



## Paralyzed Veterans of America

North Central Chapter

A Member Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of  
America

## North Central Chapter

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North Central Chapter

April/May 2022

### Upcoming Events April/May 2022



4-1/3 . . . Nevada Trapshoot,  
Las Vegas

4-14 . . . Membership Meeting,  
Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon  
and 1:00 PM Meeting

4-17 . . . Easter Sunday

4-20 . . . SD Veterans Council  
Meeting, Alliance Building, 9:00  
AM

4-28 . . . SF Veterans Council  
Meeting, Alliance Building, 7:00  
PM

5-6/7 . . . Howard Wood Dakota  
Relays, Howard Wood Field

5-8 . . . Mother's Day

5-12 . . . Membership Meeting,  
Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon  
and 1:00 PM Meeting

5-17/21 . . . PVA National Con-  
vention, Atlanta, GA

5-21 . . . Armed Forces Day Pro-  
gram, Alliance Building, Sioux  
Falls, 10:00 AM

5-26/27 . . . 19th Annual NCPVA  
Walleye Fishing Event, Chamberlain

5-26 . . . SF Veterans Council  
Meeting, Alliance Building, 7:00  
PM

5-30 . . . Memorial Day Program,  
SD State Veterans Cemetery,  
10:00 AM

5-30 . . . Memorial Day, Office  
Closed

### Notice of PVA North Central Chapter Election

#### Election Timeline

#### April 1

Nominations Open. Nominations may be made in person or by any other electronic means. **Submit bio/photo and why you would be a good candidate.**

#### April 30

Nominations Closed.

#### May 1

Ballots will be mailed out with a self-addressed return envelope. Ballots must be returned in the envelope in a timely manner.

#### June 9

Election results will be reported at the Annual Membership Meeting.

#### October 1

New term of office begins

In accordance with Chapter bylaws, election of Officers will be held annually, and the Officers will serve a one (1) year term. Officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the Annual June Chapter Membership Meeting, the Election Committee will report the election results.

**Certification of Membership** - If a write-in candidate be elected, he or she shall have thirty (30) days to successfully complete the certification process, if not previously certified. If you have any questions on the election procedure, contact the Chapter Office.

### SD State Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund

With the passing of SB 91, the South Dakota Veterans Council has established an Endowment Fund with the South Dakota Community Foundation. This fund will be used for the maintenance and operations of the veterans cemetery.

The South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery will be located at the 1-90/I-229 area in Sioux Falls, SD and will encompass up to 50 acres of land donated by the City of Sioux Falls.

All federally defined veterans, spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in the State Veterans Cemetery.

We are proud to be able to give our veterans their final resting place on the eastside and keep them close to their families.

If you would like to contribute to the Endowment Fund, please click on the following link:

<https://sdcommunityfoundation.org/for-advisors/existing-funds/south-dakota-veterans-cemetery-fund/>



*Monday, May 30th  
Office will be closed*

## **PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**

### **North Central Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America**

#### **OFFICERS**

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**605-336-3230 ext. 7898**

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**701-239-3765**

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**605-720-7003**

#### **— Attention Members —**

If you are receiving your newsletter by mail and would like to receive this via email, please contact me at the Chapter Office  
(LisaC@ncpva.org/605-336-0494) with your email address. This will help save the Chapter on postage and printing costs.



<http://www.facebook.com/ncpva>

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## PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

### Membership-Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 166 members and 86 Associate Members.

**Regular membership is FREE!** If you know of anyone who has a spinal cord injury or disease, please have the Veteran contact the Chapter office.

***Beginning October 1st, all Associate Members will be invoiced for Annual Dues. Annual dues are \$30 per year and Life Dues are \$200.00.***

***Thank you to those who have sent in their dues!!***

Please notify the Chapter when you have  
a change of address.

### Volunteer Program-Charles Doom

The Chapter had 236 hours for the month of February. Terry Paulsen and Gene Murphy were Feb/March 2022 Volunteers of the Month. Remember to look for your volunteer number in the newsletter and win a \$25 Gift Card! If you see your number, call the Chapter Office!



### **“Friends Aiming High”**

**by John Green**

Framed and Matted - \$275

Print Only - \$75

To order your print, please contact the  
Chapter Office at (605) 336-0494



### National PVA Scholarship Program is Now Open

*We want to invest in you and your higher education!*

Paralyzed Veterans of America is proud to offer funds to PVA members and their immediate family members through our Educational Scholarship Program.

We will award scholarships in the amount of **\$2,500 to full-time students** and **\$1,000 to part-time students** for the 2022-2023 academic year.

