



Roger That!

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DPAA Updates

Remaining Numbers to Date

3 October, 2025

WWII
71,841

(162 Accounted for in the
last year)

Korean War
7,453

(58 Accounted for in the last
year)

Vietnam War
1,574

(8 Accounted for in the last
year)

Cold War
126

Gulf Wars
5

El Dorado Canyon
1

41,000 of these missing
are presumed lost at sea
due to ship losses or air-
craft water losses.

This information is up-
dated every Friday on
the DPAA website.
Check DPAA.Mil for the
most current data.



OUR MISSION: The major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. We are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates her time because they believe in the POW/MIA Issue.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 13 Columbus Day
- 13 U.S. Navy Birthday
- 26 Day of the Deployed
- 27 Navy Day

NOVEMBER

- 1-5 National Veterans Small Business Week
- 2 End of Daylight Savings Time
- 8 RT IL Ch 2 ~ Stand To
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11 Armistice Remembrance Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF) Auxiliary Birthday
- 2 Giving Tuesday
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13 U.S. National Guard Birthday
- 14 National Wreaths Across America
- 14 - 22 Hannukkah
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26-January 1 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Year's Eve

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EXTRA STRENGTH TYLENOL? NO, EXTRA STRENGTH IL CH 2!



Our chapter has recently been involved in a period of intense activities! Starting with our POW/MIA Remembrance Table Ceremony at Lovell VA Hospital in North Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, 18 September 2025. Then, we attended a Street Sign Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, 20 September 2025 for CPL. Eriverto Ortiz who was repatriated on 28 October 2024 in Elgin, Illinois. And finally, on Sunday, 21 September 2025 we conducted our highly successful 23rd Annual Never Forget Thunder Run.

You would think with all those activities in a span of four days, we would need to take Extra Strength Tylenol! No, it requires extra strength dedication from our members! It takes many hands in order to publicize the POW/MIA issue, educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars, and to help correct the past and protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War – Missing in Action.

Also, in our mission, we are committed to helping American veterans from all wars. It's this type of unselfish dedication that makes our chapter stand out to the public. We are always there to answer the call to conduct a Dignified Transfer of Remains and to participate in the burial funeral services of our fallen heroes who have given their all to this country. This task is not accomplished without strong coordination! I would like to thank our Chairman of the Board; U.S. Army Retired Colonel Wayne Kirkpatrick and our new member Dave Skinner for spearheading these activities. It takes countless hours of emails, phone calls to public officials, to the funeral director involved,. They work to put together a press release, issue an OPORD, coordinati the route for both the dignified transfer of remains and the funeral procession to the cemetery. They work with the local police department, and put together a lesson plan for the schools in the area so that teachers may instruct their students of the importance of this event. And probably the most important piece is to keep the family fully informed of what to expect during the repatriation and to attend to their needs to make them as comfortable as possible. This is our mission, and I am proud to be a part of it.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our new officers and directors for stepping forward and taking on this leadership role. Also, I would like to thank our outgoing officers and directors for a job well done. A special thanks to our outgoing vice president Anthony "Tony" Yarbrough who will be relocating to FL 5. We will now have to find a new drill sergeant!



We have a busy year ahead of us, so please remember our commitment and duty to our mission.

Remember we will never forget!



Whenever we
Gather,
We will
Honor
and
Remember
Gratefully!



V.P.'s Vision

Many Thanks!

By: Tony Yarbrough



The vision of the Rolling Thunder Mission has added great value to my days for the past few years. It is the same vision that has been in my heart for my whole life, and it is that vision that we carried out so well in our chapter. It is with a heavy heart that I write this final 'Vision' to you. The work, the friends, the 'mission completes' are the reasons why it is so difficult to leave. Our chapter has a strong commitment to remembering and honoring our American Heroes who have paid the ultimate price for our democratic way of life. It is a mission that not only honors those heroes, but it also reminds us all to give and to be our best at all that we do ~ everyday.

