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Committee Member

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Committee Member

Applicant's Signature & Date

\$1,98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

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VFW Involvement in Elections and Political Activities

VFW members can make a difference in any election by getting involved in the political process. Hold voter registration drives, town hall meetings, and other events featuring candidates for public office. Veterans are a strong voting bloc and a constituency that most candidates want on their side. As we approach the next election cycle, here are a few items to keep mind as you get involved and attend or host candidate functions and town hall meetings:

DO's

- Do attend candidate town hall meetings and other events and ask candidates where they stand on our issues.
- Do set up voter registration drives /Get Out the Vote Campaigns on the local level.
- Do provide carpool service on Election Day to help the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth.
- Do support and work for your favorite candidates as an individual voting constituent.
- Do wear your VFW cap at public events such as town halls, rallies, forums, or debates.

DON'Ts

- Don't endorse candidates on behalf of the VFW National Organization, Department,
 District or Post.
- Don't wear your VFW cap when actively campaigning for a candidate, such as soliciting donations or knocking on doors asking people to pledge their vote for a candidate.

The key is to stay informed on veterans' issues and use your influence to urge new candidates and those up for reelection to support veterans. It does not matter which candidates you support as long as they know you are a VFW member and are concerned about your fellow veterans, service members, and their families.

For more information on how to get involved, read the VFW's Veterans Vote brochure.

Stay informed by reviewing the VFW's Legislative Priority Goals.

If you have questions, please contact the VFW at vfwac@vfw.org.



FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

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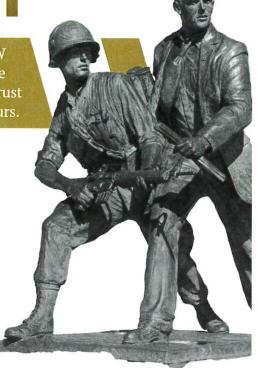
ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver 4 morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

\$10.65 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,372 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 44% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

Updated June 2022



MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW





The VFW by the numbers

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,883

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Cutting red tape

100,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2021.

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2021 resulting in more than \$152 million in disability compensation.

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Helping struggling military families

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through VFW Unmet Needs since 2004.

Amount of grants provided through VFW Unmet Needs covering housing for struggling military families since

3,823

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Honoring the fallen

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans last year.



Improving life in America

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

Number of high school students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

Number of students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

Undated June 2022









Legislative Year in Review

The VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization composed of eligible veterans and military service members. The VFW and its Auxiliary are dedicated to veterans service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs.

Legislative Inquiries: Action Corps, vfwac@vfw.org

National Legislative Service Origins:

In recognition that veterans of all wars need compensation, pensions, hospitalization, jobs, and assistance adjusting to civilian life, and to combat the public's post-war tendency to forget and neglect war veterans, the VFW established the National Legislative Service at the 1919 National Encampment in Providence, Rhode Island. The mission of the National Legislative Service has always been to stay abreast of legislative issues, safeguard existing benefits and secure new ones.

HEALTH CARE

S. 2372, VA MISSION Act of 2018

- Expanded caregiver benefits to veterans of all eras, which were previously limited to post-9/11 veterans.
- Consolidates access to private sector doctors into one simplified and improved program.
- Improves VA's ability to hire and retain highquality health care professionals.
- Established a process to evaluate and improve VA buildings across the country to better serve veterans.

TRICARE

 Successfully defeated proposed fee increases for beneficiaries.

Electronic Health Records (EHR)

 Worked with Congress, VA, and DOD to ensure the veterans and military health care systems have an integrated EHR.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

Forever GI Bill

- Veterans discharged after January 2013 will have a lifetime to use their education benefits.
- Adds additional months of eligibility for veterans pursing a STEM degree.
- Grants full eligibility for all Purple Heart recipients.
- Restores benefits for veterans who attended schools that were abruptly closed.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Individual Unemployability (IU)

Successfully defeated proposed cuts to the IU program.

H.R. 2288, Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017

- Ensures veterans receive quicker decisions on their claims appeals.
- Provides veterans easy to understand rating decisions, new claim resolution options at regional offices, and dedicated staff to oversee claims appeals.
- Preserves effective dates on claims for benefits.

H.R. 299, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 (passed house 382-0, awaiting Senate passage)

- Restores benefits for Vietnam veterans who served off the coast in territorial waters.
- Expands benefits to Korean DMZ veterans who were exposed to toxins.
- Provides spina bifida benefits to the children of veterans exposed to Agent Orange in Thailand.