### Eligibility - Qualified members are:

- A PVA member, the spouse of a member, or an unmarried child (under 24 years of age) who is dependent (as defined by the IRS) on the member for principal support.
- A citizen of the United States.
- Accepted and enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited U.S. college or university
- **Please Note:** Previous award recipients may apply, but are limited to a total of two scholarships in a lifetime.

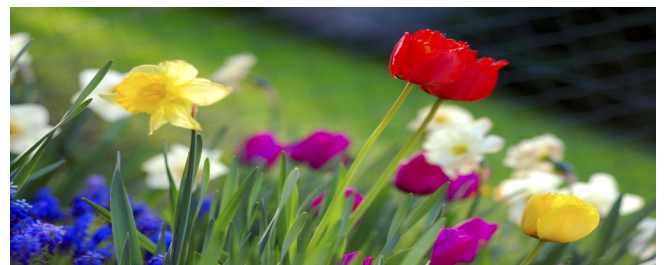
### Submission Process

**Application Opened: March 1, 2022**

**Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2022**

Apply Online at <https://bit.ly/pva-scholarships>

Questions? Contact [christih@pva.org](mailto:christih@pva.org)



## PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

### VA will Propose Adding Rare Cancers to the Presumed Service-Connected List as Related to Military Environmental Exposure

WASHINGTON (3-1-2022) — The Department of Veterans Affairs intends to propose adding certain rare respiratory cancers to the list of [presumed service-connected disabilities](#) in relation to military environmental exposure to particulate matter. VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biologic plausibility between airborne hazards, specifically particulate matter, and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract, and that the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

Based on these findings, VA's Secretary is proposing a rule that will add presumptive service connection for several rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans. The cancers under consideration include:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

"This is the right decision. The rarity and severity of these illnesses, and the reality that these conditions present a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence prompted us to take this critical action," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "We'll continue to hold ourselves accountable to Veterans to provide more care, more benefits and more services to more Veterans than ever before."

VA intends to focus its rule on the rare respiratory cancers above in Veterans who served any amount of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations and other locations. VA will invite and consider public comments as part of this process.

Once rulemaking is complete, VA will conduct outreach to impacted veterans and survivors to inform them about potential eligibility.

### USS Iowa Veterans Association to Gather in South Dakota

Each year, the USS Iowa Veterans Association hosts a reunion, allowing former shipmates of all generations to get together, renew past friendships, make new friendships, learn from each other, share experiences, and swap sea stories.

The 2022 Reunion site is at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City and will be held August 19-23, 2022.

If interested in attending, you can register at::

[2022 reunion registration form rapid city.docx](#)  
([ussiwavetassn.com](http://ussiwavetassn.com))

To learn more about the USS Iowa Veterans Association, visit:

[Veterans Association, USS Iowa Veterans Association](#)  
([ussiwavetassn.com](http://ussiwavetassn.com))

If you are a federal government employee or your employer offers a charitable giving campaign through United Way, you can help us to continue our programs and services we offer to our members, veterans and other individuals with disabilities.

### CONTRIBUTION CODE:

**54682**



Wherever we are,  
we can change the world together.

Join the CFC community to help those in need. As a federal employee, you can give to the charities you care about through payroll deduction, sign up to volunteer, and Be the Face of Change.



## **PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**

### **If Only Grief had a Road Map**

*About the Author: Whitney Schroeder is the Adolescent Occupational Therapist at HSC and provides individual OT services group programing including grief group.*

Wouldn't it be ideal if we could tell Siri to pull up the quickest route out of grief? Avoiding all major road-blocks, intersections, and traffic. To be able to have a smooth ride and hear her soothing voice say, "you have arrived." Unfortunately, Siri isn't equipped for this. Sometimes I think we feel the same way, unequipped for the journey that is grief. There are times we don't even realize the ways grief affects areas of our daily life.

Often individuals find their sleep patterns, eating habits, temperament, and interests have changed.

A common question that is asked is "Will I always feel this way?" The answer to that question is not simple. Grief was once explained to me like this. If you were to draw a square, then draw a circle inside that square, the circle is your grief and the square represents your everyday life, your feelings, and your pain. At first the circle is big, and it feels like it is always touching the square. Over time the circle begins to become smaller but can still roll its way to the edge of the square knocking us off the course we thought we had found.

We have a picture of our grief - a road that is not clearly laid out. But how do we keep living while simultaneously trying to navigate it? The key is to start by acknowledging your grief little by little. It can feel like an impossible road to travel. If there could be any good news with grief, it is that you are not alone. Although each grief journey is unique, crossing paths with another person that is trying to navigate the journey often gives those who grieve hope.