Because this mission is so important, I will be joining Rolling Thunder Florida, Chapter 5. My intention is to bring all of the great traditions that we used here to the Florida chapter as well. I will stay in touch and hope that you will be able to visit in Florida soon to see that the Rolling Thunder impact is strong all around the country.

Enjoy the freedoms that we have and I know that you will continue to work hard to strengthen our families, communities and our country. It is in doing this that we will bring honor to the memories of the POW/MIAs that we support.

Never Forget!

AY's Last Call! The Thunder Run...Thanks, Tony for all you've done!

Our Chapter's Success included you!

You weren't there, but we knew that you were with us in Spirit!

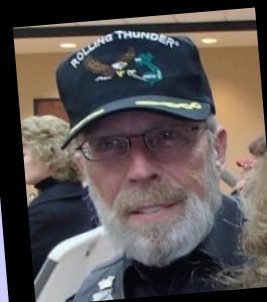


Ms. Mo came all the way from Colorado to ride with us on the Thunder Run! Come back soon Mo!





Chairman of the Board Wayne “Traveler” Kirkpatrick



What a great time of the year to be busy. It seems that every quarter, when we publish our newsletter, we have so much going on.

Recently, we gained 7 members through transfers, new applications, and returning to our Chapter. Unfortunately, we will be losing 3 members due to inactivity or moving out of State. It makes us so proud when we have new members who join and ask “What can I help with”. The talent that comes with our new members is awesome and will clearly be an asset to all of us. The expertise that we lose to our departing members will be missed but, easily filled by our new and existing members.

How did we fill this void? Easily, we had elections in September, and new talent elected. Simultaneously, we are reorganizing our committees and the duties and responsibilities of our Board of Directors.

At our September meeting, we assigned the majority of our members to committees. Some members will not yet be assigned to a committee until receipt of their Boot Patch and some are planning on moving out of State..

With our forthcoming elections we ask our members for two important things; one, to vote for candidates who have demonstrated their commitment, involvement, and participation in our events as opposed to those who are only your friends. The ideal candidate will be both, secondly, following elections, please thank our outgoing Board members for their dedication and leadership and congratulate our newly elected Board members. We owe it to all of them..

With some new Board members and some new chapter members, along with our reorganization of our committees, we will be better prepared for new events and for conducting better current and recurring events.

What events? Just in September, we had our annual POW/MIA Remembrance Table ceremony at Lovell VA at the request of the VA

Hospital in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day, a street naming ceremony in Elgin in honor of CPL Ortiz who we repatriated in October 2024, our annual Thunder Run to raise funds for our mission, and Chapter elections.

We never have a “Quiet” month so stand by for the PFC Vega Repatriation, a possible Honor Chair dedication in October, our annual Stand To and our Toys For Tots and Awards Banquet.

Since our next quarterly “Roger That” will be released in December, I remain so proud to have the opportunity to work with every one of you and I wish you all a very enjoyable Veterans Day, a very blessed Thanksgiving a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year

Proud to serve,

Wayne Kirkpatrick
US Army, retired
Board Chairman
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Fisher House Foundation: Providing Comfort Homes for Military and Veteran Families

Submitted By: Mary Kirkpatrick



Started last year to provide a safe and comfortable place to stay while attending to loved ones at James A. Lovell Veteran's Hospital. Having family nearby can decrease the time needed for healing, so this facility is good for both our Heroes and their Families!



And now... the facility is ready for visitors! Our Chapter was invited to the dedication and were very honored to be a part of this event...



Please Join us for the
100th Fisher House Dedication
at Captain James A. Lovell
Federal Health Care Center
3200 Mendota Ave., North Chicago, IL
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 11:30 AM
Reception and tours will follow the ceremony.
Please RSVP by July 18, 2025,
to FisherHouseEvents@fisherhouse.org
Parking is off-site. Instructions are available at
www.fisherhouse.org/100thDedication.

This 100th Fisher House will provide a home away from home for service members, veterans, and their families, providing no-cost lodging near the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, ensuring they can be together during times of healing.
Lovell FHCC is the only fully integrated VA and DoD medical center in the country.