Improved Benefits for Homeless Veterans

- Extended authority for seven programs to assist homeless veterans, ranging from reintegration programs to grants for homeless women veterans with children.
- Updated definition of homelessness in accordance with McKinney-Vento to include individuals fleeing domestic violence.

POW/MIA

H.R. 1892, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018

 Secured additional funding to ensure Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is able to continue the mission of recovering and returning all MIAs.

Quartermaster's Corner

Thank you!!

As of Close of Business on August 31, all Arizona Districts and all but 5 posts have submitted their bond applications.

The certificates are manually produced, but I am getting to them as quickly as I can.

Some Fall Conference Deadlines have been extended, please see new flyer and order form.

Email to the Quartermaster

Please send all email for
Department Quartermaster to azvfw3@gmail.com **not** misshope@gmail.com

VFW urges veterans to verify disability claim agents through VA's website. The director of VFW's National Veterans Service said the work of VFW's accredited service officers is more thorough and free to veterans.

SEARCH FOR VA-ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS ONLINE VA provides an online database to search for service officers and organizations accredited to provide disability claim services for veterans. Before working with an agent, veterans should verify service officers through VA's website. Verify VA-accredited service officers and organizations at www.va.gov/ogc/apps/

accreditation.

STEER CLEAR OF

BY DAVE SPIVA



THE PACT ACT OFFERS CARE AND BENEFITS TO GENERATIONS OF VETERANS, BUT NO ONE CAN TELL YOU TODAY EXACTLY HOW VA WILL INTERPRET THE 150 PAGES OF LEGISLATION UNTIL VA PUBLISHES REGULATIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS. THIS IS WHY WORKING WITH AN ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICER WHO KNOWS FEDERAL REGULATIONS IS SO IMPORTANT.

- -VETERANS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAWSUITS MAY STAND TO FORFEIT OTHER SERVICE-CONNECTED BENEFITS FROM CAMP LEJEUNE TOXIC EXPOSURE AND OTHER QUALIFYING MILITARY SERVICE.
- WHILE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CONTRACTORS MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY ON CAMP LEJEUNE, VETERANS SHOULD SEEK OUT THEIR FREE VA SERVICE-CONNECTED BENEFITS FIRST.
- FILING A VA CLAIM FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED BENEFITS WITH THE VFW IS ALWAYS FREE AND VFW'S ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.VFW.ORG/NVS.

WWW.VA.GOV/RESOURCES/THE-PACT-ACT-AND-YOUR-VA-BENEFITS/





PACT ACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS









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The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS CAN FILE CLAIMS FOR ALL CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE PACT ACT IMMEDIATELY.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, Glioblastoma,
Respiratory (breathing-related)
cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal
cancer of any type, Head cancer of
any type, Lymphoma of any type,
Lymphatic cancer of any type,
Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer,
Reproductive cancer of any type,
Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma
(diagnosed after service), Chronic
rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis,
Constrictive bronchiolitis or
obliterative bronchiolitis.

Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (hypertension).

How can Veterans apply for VA health care?

Apply online at VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction.

Call our toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET.

Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ).

Bring a completed, signed VA Form 10-10EZ with you to your <u>nearest medical center or clinic</u> or get help through your <u>state's Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer</u>.

Get help filing your claim by working with an <u>accredited representative</u>.

What are the PACT Act key components?



The Act **expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures** and
Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.



VA will improve the decision-making process for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.



Every enrolled Veteran will **receive an initial toxic exposure screening** and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.



VA health care staff and claims processors will receive toxic exposure-related education and training.



The Act requires **research studies** on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.



The Act will help VA **build a stronger, more skilled workforce** to meet the growing demand for benefits and services



The Act authorizes **31 new medical facilities** across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

How can a Veteran file a claim?



Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete <u>VA Form 21-526EZ</u> to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.



To learn about standard VA disability claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more visit: VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file.

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, **Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim** are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.





2022 PACT ACT: UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS



PACT ACT OVERVIEW

What is the PACT Act? Why is it important?

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What does the acronym, PACT, stand for?

Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022.

When does the law go into effect?

While some provisions take effect at different times, VA considers the presumptive conditions established in the PACT Act to be applicable on the date the PACT is signed into law. All Veterans and survivors who believe they may be entitled to benefits are encouraged to apply today.

What are the PACT act key components?