No, Siri is not equipped to pull up the direct route through grief. But you are. Will the journey have peaks and valleys? Of course. I encourage you to reflect on your grief and see how it has affected your daily life. Take the steps to start your grief journey. You are the designer of this journey. Small consistent steps equate to big changes, don't be overwhelmed; just start.

- Some practical daily ideas to start designing your grief road map include taking inventory of your daily routine. Have you had major changes in your sleeping and eating patterns?

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- Do you need to consult professional help? Due to the complexity that comes with grief, getting professional help is a great place to start. Other options include joining a grief group and engaging in activities that provide you healthy ways to cope.
- When the journey allows, remember the way your loved one lived their life. Write down memories, cook recipes that remind you of them, look at pictures, or tell stories about them to others.

By starting the journey down the road called grief, you are taking steps towards healing and possibly providing encouragement and hope for others.

For information about available resource options, visit [dss.sd.gov](https://dss.sd.gov) and click on the Behavioral Health tab. You can also visit [605Strong.com](https://605Strong.com) or dial 211 to reach the 211 Helpline Center. Veterans can call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

### **South Dakota Veterans Council**

The South Dakota Veterans Council will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**, at Military Heritage Alliance Building, Spirit of America Room, starting at 9:00 AM.



*You are welcome  
to attend!*

### **2022 Armed Forces Day Program**

**Saturday, May 21st**

**Alliance Building, Sioux Falls, 10:00 AM**



### **2022 Memorial Day Program**

**Monday, May 30th**

**SD State Veterans Cemetery, 10:00 AM**

*(Shuttle Busing will be provided from Alliance  
Building, Sioux Falls)*

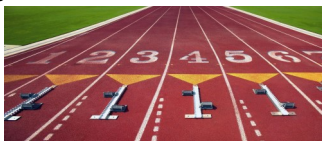
## **PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, SPORTS & REC**

### **Howard Wood Dakota Relays 2022**

**Friday/Saturday, May 6-7**

**Howard Wood Field**

**Sioux Falls, SD**



### **Free Admission to the 2022 Howard Wood Dakota Relays**

For the past several years, the Howard Wood Dakota Relays has established a **MILITARY ENTRANCE** at the front gates of Howard Wood Field to allow members and former members of the National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, active components, and all veterans to be admitted free. Along with sponsorship from the Sioux Falls Skies the Limit Youth Foundation the Dakota Relays Board is doing this again this year.

The Dakota Relays are on Friday and Saturday, May 6th and May 7th this year at Howard Wood Field. Field events begin at 11:00 AM Friday with running events beginning at 2:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM Saturday morning. The final event will be contested at 6:30 PM Saturday evening.

This invitation is being extended to all the above and their immediate families. All veterans or service members need to do is identify themselves at the gate, and they will be admitted without question. ID cards are not necessary.

We certainly appreciate the sacrifices of all our service members and veterans of all eras, and we take this opportunity to thank them!

### **Upcoming Trapshoots in June 2022**

Vaughan Trapshoot, Elburn, IL

June 3-5, 2022

Wisconsin Trapshoot, Green Bay, WI

June 10-12, 2022

Iowa Trapshoot, Cedar Rapids, IA

June 17-19, 2022



For more information,  
contact the Chapter Office.  
(605) 336-0494

### **Firefighters/ PVA Joe Niemeyer Memorial**

#### **19th Annual "Gone Fishing" Event**

The PVA North Central Chapter/Firefighters is pleased to announce the 19th Annual Firefighters/PVA Joel Niemeyer Memorial "Gone Fishing" Wall-eye Event in Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD on May 26-27, 2022.

This event will be limited to the first 45 disabled anglers who respond.

PVA North Central Chapter will cover the cost of lodging on the night of Thursday, May 26th, for PVA members, disabled anglers, firefighters and volunteers who would like to participate in this event.

This is a fun non-competitive event!

For further registration information and questions,  
please contact:



PVA North Central Chapter  
209 North Garfield Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
(605) 336-0494  
or 1-800-505-4782

### **2022 Ellsworth Air and Space Show**

The Ellsworth Air & Space Show will be held May 14- 15, 2022. The show will feature aerial acts from some of the greatest airframes in the military inventory.

Featuring the Navy Blue Angels, this 2-day event is free and open to the public and will highlight the past, present, and future of military aviation technology.

This is the first time the air show has been held since 2015.

The events will celebrate the 80th anniversary for the base, the 80th anniversary for the Doolittle Raid, 35 years of B-1 Operations at the base, and the 75th birthday of the Air Force. It's also the first airshow since the Air Force announced it will be the main operating base for the B-21 Raiders.