The First Guests....



Symbols of Honor

By Lawrence Haggerty, US Army
Survivor Outreach Services Content Manager
Submitted by: Traveler



At the post gas station I saw a vehicle, with a young girl driving t, stop to fill up at the pump next to me. I noticed a small flag in the window with two blue stars on it, and assumed that the stars reflected the rank of the Soldier that owned the vehicle. I was surprised that a Major General would have a daughter that young.

Soon after that incident, I was hired to support an Army program called Survivor Outreach Services. When I reported to work, I noticed one of the ladies at work had a little purple and gold lapel pin she wore all the time, and another had a pin that was a variation of the flag that I had seen at the gas station.



I was curious: the flag on the car had two blue stars, the flag on one lady's pin had one blue star and one gold star and another simply had one blue star. Why were all the flags different, why were there two different stars, why did only these two ladies in the office have the flags? I, in my infinite wisdom, was too embarrassed to ask what any of these things meant.

Fortunately, one of my first assignments was to develop a web page that clearly defined the different versions of the flags and pins for the American pub-

lic.

I am an Army veteran, with one deployment, and was married to an active duty Army Soldier with eleven deployments, and never understood the meaning these symbols had. It blew my mind that I'd never heard of, learned about, or understood what these symbols represented.

The Service Flag was designed and patented by World War I Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry whose two sons were serving on the front line. The flag was designed to be displayed in the front window of peoples' homes, to indicate the number of family members serving the war effort as members of the Armed Services.

In 1918, President Wilson approved a request from the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense that allowed mothers who had lost a child serving in the war to wear a gold star on their traditional black mourning band. This practice led to the blue star on the Service Flag being covered with a gold star to indicate that the service member had been killed.

This practice became much more widespread during WWII, when organizations and families took great pride and displayed banners indicating the number of members of the organization or family serving in the war.

Between WWII and today, the practice of wearing or displaying service flags or gold stars had diminished greatly...but the meaning of the symbols is as significant as it was 100 years ago.

Each time you see a blue service star, you should be aware that the person displaying it has a loved one—possibly in harm's way—supporting the freedoms we enjoy every day.

A gold service star indicates that someone in that person's family has lost their life while serving in our military and defending our nation.

Please take a moment, when appropriate, to thank the bearer of the star. A simple "I appreciate your family member's service," or "My sympathies for your loss," is all it takes to remind the bearer that the service or sacrifice means something.

To learn more about each of these 'symbols of honor', visit <https://www.sos.army.mil/> [Select the Symbols of Honor and Recognition tab] or call (855) 707-2769.



Understanding a Veteran

By Traveler

When you leave the military, and retire to a better life, some will be jealous, some will be pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if you know what you are leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few ever experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in Military life there is a fellowship which will last long after your uniforms are hung up in the back of your closet.
3. We know that even if you throw them away, the memories will be with you every step and breath that remains in your life. We also know how your very bearing speaks of what you were and in your heart still are.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do that only a Veteran will understand.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

As you ease into retirement, in your heart you will never forget, for one moment, that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Be forewarned that you will see a difference between your civilian friends and your Veteran friends.

Civilian Acquaintances: Might get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

Veteran Friends: Will be glad to see you after years, and happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

Civilian Acquaintances: Never saw you cry.

Veteran Friends: Have cried with you.

Civilian Acquaintances: Keep stuff that they have

borrowed for so long they forget it's yours.

Veteran Friends: Borrow stuff for a few days then immediately give it back.

Civilian Acquaintances: Believe that they know a lot of things about you.

Veteran Friends: Could write a book about your life with direct quotes from you.

Civilian Acquaintances: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

Veteran Friends: Will kick the crowd's ass that left you behind.

Civilian Acquaintances: Friends for a while.

Veteran Friends: Friends for life.

Civilian Acquaintances: Have shared a few experiences.

Veteran Friends: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of.

Civilian Acquaintances: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

Veteran Friends: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say, 'You better drink the rest of that before you spill it!' Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

A veteran - whether active duty or retired is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The People of the United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including their life'.