- » The Act expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.
- » VA will improve the decision-making process for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.
- » Every enrolled Veteran will receive an initial toxic exposure screening and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.
- » VA health care staff and claims processors will receive toxic exposurerelated education and training
- » The Act requires research studies on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.
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- » The Act authorizes 31 new medical facilities across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

PACT ACT KEY DATES









AUGUST 10, 2022:

PACT Act signed into law.



EFFECTIVE ON ENACTMENT:

Adds 20+ new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures and more presumptiveexposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation.



OCTOBER 1, 2022:

Presumptions of service connection take effect for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, certain provinces in Cambodia, Guam, or American Samoa (or their territorial waters), or the Johnston Atoll (or a ship that called there) during specific time periods. Applies for health care eligibility.

Note: This will go into effect immediately for eligible Veterans who are terminally ill, homeless, under extreme financial hardship, are over 85 years old, or otherwise can demonstrate sufficient cause.



OCTOBER 1, 2022 - OCTOBER 1, 2023:

1-year period for care and enrollment for Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after 11/11/98, and who were discharged or released between 9/11/01-10/1/13.



NOVEMBER 8, 2022:

Begin incorporating toxic exposure screening for enrolled Veterans.



OCTOBER 1, 2024:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released August 2, 1990 - September 11, 2001.



OCTOBER 1, 2026:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released September 12, 2001 - December 31, 2006.



OCTOBER 1, 2028:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2012.



OCTOBER 1, 2030:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2018.



OCTOBER 1, 2032:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Category 3.



2022 PACT ACT: UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

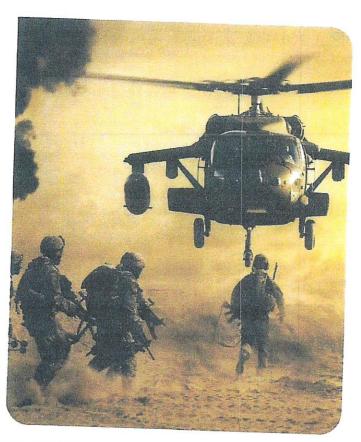


PACT ACT OVERVIEW

What does toxic exposure mean?

As a general matter, there are several types of possible exposures or hazards Veterans may have experienced during their military service, including:

- » AIR POLLUTANTS: Burn pits, oil well fires, sulfur fire, sand, dust, and particulates
- » CHEMICALS: Agent Orange or other herbicides, burn pits, Camp Lejeune water supplies, pesticides, depleted uranium, chromium, or industrial solvents
- » RADIATION: Nuclear weapons testing, x-rays, or depleted uranium
- » WARFARE AGENTS: Chemical warfare agents, nerve agents, mustard gas, herbicide tests, and storage
- » OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS: Asbestos, lead, fuels, industrial solvents, radiation, vibration, noise, special paint on military vehicles, and some coolants or insulating fluids



(%)

HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

What are the new health care eligibility criteria?

The PACT Act helps advance a top VA priority: getting more Veterans into VA care by expanding eligibility for, and the availability of, health care services for Veterans. The law **expands health care eligibility** to several groups of Veterans who may not have been eligible before and requires VA to **phase in hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for any illness to three new categories** of Veterans.

- » CATEGORY 1: Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (as defined by law) while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.
- » CATEGORY 2: Veterans who were assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time:
 - On or after August 2, 1990, in: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or the United Arab Emirates
 - On or after September 11, 2001, in: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, or any other country determined relevant by VA.
- » CATEGORY 3: Veterans who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, or Resolute Support Mission.

» ON OCTOBER 1, 2022:

Presumptions of service connection take effect for Veterans who served in the **Republic of Vietnam** (from 1/9/62–5/7/75), **Thailand** at any US or Royal Thai base (from 1/9/62–6/30/76), **Laos** (from 12/1/65–9/30/69), certain provinces in **Cambodia** (from 4/16/69–4/30/69), **Guam**, or **American Samoa** or their territorial waters (from 1/9/62–7/31/80), or the **Johnston Atoll** or a ship that called there (from 1/1/72–9/30/77). **This applies for health care eligibility and will go into effect immediately for eligible Veterans who are terminally ill, homeless, under extreme financial hardship, are over 85 years old, or otherwise can demonstrate sufficient cause.**

» BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND OCTOBER 1, 2023: Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, may receive care and apply for enrollment for VA health care. Enrollment is free, there are no annual costs, and care may be free as well.



2022 PACT ACT: UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS



HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

What is a toxic exposure screening? How will it help Veterans?

Veterans will be **asked questions about potential exposure** to an open burn pit or other hazards and symptoms commonly associated with military environmental exposure. These questions will help VA health care providers individualize health care services **to improve health outcomes and patient experience**. This will also help VA identify other potential risks for Veterans and inform future policy decisions.