You can learn more about the air show at: <https://www.ellsworthairshow.com/>

**PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, FUNDRAISING**

We're proud to be a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. Through the Thrivent programs, we are eligible to receive grant dollars, fee-free donations, and support from Thrivent Action Team service projects.

To learn more about Thrivent's membership benefits and generosity programs visit [thrivent.com/generosity](http://thrivent.com/generosity)

**Qualified****Charitable****Distributions**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs. Technically, these taxpayers were allowed to exclude from gross income otherwise taxable distributions from their IRA ("qualified charitable distributions," or QCDs), up to \$100,000, that were paid directly to a qualified charity.

These gifts are also known as "Charitable IRA rollovers." The law was originally scheduled to expire in 2007, but was extended periodically through 2014 by subsequent legislation, and finally made permanent by the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015.

### **Newsletter Booster Program**

### **Thank you for your support!**

Ronald and Darla Shelburg  
Alan & Kathryn Gobczynski  
Paul Hanson  
Dennis Hahnemann  
Paul Haggar

**Please support your local Chapter!****Newsletter Booster Program**

The North Central Chapter PVA publishes the newsletter 6 times per year. We would like to invite our PVA members, Associate Members, and business associates to help support the Newsletter Booster Program. Your name will be published in each newsletter (unless otherwise specified) for only \$10.00. Please help defray the cost of publishing by supporting **YOUR** Chapter. Thank you!

**I wish to make the following donation to the Newsletter Booster Program:**

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**PVA North Central Chapter, 209 N. Garfield Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

**PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION-TERRY PAULSEN****SD's Congressional Delegation, Governor, SDDVA and Veterans Organizations Denounce Downsizing of State's Veterans Affairs Health Facilities**

The South Dakota Congressional Delegation, Governor Kristi Noem, South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, along with the Veterans Organizations across the state have many concerns with the recently released VA Recommendations Report to the AIR Commission. We do plan to be a part of all hearings/townhalls that will be held in South Dakota. We will be leading a boots-on-the-ground grassroots effort to make sure the Commission hears the concerns of our veterans and their families.

The VA recommendation will turn the full-service VA hospitals in Fort Meade and Hot Springs into clinics; the Sioux Falls VA hospital will lose its emergency services; and the clinic in Wagner will completely close. Veterans in these areas will no longer have options and may have to drive hundreds of miles to obtain healthcare services. Tribal veterans, in particular, could lose their healthcare services entirely.

South Dakota is the best state in America to live and work as a veteran, and we will not stand for this betrayal. We will defend our South Dakota facilities and stand up for the men and women who stood up for us."

**VA Releases Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR REPORT)**

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs released its Asset and Infrastructure Review report, March 14, that includes recommendations by the VA Secretary to cement the department as the primary, world-class provider and coordinator of Veterans health care for generations to come. The VA MISSION Act requires Secretary McDonough to publish the AIR report in the Federal Register and submit it to Congress and a presidentially appointed AIR Commission. The AIR Commission will conduct public hearings as part of its review of VA's recommendations before submitting its own recommendations to the president for further review in 2023. The report's release marks the beginning of an in-depth deliberative process. The AIR report is the result of years of research and analysis intended to help VA build a health care network with the right facilities, in the right places, to provide the right care for all veterans, including underserved and at-risk veteran populations in every part of the country — making sure our facilities and services are accessible to veterans in their communities.

The recommendations center around improving access to and quality of care for veterans by ensuring the department's infrastructure in the decades ahead reflects veterans' needs and 21st century design standards. The VA is investing heavily in its number one asset — its employees, strengthening its public/private strategic partnerships, and elevating its role as the leading health care research entity and the leading health care

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research entity and the leading health care workforce training institution in the country. "The VA came to these recommendations by asking ourselves one question above all else: what's best for the veterans we serve? Because that is our number one goal, today and every day. That's what our Asset and Infrastructure Review recommendations are all about," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "We've spent the last several weeks and months communicating about this with VA employees, union partners, state partners, veteran service organizations, Congress, and more. I'm continuing to consult with our unions, and will do so moving forward, because I so appreciate the strong partnership, we have with them."

View the <https://www.va.gov/aircommissionreport/> AIR Commission report for more information.

View the <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/03/14/2022-05256/notice-of-the-department-of-veterans-affairs-recommendations-for-modernization-or-realignment-of> for the Federal Register Notice.

