home delivery, military pharmacy, and civilian contract facilities. Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies are among

those impacted by this change. It is recommended that you contact your pharmacy to see if it will remain in network or find a [participating pharmacy](#) near you.

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/Articles>



White House Student Loan Debt Relief:



As many families struggle with the economic crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the White House announced a [student loan relief program](#). The Department of Education is providing [information and updates](#) to help keep individuals informed and a list of [Do's and Don'ts](#) to avoid scams. You

may contact your [student loan servicer](#) with questions or concerns.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:



According to VA, one in ten men and one in four women encounter Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Research shows veterans may be twice as likely to experience this as their civilian counterparts. VA recognizes that IPV and suicide share risk factors, and the occurrence of one increasingly impacts the other. VA's [Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program](#) offers a network of VA and community services to provide education, assessment, intervention, and resources.



Debt Relief for Those Impacted by Hurricanes:



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



VA offers Benefit Debt Relief to Veterans Affected by Recent Hurricanes.



Press release [September 30, 2022](#)

WASHINGTON, DC — The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering a suspension of debt repayments for Veterans and family members affected by Hurricane Fiona or Hurricane Ian.

For suspension of benefit debt, Veterans and beneficiaries can contact the VA Debt Management Center via Ask VA at <https://ask.va.gov> (select Veterans Affairs-Debt as the category) or call 800-827-0648.

For suspension of medical care and pharmacy copayment debt, Veterans and beneficiaries can contact the Health Resource Center or by calling 866-400-1238. Veterans can also check the status of their VA debt online on VA's debt portal.



Be Vigilant of PACT Act Scams



Cybersecurity, Phishing, Vishing, PACT Act, Scams, Social Media, Fraud, OIT, Office of Information and Technology.

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The PACT Act was signed into law, bringing new opportunities for expanded health care, benefits, and fraud to Veterans. Stay safe against new scams by protecting yourself with these tips.

On August 10, President Biden [signed the PACT Act into law](#). This bill will help millions of Veterans and their survivors by:

- Extending **VA health care** eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 (Post-September 11, 2001) eras
- Expanding **benefits** eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances and their survivors

How to Apply for PACT Act Benefits

We want Veterans and survivors to **apply now** for their PACT Act-related benefits. You can learn more and sign up at www.va.gov/PACT, or call us at 1-800-MyVA411.

Phone: [1-800-698-2411](tel:1-800-698-2411)

If you need help applying for benefits, [VA, accredited representatives, and Veteran Service Officers](#) are always standing by and ready to help. There's no cost for the forms, no fees to apply, and VA will never charge Veterans for processing a claim.

Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scams

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related [phishing \(email\)](#), vishing (phone), and [social media scams](#) targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact at vaoighotline@va.gov or call (800) 488-8244.

Protect yourself against new scams with these tips:

- **Do not** provide personal, benefits, medical, or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.
- **Do not** click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.
- Check for "https://" at the start of website addresses.
- Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.
- Work with Veteran service providers you already know.
- Submit any suspected fraud to ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Visit the [Cybercrime Support Network](#) for additional [resources](#) to help Veterans, service members, and their families' combat cybercrime.

Serving Our Nation



There are few institutions in America that will better prepare our youths to become selfless, to study integrity and honor, to truly understand the challenges faced daily by humans around the globe.

Sure they hand you a weapon, but they also hand you the responsibility to choose when to hold out your hand to help someone, and decide when there is unfortunately no other path forward but violence. That taught me more than any college degree, community protest, or well-crafted OpEd.

If you know someone who wants to serve our nation, let me help them understand how they can benefit as a human being by joining our military. It is still the best place to start becoming a useful and compassionate member of society.

Recruiters can't solve this issue alone. All veterans, parents, and teachers should help.

- Jason Howk

VFW Post 6683 hosted the Enterprise Quarterly Military and Veterans Affairs Breakfast.



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Official 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 VWF – 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

SCAN QR Code to access site.



Official John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 Public Website
<https://vfw6683.org>



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Official John Wiley Brock VFW 6683 Private Group Facebook Site
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