



NEWSLETTER

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The AV BTYR continues to do what we have a passion for – assisting military personnel who are currently serving, Veterans, and their families. Your help and support have made this possible –making a difference for many Military connected folks.

Latest News

VETERANS HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Two recent bills have taken effect. Congress passed the Sen. Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act, introducing extensive changes to how the VA delivers health care and benefits.

The bill includes provisions for pay flexibility for health care workers and aims to modernize the VA's services. The PACT Act was expanded, in January 2025, recognizing several serious blood and bone marrow cancers as presumptive conditions for Veterans exposed to toxins during service in the Middle East and Central Asia. This change simplifies the claims process for affected Veterans. For more information, click here: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2025-news-articles/advocacy/dole-act-becomes-law-what-it-means-to-veterans-and-caregivers/>



VA SECRETARY DOUG COLLINS ADDRESSES MISINFORMATION

VA Secretary Doug Collins released a video from his office recently addressing misinformation circulating about Veterans' benefits and VA health care. In a direct and candid message, Collins refuted several rumors he described as “whoppers.”

The video is available on VA News - <https://news.va.gov/138540/va-secretary-addresses-benefits-rumors-video/>

Upcoming Events

- **Thu., March. 6, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley American Legion
- **Thu., March. 20, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner** Join us for a delicious dinner of meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. **Due to limited seating, we ask that you RSVP by Mar. 14.** Call or email us at the phone/email listed in the *Contact Us* block below.

Contact Us

To get needed services such as groceries, yard work, house repairs, snow removal, etc., we want to help. We have resources to connect you to the assistance you need.

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