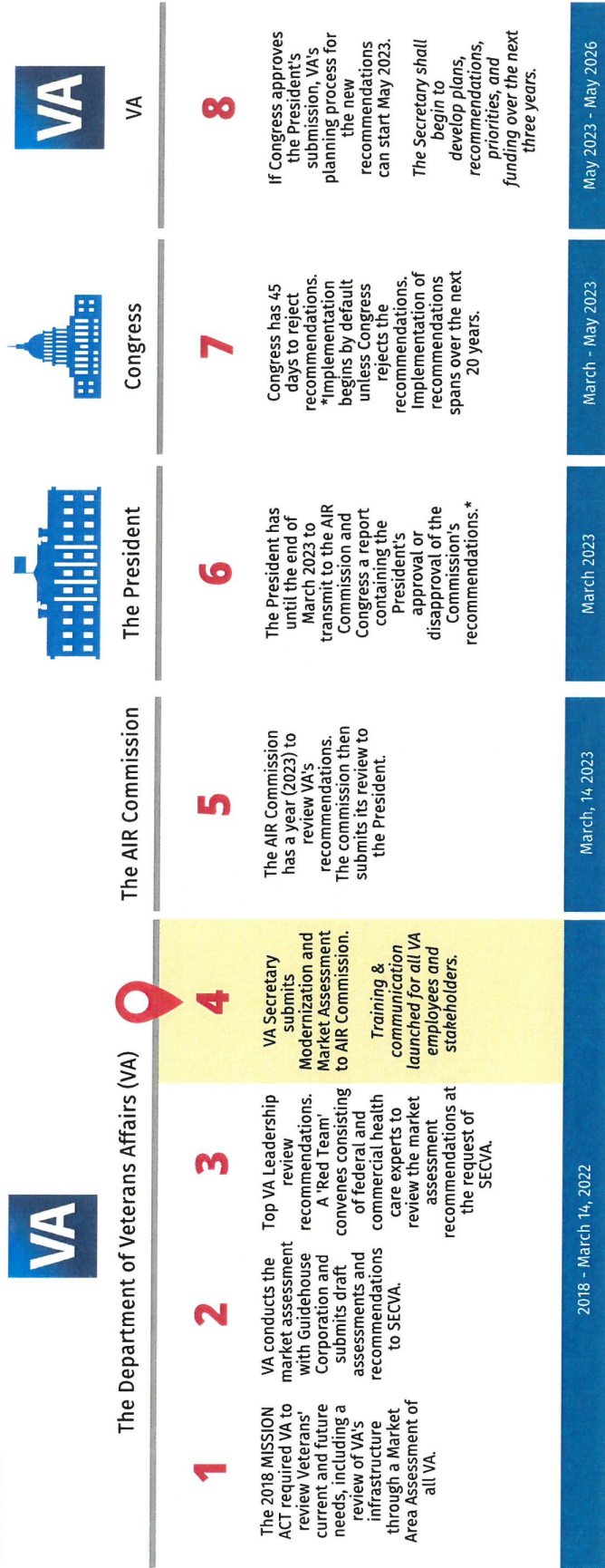
**Time Line of Air Report**

- The *VA MISSION Act* established a new process for the development, review, approval and implementation of a list of recommendations for the modernization and realignment of VHA medical facilities. The *VA MISSION Act* requires the VA Secretary to develop an initial list of recommendations, including the acquisition of new space, the modernization of existing space and the disposal of unneeded space. The Secretary was required to publish these recommendations in the Federal Register by January 31, 2022.
  - The *VA MISSION Act* also established an AIR Commission, a panel comprised of nine members nominated by the president and approved by the Senate, which is meant to review the recommendations submitted by the VA Secretary.
  - Once the commission is stood up and receives the department's recommendations, the Commission will conduct its own hearings and investigations, make its own recommendations and send the recommendations to the White House.
  - The AIR Commission is required to submit a final list of recommendations to the president by January 31, 2023.
  - The President is to notify the Commission and Congress if he approves or disapproves the list by February 15, 2023. If disapproved, the Commission may revise the recommendations and submit a new list by March 15, 2023.
  - The President has until March 30, 2023, to approve the Commission's initial or revised recommendations in their entirety and submit them to Congress, or the modernization and realignment process terminates.
- If the President approves the recommendations, Congress has 45 days from the date of approval to terminate the process by enacting a joint resolution of disapproval. If Congress does not enact a joint resolution of disapproval, the VA is required to implement the recommendations. (See next page)



# Timeline for Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) of VA's Modernization and Market Assessment Recommendations

Updated 2.24.2022



**9** Implementation of approved recommendations by AIR Commission, The President, and Congress will span over the next 20 years based on funding.