From one Veteran to another, it's an honor to be in your company.



Taps

Submitted By: Traveler



If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something Every American should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes every time we hear it.



But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of

land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.



When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out.

Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well..
Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky
As we go..
This we know.
God is nigh



We have all felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but most have never seen all the words to the song until now. Many didn't even know there was more than one verse, Most people don't know the story behind the song so we thought we'd pass it along. E hope it gives you an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

A Veteran's Tears

Submitted By: Traveler



Veteran and patriotic holidays are a time of reflection for many and are often defined as a day of remembrance only for those who wore a uniform while serving our country. I'm not so sure that they' are the only veterans...

Decades ago, as an eleven-year-old in Southington, Ohio, I watched my first Memorial Day parade with my dad. Soldiers, cars, clowns, Boy and Girl Scouts, motorcycles, and old veterans paraded in front of us in memory of wars and a day that I didn't really understand.



The parade ended at a cemetery that had a monument to fallen heroes. As the roll - call of those killed in battle was read, I watched the old soldiers standing at attention and saluting, gray hair, worn uniforms from some other era, wrinkled faces reflecting the horrors of Omaha Beach, Dunkirk, Verdun, the 38th Parallel in Korea. Wow, these were heroes, I thought.

Almost in unison, as a bugler played Taps, I saw tears well up and roll down weather - worn cheeks, and lips tremble on those old warriors. My dad's grip on my shoulder became tighter. I was witnessing a sign of something strange in men I thought were heroes. Or was I...

Many years later, after serving two tours in Vietnam as a Long Range Recon Patrol leader and a cavalry troop commander, subsequently serving, in Grenada and Panama, I had the opportunity to attend many parades and ceremonies honoring our Veterans.



Solemn drum beats, rifle fire from honor guards, and the stillness generated by a lone bugler sounding Taps, brought back flashes of hidden memories of fallen soldiers, Medevac choppers, gunfire, body bags, posthumous awards, and headstones. Lips trembled, tears overflowed, knees weakened, and I finally realized what made those old warriors in Southington, Ohio, become so emotional.

Now, as I attend Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies and visit such places as Angel Fire, NM, Washington, DC during Rolling Thunder, and our National cemeteries, the emotions are no less intense but, I suppose, just better controlled.

The crowds are the same, black leather, business suites, uniforms, or T-shirts and blue jeans but, through tearing eyes, I see the same respect, the same appreciation and, the same emotions apparent on the faces of those who never wore a uniform, as those who did.

Mothers and fathers who lost a son, brothers and sisters whose relatives sacrificed their lives, children whose fathers never returned and, bikers whose only memory of a friend remains etched on a lonely headstone, only to be brought to life at an annual ceremony.



To me, behind every tear stands a veteran. Perhaps not a veteran of battle, or uniformed service, but a veteran of sacrifice, a veteran of loss, a veteran of the stress of defending democracy through armed

conflict, and the impact it has on our families, our friends, our society, and on our nation.

Some anonymous writer, during the Vietnam era, penned the phrase "For those who fought for it, freedom has a taste, the protected will never know." I used to believe that only those who fought for it, could possibly understand the hellish sacrifice of defending democracy. Today, I no longer believe that...



On this Veterans' Day, as we remember our servicemen and women whose names are etched in marble, who reside in VA hospitals, who stand beside us at work, who ride next to us in black leather, and who serve today aboard ships and at bases throughout the world, let's not forget their families and friends for their sacrifices as well. I think they'd want it that way...

May God bless each and every American who ever felt their lips tremble and their eyes tear at the sight of our flag, the memory of a fallen serviceman, or the sound of Taps...



After Action Reports!

July 4th, Rolling Meadows Parade!
A great day ... A great
Turn-out!



September 1st! The Community of
Zion has an annual parade that cele-
brates and honors those who serve!



THANK YOU

Honoring those who serve with honor.
Cherishing the memory of those who gave everything.