How will a Gulf War or Post-9/11 Combat Veteran's eligibility be impacted?

The PACT Act extends and expands VA health care eligibility. All Veterans are encouraged to apply for VA healthcare, regardless of separation date. VA health care eligibility depends on service history and other factors.

Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged or released:

- » Between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, will have a special enrollment period between October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023 (if not previously enrolled in VA health care). During this one-year period, Veterans will have another opportunity to receive care and apply for enrollment. We strongly encourage them to do so to ensure health care is available now or in the future. Enrollment is free, there are no annual costs, and care may be free as well.
- » After October 1, 2013, are eligible for free VA health care for any condition related to service, and to enroll in VA health care, for up to 10 years from the most recent discharge or separation date.

What is the Burn Pit Registry? How can a Veteran register?

The <u>VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry</u> aims to help VA better understand potential health effects of exposures and proactively identify health concerns Veterans can discuss with their health care providers for follow-up care.

Veterans deployed to **Southwest Asia or Egypt** after August 2, 1990, or **Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, or Uzbekistan** on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible to <u>participate in the registry.</u>

Participation is voluntary and cannot negatively impact VA health care access or compensation and benefits claims. Exposure to specific airborne hazards or having related health concerns is not required to participate in the registry.



BENEFITS

What is a presumption of service connection?

VA assumes certain diseases or illnesses can be related to a Veteran's military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits and health care services for these conditions.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

Veterans and survivors can file claims for all conditions outlined in the PACT Act immediately.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma that was diagnosed after service, Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (also called hypertension).

Can Veterans apply now?

VA is considering the presumptive conditions established in the PACT Act to be applicable on the date the bill becomes law. We encourage all Veterans who believe they may be entitled to benefits to apply now.

What evidence must Veterans submit when filing a claim?

Veterans should submit any supportive evidence along with their claims. The PACT Act states that in processing claims for compensation related to toxic exposure, VA may consider any Veteran record in an exposure tracking record system. If no record exists, VA may consider the totality of circumstances. Claims processors can also assist Veterans filing a claim by gathering any identified medical evidence and requesting an examination or medical opinion to substantiate the claim.

Veterans now eligible for benefits based on a presumption of service connection are encouraged to file a claim using <u>VA Form 21-526EZ</u>, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits, or a supplemental claim using <u>VA Form 20-0995</u>, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim.



2022 PACT ACT: UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS



BENEFITS

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim for any of these conditions, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.

What actions should Veterans take who have never filed a claim for one of these conditions?

Veterans who are diagnosed with one of the new presumptive conditions and meet eligibility requirements should **submit a new claim** for consideration using <u>VA.Form 21-526EZ</u>, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

Will family members or dependents—those who lost a loved one during the re-adjudication process or those who lost a loved one who was previously denied a claim—receive any benefits because of the PACT Act?

Family members or dependents of a deceased Veteran may qualify for various VA benefits due to the additional disabilities defined in the PACT Act if they meet eligibility requirements. Benefits available include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Accrued, and Burial benefits.

- » DIC is a monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or parent(s) of a deceased Veteran who died in the line of duty or from a service-connected disability or disabilities. Evidence must show the Veteran's death was caused by, or related to, the Veteran's time in service.
- » Accrued benefits are one-time payments to an eligible surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on the relationship when the evidence of record shows benefits, such as disability compensation or Veterans pension, were due but unpaid prior to the Veteran's passing. A family member of the deceased Veteran may also qualify by providing evidence of payment for the Veteran's final expenses or burial.

- » Burial benefits are a flat-rate payment to assist in covering eligible Veteran burial in a national cemetery and funeral costs. VA may provide burial benefits to a family member or dependent of a deceased Veteran who met the qualifications at the time of their passing. VA pays service-connected burial, non-service-connected burial, plot or interment allowance, and transportation reimbursement.
- » Health care through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) may also be available for survivors and dependents of Veterans who are now, or who would have been, eligible for a serviceconnected disability.

How can a Veteran apply for VA health care?



Apply online at

VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction



Call the toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET



Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits VA Form 10-10EZ



Bring a completed, signed <u>VA Form 10-10EZ</u> to the nearest VA Medical Center or clinic.