\*If the President disapproves the recommendations of the Commission, in whole or in part, the President shall transmit to the Commission and the Congress, not later than March 1, 2023, the reasons for that disapproval. The Commission shall then transmit to the President, not later than March 15, 2023, a revised list of recommendations for closures, modernizations, and realignments of facilities of the Veterans Health Administration.

\*\*Implementation begins by default unless Congress rejects the recommendations in their entirety within 45 days by enacting a joint resolution. The Secretary shall begin to implement the recommended modernizations and realignments in the report under section 103(d) not later than three years after the date on which the President transmits such report to Congress. Such implementation includes the planning of modernizations and realignments of facilities of the Veterans Health Administration as recommended in such report.

\*Dates subject to change.

**PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER****Security Logistics Intelligence Construction Engineering (SLICE)*****Termination of Veteran Transportation Services Contract***

Dear Veterans (March 4, 2022),

This letter is to inform you that the transportation services contract serving disabled veterans in South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota area will be terminated by the Veteran Administration (VA) **effective 2-28-2022.**

As a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business, it is sad that the only rationale provided by the VA for canceling the contract is that they have no requirements for transportation services provided by SLICE on a 24/7/365 basis. You can bet no VA employee is coming to provide a ride at 0330 AM.

If you receive notification from the VA Veteran Transportation Services (VTS) that they will no longer provide you transportation, and you would like to continue using SLICE Transportation Services, you will still be transported to and from your VHA approved appointment at **no cost to you.**

**You do not have to pay the driver or SLICE for the ride, we will file the invoice for your ride directly to the VA.**

SLICE has set up a website that either you or your caregiver can use to schedule rides. The website will automatically create an invoice for payment to the VA on a veteran behalf: <https://slice-c.com/webdesk>.

We will have our dispatcher at (605) 221-6303 enter your appointment data, if you are not able to and once the initial intake is completed, you can request an ambulatory, wheelchair, or other medical appointment ride in the same manner as you would an Uber or Lyft with the exception that SLICE drivers are not allowed under any circumstances to cancel a ride that would result in a veteran being late or missing a medical appointment.

Before using non-emergency transportation, be sure to contact the local travel office and inform them that you will be transported by SLICE.

I may be reached at 605-221-6303 or [cav-ery@dcid63.com](mailto:cav-ery@dcid63.com) if you have any inquiries. I an-

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icipate providing an on-demand level of services that outpaces what has been offered up to date by the VA. Respectfully,

Cecil Avery, Chief Executive Officer

101 South Reid Street

Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Telephone: 605-221-6303

**Veteran Phishing Warning**

If you receive a suspicious email from the Department of Veterans Affairs, **DO NOT** open the email or click on any attachments or links. VA does not send emails asking for personal information, threatening emails, or emails claiming to take adverse actions on claimants or beneficiaries (jail or lawsuits). If you receive any of these emails or are in doubts about any communications appearing to be from VA, please contact VA directly at 1-800-827-1000.

Phishing is a type of cyber-attack where the attackers sends a message designed to deceive a person and convince them to reveal sensitive information to the attacker. It is the most common means attackers use to gain unauthorized access to a device to obtain sensitive information.

Phishing emails can come from an unfamiliar sender or familiar looking sender with an email address that is off by a few letters. Additional, phishing emails can include large or "too good to be true" offers or attachments.

VA takes the security of Veterans seriously.

For more information, please see this [YouTube video](#) of VA's Office of Financial Management, Chief Financial Officer Charles Tapp II, on the proactive measures VA has taken to protect and prevent fraudulent activity and how you can protect your finances and personal data from fraud.

[VA blogs](#) also have information to help you stay vigilant at work and in your personal life and provide additional information on how phishing attacks are getting even more sophisticated

You can find more information to help keep you cyber-safe at [Cybercrime Support Network](#) and the [Scam Spotter organization](#). 15136

**PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER****House Approves Sweeping Measure to Provide Health Care, Benefits to Burn Pit Victims**

Washington (3-3-2022, Stars & Stripes - The House approved sweeping legislation that would expand Department of Veterans Affairs health care and benefits to veterans affected by burn pits and other toxic environments. House lawmakers voted 256-174 to approve the Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, known as the PACT Act. All those voting against the measure were Republicans, who cited cost concerns and urged Democrats to pass something more fiscally palatable to both parties. Thirty-four Republicans backed the legislation.

The measure must now go to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain future. Some senators prefer an incremental approach to expanding health care and benefits, rather than one comprehensive bill.