We thank the men and women who work
to keep us safe! It was with the people of
Rolling Meadows and Zion that were able to
bring them our Thanks!



The POW/MIA Remembrance Table at James A. Lovell Veteran's Hospital!

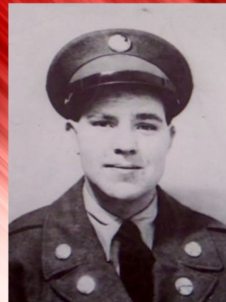


Once Again, Our Rolling Thunder Table Ceremony was a part of Remembering the POW/MIA National Holiday. It is always special to be a part of Honoring our POW/MIA Heroes!



**Rule Soldier
Believed Dead**

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REPATRIATION:

CPL Eugene
Hoots

Missing : 7/7/950

Identified:
11/15/2024

Returned
Home:
7/24/25

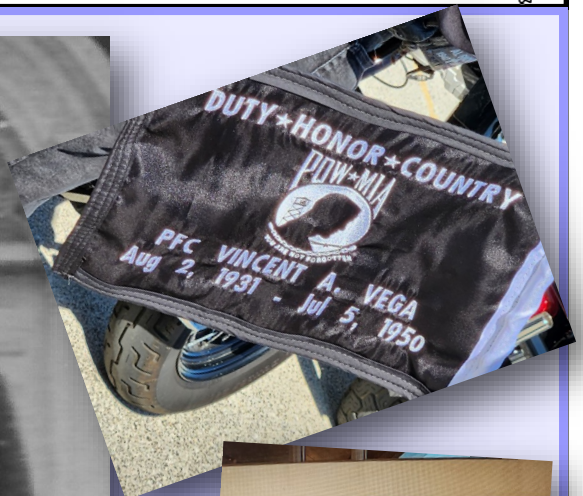
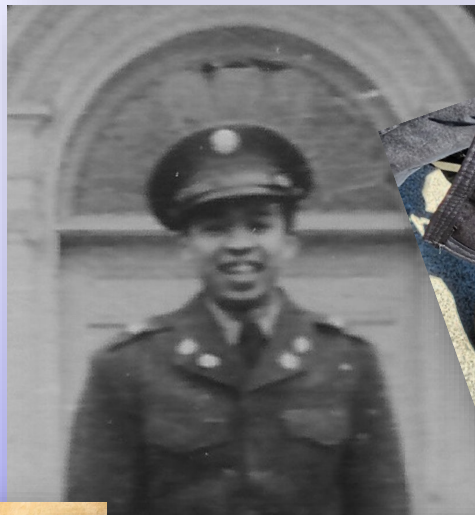


Repatriation:
PFC Vincent Vega

Missing:
7/5/1950

Identified:
5/6/2025

Returned Home:
10/3/2025



PFC Vincent Vega was be buried on Friday, 3 October. The Dignified Transfer was completed on Tuesday, 30 September and was attended by Rolling Thunder Chapters 1 & 2.

Another Family now has their Hero back home and can celebrate his life and service with honor and respect! Wayne sent out his full story in an email!

This is the focus of our Mission...

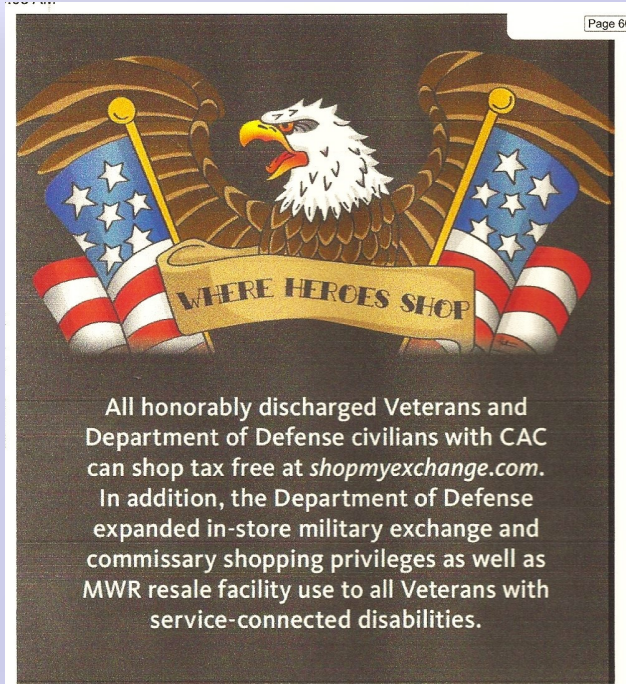




Let's Help the VA to make the Holidays special for our Heroes!