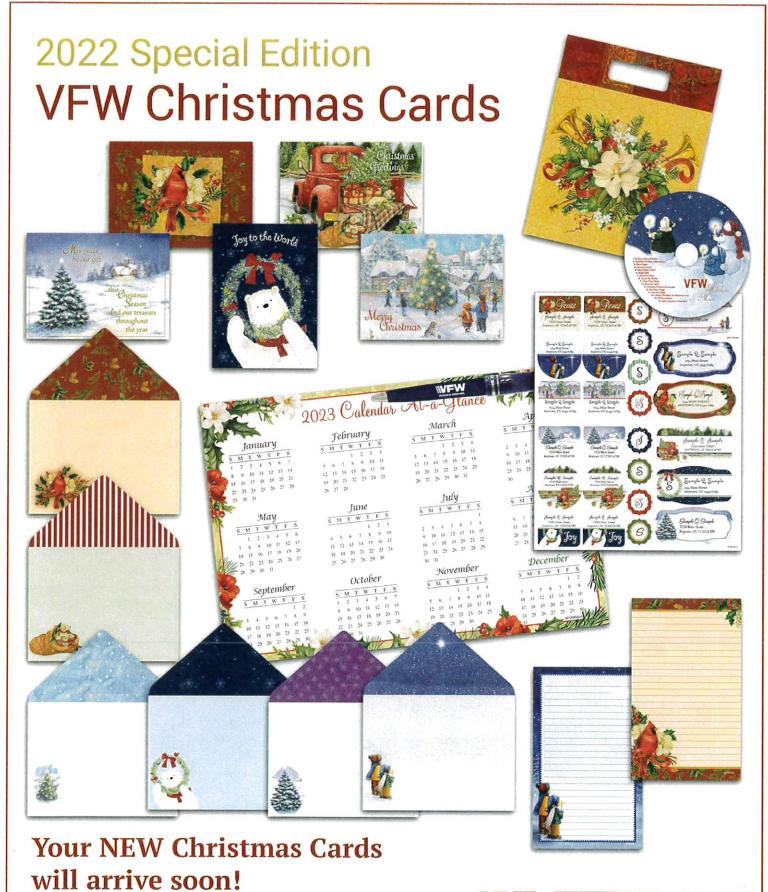
How can a Veteran file a disability claim?

Veterans who wish to file a claim must complete <u>VA Form 21-526EZ</u> to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.

Veterans can learn about standard VA disability, supplemental, and secondary claims by visiting: VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file

Note: VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. Most claims previously denied will not automatically be reviewed under the PACT Act, and Veterans who were previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new policies.





The holidays are a clear reminder of the "gift" our veterans and service members have given to us – the gift of freedom! Please help keep our Department Programs strong with your continued support.



SportClips 4th Annual Help a Hero Golf Tournament

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September 10, 6-9 pm

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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE will conduct a

Patriot Day Flag Geremony September 11, 2022 11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall 325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929



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Stars and Strikes Bowling Fundraiser <

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (4:30 PM - 7:00 PM) (MST ((GMT-07:00) Mountain Time - Arizona))

Description

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) is proud to host this "Stars and Strikes Bowling Fundraiser" event on September 14th at AMF Tempe Village Lanes, presented by EMCOR Facilities Services. A portion of proceeds from this evening's event will go back to the Military Affairs Committee to assist us in its mission: "To serve as a proactive voice supporting military personnel in the greater Phoenix area."

Single ticket or team lanes are available!

Sponsored lane packages are a great way to show your organization's support of this long-standing program. There will be food, drinks, a 50/50 raffle, fun and lots of socializing. At the end of the night, the bowler with the highest score will receive a special gift.

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- Registered Guests



VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
will conduct a
Prisoner of War / Missing in Action
National Remembrance Day
September 16, 2022
11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall 325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929



VFW Post 2364 Pinetop/Lakeside



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Saturday, October 1 — Sunday October 2 Hilton DoubleTree

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Hotel reservations are open for Fall Conference. Book online or by phone on or before *September 9, 2022*. \$45 Dinner Orders due September 19.

Dinners ordered after September 19 will be \$50. See separate page for Dinner Order Form

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ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL INVITES PUBLIC TO VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION: HONOR. SALUTE. SUPPORT

The public is invited to Honor, Salute and Support our veterans and their families at the Anthem Veterans Memorial 11th Annual Veterans Day Concert and Ceremony. The Anthem Veterans Memorial begins its second decade of educational programming with an exciting program that will bring new elements of patriotism to the event.

FREE CONCERT: The program will begin at **9:30 a.m. with a free concert** of our favorite patriotic music performed by ProMusica Arizona Chorale and Orchestra.