“We passed the most comprehensive legislation to date to treat toxic exposure as a cost of war and ensure that all toxic-exposed veterans can access the care and benefits they have earned,” said Rep. Mark Takano, D-California, the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. “This fight is not over, but I will not rest until our veterans have a guarantee in statute that their government will take care of them when they come home - no matter the cost.”

The bill would increase spending by about \$208 billion during the next decade because of the expanded eligibility for disability compensation, according to the latest estimates from the congressional budget office. The office estimated the bill would cost an additional \$110 billion in the following ten years for the expansion of health care.

Throughout the 1990s and the post-9/11 wars, the military used open-air pits to burn garbage, jet fuel, paint, medical waste, plastics and other materials. Veterans diagnosed with cancer, respiratory issues and lung disease at young ages have blamed exposure to the toxic fumes. They have sought VA benefits and health care, but the department contended for years that there wasn’t sufficient evidence to support their claims.

The PACT Act would add 23 of those cancers and respiratory illnesses to the list of conditions that would qualify veterans for VA benefits and health care.

The bill also addresses other types of toxic exposure. The bill calls for presumptive benefits for Vietnam War veterans who have developed hypertension because of

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exposure to chemical herbicides, as well as veterans who served in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia and were potentially exposed to herbicides. It also includes veterans who participated in toxic cleanup activities in Enewetak Atoll or Palomares, Spain.

Rep. Mike Bost of Illinois, the ranking Republican on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, criticized Democrats for approving the bill and argued in favor of the Senate’s approach to the issue.

The Senate passed a bill last month that would expand health care to more veterans who served in areas with toxic burn pits, but it doesn’t address benefits, such as disability compensation. The leaders of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, who sponsored the bill, insisted the measure is just a first step in a 3-phase approach that would provide health care and benefits incrementally.

The cost of the bill totals \$1 billion, according to the office of Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., chairman of committee. Bost attempted Thursday to pass a measure that mirrored the Senate’s bill. “Instead, House Democrats shoved the deeply flawed policies and wildly expensive costs of the PACT Act through the House with no regard for finding common ground,” he said.

**Biden Seeking More Health Care for Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits**

Washington (3-8-2022), Stars & Stripes - President Joe Biden’s trip to Fort Worth, TX, is personal - a change to talk with veterans and their caregivers and push for more help for members of the military who face health problems after exposure to burn pits.

In his State of the Union address, Biden raised the prospect of whether being near the chemicals from pits where military waste was incinerated in Iraq led to the death of his son Beau. “We don’t know for sure if a burn pit was the cause of his brain cancer, or the diseases of so many of our troops,” Biden said in the speech. “But I am committed to finding out everything we can.”

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said that Biden will be traveling with Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough to Texas. They will visit the VA clinic in Fort Worth, with remarks to follow at the Tarrant County Resource Connection on “ex-

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Recently the VA sent out letters encouraging those Veterans who receive the annual clothing allowance benefit to submit that application. For those Veterans we represent please give us a few days of grace to get you the clothing allowance application form in the mail. We want to send you the previous year's application in addition to the current application so that you can see which the VA approved from the previous year. The deadline for the clothing allowance application is not until July 31.

The VA's Caregiver Support Program is not without its issues. We have spent a number of hours speaking with Caregivers and Veterans and local VA staff about their concerns. PVA and many other Veteran Organizations have been relaying these issues to the VA. In response the VA on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> stated that they were halting the dismissal (for now) of those Veterans who had been on the program previously (legacy participants) and had been denied the opportunity to continue in the program. VA revamped the eligibility requirements. We just learned ourselves that the VA had three tier levels for the Caregiver Support Program and they had looked at removing those Veterans who were classified in the bottom tier. We are aware of many Veterans' spouses who are their caregiver and count on the financial support the VA gives them from this program to pay their bills. Without that money they receive from the VA some would have some major struggles financially. Plus, it seems that having that caregiver spouse taking care of the Veterans activities of daily living (ADL's) and/or the need for supervision, protection or instruction on a daily basis for at least six months would eliminate the need for that Veteran to go to a VA contracted nursing home which would cost the VA much more money in the end. Most every Veteran in this situation I am aware of would strongly prefer to live their life at their home rather than at a nursing home anyway. Again, this program as of October 1, 2022 will include all eras and dates of service of military Veterans but they do need to have at least a 70% service connected disability rating overall and have the need on a daily basis for assistance with their activities of daily living (ADL's) and/or the need for supervision, protection, or instruction for at least six months. We sincerely hope that VA will make the necessary changes to allow all Veterans who need this benefit to be entitled to it.

