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Applications Now Being Accepted for 2024-2025 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship: The application process for the 2024-2025 class of VFW-SVA legislative fellows is now open. VFW members who attend an accredited institute of higher learning will be chosen for the semester-long program that focuses on real policy issues faced by veterans, service members, and their families. The capstone of the program is participation in the 2025 VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Alumni of the program have become more active at all levels of the VFW and SVA, and have been instrumental in changing laws to improve care and benefits for veterans. [Learn more](#) and [apply for the fellowship](#).



VA Redesigns Burn Pit Registry: VA has released a Redesignated Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, called AHOBPR 2.0, to better identify and investigate adverse health conditions typically attributed to airborne hazards and burn pits exposure. New features include broader participation criteria, clear opt-out procedures, and automatic registration based on DOD records. While enrollment in AHOBPR 2.0 does not influence a veteran's health care or benefits, the data collected will help VA develop more advanced treatments, use more precise predictive medicine, make better informed decisions pertaining to presumptive conditions, and deliver targeted proactive and preventive care. [Read more](#) about the registry and [toxic exposures](#). Locate an [accredited representative](#) for help filing a related claim.



Apply Now for New VA Graduate Medical

Education Program: VA has launched an online portal for applications to a new pilot program through which it will reimburse salaries and benefits for at least 100 physician residents who rotate to covered health care facilities. For nearly 80 years, VA has impacted the next generation of health professionals with almost 70% of U.S. physicians having trained at VA. “This program will place physician residents where they are needed most, in rural and underserved communities across America. For veterans, this program will make it easier to access the health care they need and deserve,” said VA Chief Academic Affiliations Officer Marjorie Bowman, M.D. [Learn more](#) about this new initiative and apply by Sept. 30, 2024.



Participate in VA Million Veteran Program and Improve Care for All:

When veterans maintain positive relationships, stay physically active, and manage stress, it benefits their overall health. By joining VA’s [Million Veteran Program](#), you can help researchers better understand veterans’ physical and mental health. [Learn more](#) about the research findings and join today.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update for a service member who has been missing and unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Update:

-- [Korean War Army Master Sgt. David P. Sluder](#)

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