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS PINNING: During the concert, all Vietnam War veterans are invited to approach the front of the stage to be awarded the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Vietnam War pin.

Explains Elizabeth Turner, AVM programming director, "The AVM has partnered with the Vietnam War Commemorative Program since it began in 2012. Then President Obama designated from May 28, 2012 through November 11, 2025, our nation will commemorate and honor our Vietnam War veterans as they did not receive the welcome home deserved of all veterans who sacrifice to serve our nation. This commemorative pin symbolizes our recognition and respect for our Vietnam Veterans and allow us to personally say to them, 'Welcome Home.' We are grateful to the **Daisy Mountain Veterans** who will assist us in this Welcome Home pinning."

NEW! BREAKFAST: Tennessee Grill, owned by a Marine veteran, will sell breakfast sandwiches and beverages prior to the start of the ceremony. Tells Tennessee Grill owner, Ryan Ladiser, "Being able to serve as the food vendor at this ceremony comes with great pride. We are honored to help open the second decade of AVM programming and to support this patriotic event. We hope everyone comes early to have a picnic breakfast as they listen to the free pre-ceremony concert and watch our Vietnam Veterans welcomed home. The ceremony this year will be amazing this year."

CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

The Veterans Day ceremony will follow the concert at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:15 a.m. This year we will pay special tribute to the following:

- 100th anniversary of US Navy aircraft carriers with video from the USS Nimitz.
- 60th anniversary of the US Navy Seals with video from the Navy Seal Foundation.
- US Air Force 75th birthday with support from Luke Air Force Base,
- 30th Anniversary of Operation Restore Hope

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The keynote address will be given by Colonel Thomas H. Kirk, Jr. (USAF, Retired). Tells Turner, "Colonel Kirk is an inspiration to us all. His heroism and his enduring spirit of optimism provide hope to every person who is fortunate to know him and learn from him. Every person who attends this ceremony will come away with a unique perspective of the meaning behind veteran service and sacrifice." (Biography, p. 3).

CEREMONY MUSIC: Musical Theatre of Anthem, ProMusica, Arizona Chorale and Orchestra, Lo Becker, a USAF veteran, Denver, Co., will be present for a live performance of his song, "Thank 'em." **We also have a very special country music video surprise and tribute performance.**

LED Screens: LED Screens will be used to project the ceremony for easy visibility of speakers, music and videos. Tells Turner, "This year we are adding closed caption to elevate the experience for our attendees."

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: Lt. Colonel Amber Cargile (USAF, Retired). Lt. Colonel Cargile has a long history of volunteer service with the AVM. In 2011, she served as the protocol advisor. Since then she has been active in script research and serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies, ensuring the flawless timing of the event leading to the solar spotlight.

AWARD PRESENTATION: The Anthem Service Award will be presented by Darrin Francum, Anthem Community Council, Board of Directors, chair and U.S. Navy veteran.

SOLAR SPOTLIGHT: November 11, 11:11 a.m. near conclusion of ceremony. At exactly 11:11 a.m., the sun's rays will pass through the ellipses (circles) in each of the military branch pillars to cast a perfect solar spotlight on a glass mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States, surrounded by 2200 veteran commemorative pavers in the Circle of Honor.

SEATING: Seating is limited. We encourage guests to bring lawn blankets and chairs.

SPONSORS: Funded in part by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services as made available through the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund; Associated Asset Management; Nanette McClelland-Miler – State Farm.

PARKING: The parking adjacent to the AVM is open **only** to ADA permitted drivers, drop off for special circumstances, law enforcement, security and first responders. Motorcycles will not be permitted in this parking lot. Parking is available across the street from the AVM (Gavilan Peak/Anthem Way), across the street from park pond (Anthem Way), at the soccer field parking lot off Gavilan Peak Parkway, and at the Anthem Community Center on Freedom Way. Locals are encouraged to carpool and walk.

VOLUNTEER/SPONSOR: Those who would like to volunteer their time and talents, become a sponsor or donate to offset ceremony expenses, please contact Elizabeth Turner at ElizabethTurnerUS@yahoo.com or 623-640-8417.

ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL LOCATION: Anthem Veterans Memorial, Anthem Community Park, 41703 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem, AZ 85086.

BIOGRAPHY FOR COLONEL THOMAS H. KIRK, JR. (USAF, RETIRED)

Colonel Thomas H. Kirk, Jr. graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and became a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He flew missions in the Korean War and on numerous NATO deployments. He was sent to the Vietnam War as a Squadron Commander.