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panding access to health care and benefits for Veterans affected by exposure to harmful substances, toxins and other environmental hazards," including those from burn pits, plots of land where the military destroyed tires, batteries, medical waste and other materials.

Biden will also call on Congress to send him a bill that protects veterans who face health consequences after burn pit exposure. The House passed a bill that would provide VA health care to millions of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans who meet that criteria.

Biden's son, Beau, was a major in a Delaware Army National Guard unit that deployed to Iraq in 2008. The two-term Delaware attorney general was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013 and died two years later at age 46.

It is difficult to link toxic exposure to an individual's medical condition. The concentration of toxic material is often well below the levels needed for immediate poisoning. Still, the VA's own hazardous materials exposure website along with scientists and doctors say military personnel do face risks and dangers after being exposed to contaminants.

**Governor signs House Bill 1083**

This week, (3-10-2022), SDDVA Secretary Greg Whitlock and Fall River County Veterans Service Officer Dan Cullen had the honor to witness Governor Kristi Noem signing House Bill 1083 into law.

House Bill 1083 is a bill brought forward by Cullen to provide a partial property tax exemption for surviving spouses of certain veterans.

Sponsors of the bill include: Representatives: Goodwin, (prime), Aylward, Hoffman, Jensen (Phil), Miskimins, Mulally, Perry, Randolph, and St. John and Senators Frye-Mueller, Smith (VJ), Stalzer, and Zikmund.

House Bill 1083 did not have an emergency clause so it will not go into effect until July 1.



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The poster features two veterans playing basketball. In the foreground, a Black man in a yellow and blue jersey is jumping to shoot the ball. Behind him, a white man in a red jersey with the number 3 is jumping to block. They are in front of a scenic background with a waterfall and a stone building. A large blue star with a yellow tag that says "FITNESS FOR LIFE" is in the top left corner.

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### Veterans Communities receive Latest Resources for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis

Washington (3-9-2022) - The Department of Veterans Affairs encourages Veterans affected by inflammatory bowel diseases to access a new website (<https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/veterans>)

that raises awareness of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Veterans can use the site to get step-by-step instructions to access treatment and links to VA resources - connecting with online communities and peer to peer support to improve their quality of life.

A 2020 study of VA data

(<https://academic.oup.com/ibdjournal/article/26/9/1423/562587>)

found that rates of anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder increased among Veterans diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease over time," said National Center for Healthcare Advancement and Partnerships (<http://www.va.gov/healthpartnerships>) Nurse Executive Tracy L. Weistreich, Ph. D. "It is important we find ways to assist our Veterans with all issues relevant to this chronic condition, especially Veterans who may not be receiving care through VA."

Through this partnership, the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

(<https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/veterans>) will provide educational materials and share resources widely with VA staff, Veterans and the public to increase knowledge about inflammatory bowel diseases and treatment options. VA will train the Foundation on Veteran-specific concerns like suicide prevention and share free resources such as the Veterans Crisis Line

[https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/gclid=EALalQobChM1263z07Lw9QIVC6\\_IChOrWwOzEAAYASAAEglQ9PD\\_BwE](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/gclid=EALalQobChM1263z07Lw9QIVC6_IChOrWwOzEAAYASAAEglQ9PD_BwE).

Learn more (<http://www.va.gov/healthpartnerships>) about this and other partnerships facilitated by HAP.



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If you have any questions regarding the online or mobile app, contact Jennifer Blyther at [jen-nifern@pva.org](mailto:jen-nifern@pva.org).

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### Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission

Washington, D.C. (3-9-2022) - President Biden announced his nominations for individuals to serve on AIR. The Commission was established by the Mission Act in 2018. It is charged with reviewing the physical footprint of the VA health care system and making recommendations on how the entire system should be aligned to best serve veterans for decades to come.

I was nominated by President Biden to be one of those commissioners. The nominees still have to go through the Senate confirmation process to receive appointment. I do not anticipate any challenges in my own case for nomination.

What that means for PA - I will continue to fulfill all of my duties and responsibilities as the Executive Director of PVA. This commission is not new employment (it is not paid) and is only temporary (set to end in 2023). I will not allow the duties on the commission to interfere with key events and activities that demand my attention from PVA. I will lean on our entire management team to help navigate the next year of this process while remaining focused on moving PVA forward. This is an incredibly important opportunity not just for me but for all of PVA and our members, as this will give us a seat at the table for decisions that will impact the entire health care system. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Carl Blake, Executive Director, PVA, cell 540-847-8379; work 202-416-7708; [carlb@pva.org](mailto:carlb@pva.org) 14677

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