Both Ken List and Trish Stewart have lists of needs for the Veterans that they work with every day. Why don't we begin to gather items on the list and bring them to the October and November Meetings... Ken has a variety of patients with health needs. Anna and Tricia operate the Hospice and Palliative Care Programs. Their needs of these two groups vary... hence the difference in the lists!

Ken List's List	Anna Abraham and Tricia Stewart's List
• Bodywash • Lotion • Hats • Scarves • Gloves • Underware (mainly mens lg/exlg) • Sweat pants or pajama pants • Sweatshirts	• Bodywash • Lotion • Hats • Scarves • Gloves • Wash • Clothes • Poligrip • Denture cleaning tablets



Veteran's Day Deals!

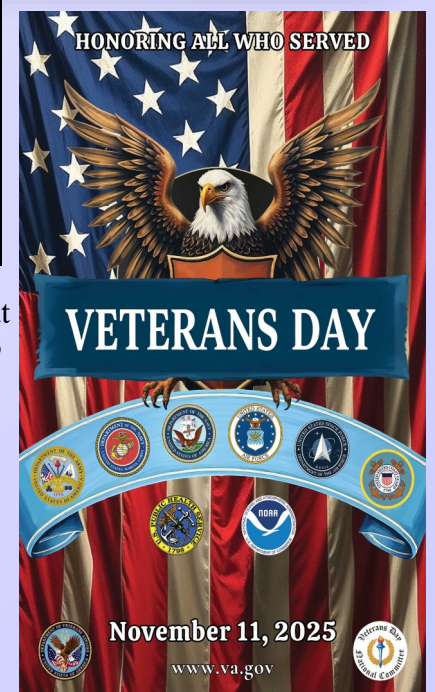
Check out the lists of Opportunities to Know How Much You Mean to Your Fellow Americans!

There are many ways to let someone know they are appreciated.... Check out these websites to see the food, services and vacations available to those who have served!

[Top 100 Veterans Day Military Deals and Discounts for 2025](#)

[Veterans Day Free Meals & Discounts for 2025](#)

[2025 Veterans Day Free Meals and Restaurant Deals and Discounts | Military.com](#)





Doc's Corner...

By: Mark Mazurkiewicz

Moving Forward at the VA Information from the VA from Doc!

Doc attends the meetings held at James Lovell VA to bring back the information of the changes and developments happening. So many new opportunities for Veterans and for those who want to assist!



Genetics Testing!

The PGX or Pharmacogenomic Testing is now available for all veterans!

- ★ What is Pharmacogenetics? PGx uses information from a person's genes to understand how they respond to medicines. Genes are a part of our DNA that provide instructions on how your body develops and function. Everyone has small differences in their genes. Because of this, people may respond differently to medicines.
- ★ What are the advantages of having information? It has been shown that knowing about your genes can affect the decisions that are made for medicines—what kind and how much! With this 'Personalized Medicine' can ensure that the effect of the medicines are maximized while the side-effects are minimized!
- ★ Are there harms from PGx Testing? The risk is low. It is a blood draw so the risks are like the other tests that require blood draws. You may receive an unexpected result identifying a medical problem. And the medicine that is recommended by your PGx test may be more expensive if it is not preferred by the VA.
- ★ What are the limitation of PGx testing? Genetics only tells us part of the story. Other things like age, overall health, other medicines you take, body size and reactions to other medicines all play a part in decisions that will be made.
- ★ How do we perform PGx testing? Your provider will discuss and answer your questions about: 1) what the PGx test results may find. 2) what happens to your sample after testing. 3) your privacy. 4) your benefits limitations and risks. 5) The test requires one tube of blood. It can take up to two weeks for your healthcare team to get results and add them to your VA Medical record.
- ★ YOUR PGx TEST RESULTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL WITHIN THE BA. It will only be shared with your permission or if there is a court order.
- ★ Visit the following sites for more information:
 - ◆ National Institute of Health: <https://www.genome.gov/genetics-glossary/Pharmacogenomics>
 - ◆ VA PGx Website: <https://www.cancer.va.gov/phaser.asp>
 - ◆ FHCC Points of Contact:
 - ◆ Nicole C. Watkins—Nicole.watkins@va.gov
 - ◆ Dr. George C. Gettys—George.Gettys@VA.gov