On October 28, 1967, Colonel Kirk planned and led a 24-aircraft strike force against an important and heavily defended railroad and highway bridge near Hanoi. Despite seven Surface-to-Air missiles being fired at him and extremely poor visibility, Colonel Kirk led his force to a precise ordnance deliver point, placing his own bombs directly on the target. During recovery from the bomb run, his aircraft sustained a direct hit from the extremely intense anti-aircraft fire. He courageously flew his burning aircraft until it became completely uncontrollable and he was forced to eject over hostile territory. The Colonel was captured and held a POW for nearly 6 years.

He was awarded the Air Force Cross for his, "extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as an F-105 Pilot of the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron." The citation noted, "Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness, Lieutenant Colonel Kirk reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

After his return to the United States, Colonel Kirk became the Deputy Commander for Operations and then the Wing Commander of the 29th Flying Training Wing at Craig AFB, Alabama. He next served as Deputy Commander of the Lowry Technical Training Center at Lowry AFB, Colorado, and finally as Vice Commander of all Special Forces in Europe before retiring from the Air Force on March 31, 1978. In addition to receiving the Air Force Cross, the Colonel received 4 Silver Stars, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Legions of Merit, 2 Bronze Stars (one for Valor), 7 Air Medals and a Purple Heart. He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Anthem Veterans Memorial Service Award.

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ABOUT THE ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

The award-winning Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM), a project of the Anthem Community Council (ACC), is located in Anthem Community Park. The Memorial was dedicated Nov. 11, 2011 to honor the service and sacrifice of our country's armed forces. It is a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and also is a place to show respect to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve our country. The AVM received Arizona Historic Landmark status in April 2012.



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August 15, 2022

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

In 2007 the Worcester Family, along with Veterans and volunteers, formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to continue and expand their efforts at Arlington National Cemetery and support those around the country who wished to do the same. Wreaths Across America's mission is simple: Remember the Fallen, Honor those that Serve and Teach the next generation about the value of freedom. Morrill Worcester's wife, Karen, has served as the organization's volunteer Executive Director since the non-profit was created and today oversees what has become a massive volunteer organization that continues to grow. In 2021, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed 2.4 million Veterans wreaths at over 3,139 locations in all fifty U.S. States, at sea and abroad.

In 2021 there were wreaths placed in the following cemetery's: 38 Pinetop, 216 Lakeside, 81 Vernon, 36 Nutrioso, 54 Alpine, and 277 on the Fort Apache Reservation for a total of 702 wreaths. This year our goal is to place at least the same as last year (702) or more. The cost of each handmade, fresh, live wreath is \$15.00 to sponsor and is made in the United States with Maine balsam. With your generosity we are hoping to meet this years goal or more and ensure that no veteran is forgotten.

This year, National Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Locally, a ceremony will begin at 11:00 am. at the Pinetop-Lakeside Veterans Memorial Park at Town Hall located at 325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85292, followed by placement of wreaths at the Lakeside Cemetery located at 1265 Larson Road, Lakeside: followed by wreath placement at Pinetop, Vernon, Nutrioso, Alpine, and the Fort Apache Reservation Cemeteries. This is open to anyone who would like to attend or help.

On behalf of the volunteers and military families looking to honor all Veterans laid to rest at the Lakeside, Pinetop, Vernon, Nutrioso, Alpine, and the Fort Apache Reservation Cemeteries and the Wreaths Across America extended family, I thank you for your consideration of this patriotic cause.

Remember, Honor, Teach.

Respectfully,

John M. Beeler

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Location Coordinator Wreaths Across America

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Attachment: Wreath Sponsorship Form



Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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Time and Places:

- 9/17 at Auxiliary 12098 402 E. Narramore Ave, Buckeye
- 9/18 at Auxiliary 9907 381 N. Central Ave, Show Low
- 9/25 at Post 1709 409 W. Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff
- 12/3 at Post 6790 29389 Oakland Ave, Wellton
- 12/4 at Post 10005 1611 Marble Canyon Dr, Bullhead City
- 12/11 at Post 3584 405 W. Main St. Superior
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Come to any training that works for your schedule.

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District Meetings 2021-2022

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PLANNING CALENDAR DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

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Feb	04	District 3 Meeting, 10am	Post 12098, Buckeye
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July	22-27	National Convention		Phoenix, AZ
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Aug 9-	14	National Convention	<u>2025</u>	Columbus, OH
Aug 15	5-20	National Convention	<u>2026</u>	Salt Lake City

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REQUIRED MONTHLY REPORTS 2022-2023

Reminder: All reports are due by the 10th of each month.

(Check Reports at VFWAZ.com, Resources/Reports and Forms) All Reports are to be sent to the Chairperson and their names and addresses are on each report. Reports are to be sent to the following addresses:

Hospital Reports:

Email: vfwazhospitalchair@hotmail.com

Chair: Vince Smith

Mail:

Department Hospital Chairman

3381 N. Navajo Dr.

Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Phone: 602-614-4618

Service Officer Report:

Email: vfw.vbapho@va.gov

Chair: Ken Deist

FAX: 602-627-3320

Mail: **VFW Regional Office**

3333 N. Central Ave, Suite 1049

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Phone: 602-627-3316

Veterans & Military Support:

Email: tjudd1@frontiernet.net

Chair: Tom Judd

Mail:

Dept VMS Chairman

381 N. 3rd Ave

Show Low, AZ 85901

Phone: 928-940-0629

Chaplain Report:

Email:

deptchaplain.az@gmail.com

Chair: Phil Erickson

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1226 N. Hilton Road

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Phone: 480-789-2630

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Chair: Angela Kruse

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Angela Kruse, CSR Chair

4160 S. Dixon Dr.

Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Phone: 830-237-4649

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ALL District Commanders

Mail:

Dept of AZ VFW, ATTN Adjutant

6423 S. Ash Ave Tempe, AZ 85283

As of:	8/31/2022		QM Bond		Tarroto Andito	Tustee Audits		Buddy Poppy Arizona	Buddy Poppy All Amer	Vets & Military Support	Donation to Svc Office	AZ VFW Charities	Arizona Cottage	State Delegate Fees
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769	Quartzsite	1	X	X				X	X	AA		X	X	PAID
836	Bisbee	7	X	X				1	2					38.50
1433	Glendale	3	X					5	8					143.00
1677	Casa Grande	10	X	X				X	X	AA	X		X	PAID
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District 7	X								
District 8	X	X				AA	X	X	X
District 10	X	X					X	X	X

QM Bond is \$4.00 per \$1000 **P** = Pending Paperwork

Trustee Audits due 45 days after the end of each quarter

X = Properly Completed Audit Received on time E = Audit rcvd needing to be corrected

Buddy Poppy Program 2022-2023 X = Ordered

Multiply # in Box by 500 for required purchase.

Arizona: Each Post is required to buy either 3 poppies per member or a minimum of 500 whichever is greater

All American: 5 poppies per member required

AZ Cottage - \$30.00 Voluntary Donation

VMS: Vets & Military Support AZ = Arizona, AA: All-American Any amount accepted.

\$100 minimum to be considered for All-American

VMS: Online Donation, do not send to Department, unless post has no Debit Card https://heroes.vfw.org/page/22950/donate/1

State Delegate Fees-

These fees are to help defray costs for 2023 Convention Scottsdale.

\$ = Money Due

If paying all with one check, please attach a note with a breakdown of how much for each item.

Please make all checks payable to: VFW Dept. of AZ and Mail to:

VFW Dept of AZ 6423 S. Ash Ave Tempe, AZ 85283

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Community Service Monthly Report as of:

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

VMS (Veterans & Military Support); EMT (Emergency Medical Technician); LE (Police, Sheriff, Border Patrol & USCG Auxiliary); Legend: VoD (Voice of Democracy; PP (Patriot's Pen); ToY (Teacher of the Year); P/M (POW/MIA); LD (Loyalty Day); BP (Buddy Poppy);

x = Report Submitted; Blank Field = No Report Submitted or that Item Not Completed; Send all reports to: VFW Dept. of AZ • 6423 S. Ash Ave • Tempe, AZ 85283 • azvfwreport@gmail.com • Fax 480-994-3730

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10385 THATCHER	7		_								0.00	\$0.00
404 MOHAVE VALLEY	∞	×	×				×	×	×	×	93.00	\$227.50
2190 CHLORIDE	8		×								4.00	\$1.40
2555 GOLDEN VALLEY	8	<u>×</u>	×					×	×		20.00	\$158.40
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6306 GOLDEN SHORES	82	\dashv									0.00	\$0.00
9401 LAKE HAVASU CITY	8	×	×	_							51.75	\$82.85
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NOTE:

- 1. Block Empty = No Report
- 2. Block has 0 = Wrong Form/No Info/or No Activity BUT Report is Accepted
- 3. Block has X = Report is Accepted
- 4. Block has L = Report is after the 10th Not Accepted