Other Notes from the meeting that we can use to develop events!

- ★ If you would like to volunteer and haven't been involved recently... You will need to reapply or have your information reactivated. Also you will have to have the first two COVID vaccines.
- ★ More people are needed for all areas of volunteerism at the hospital. Large needs to help with the DAV van to drive patients and also in the *My Healthy Vet* Program.
- ★ Donations are needed... See page 13 for opportunities to give!
- ★ If you know of anyone with health needs, direct them to [Health Needs And Conditions | Veterans Affairs](#). So much is available. No Veteran should go without good mental and physical health!

"To care for them who have borne the battle"

Abe Lincoln.



Military Celebrations for 3rd Quarter

<https://veteran.com/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/>

October

October = Breast Cancer Awareness Month

1-2 Yom Kippur

12 Ms. Veteran America Pageant

13 Columbus Day

13 U.S. Navy Birthday

26 Day of the Deployed

27 Navy Day

31 Halloween



November

National Veterans & Military Family Month

Warrior Care Month

National Family Caregivers Month

3-7 National Veterans Small Business Week

2 End of Daylight Savings Time

8 RT IL CH 2 ~ Stand To

10 Marine Corps Birthday

11 Veteran's Day

11 Armistice Remembrance Day



27 Thanksgiving Day

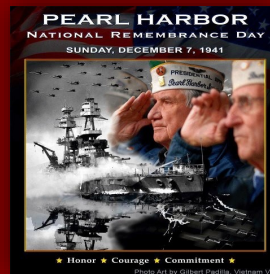


December

1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF) Auxiliary Birthday



2 Giving Tuesday!



7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



13 U.S. National Guard Birthday

13 National Wreaths Across America



14 - 22 Hannukkah

25 Christmas Day



26- January 1 Kwanzaa

31 New

Year's Eve



1 October Jurgen Lutz
6 October Thomas Carr
8 October John Cummings
11 October Bozena Haszlakiewicz
26 October Jeff Kosuta

29 October Nick Bender
30 October Gene Rigsby
2 November Bill Fulton
20 November Paul Hebein
11 December Tony Yarbrough
21 December Talon Bender

Happy Birthday to
Our Great
Americans!



Happy Days to our Chapter Celebrities for October,
November, December

Let us know your special Dates so that we can celebrate with you!



Projects that need YOU!

Below, you will find a short description of our ongoing projects. These have been developed to support our mission to Honor and Remember our POW/MIA Heroes! Contact a member of the Board to see how you can add your hands to the working committees!

Honor Chair

You have seen the chairs in stadiums, city halls and the National Capitol? Help us to identify new settings for this Chair!

Street Signs

We have over 60 MIAs in Illinois due to the Vietnam War. This project includes contacting the hometowns and discussing how to remember these heroes by naming a street in their honor!

Table Ceremonies



The Honor Table that you see here on this page, is a very somber memorial to the 82,000+ still Missing. The Ceremony can be presented to any size group... large or small and teaches the importance of remembering!

School Presentations

Teaching the next generation about our Heroes allows them to appreciate the sacrifices made to maintain American Values! Ask your children/grandchildren for the information for their social studies teachers! We will do the rest...

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