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Handling Back-Logged Claims

“Starting in October, the Department of Veterans Affairs will hire and train new staff to ensure Veterans’ claims are adjudicated quickly and help reduce an expected increase in the backlog of claims pending more than 125 days.

VA is taking the following proactive steps to help in the reduction:

- ◆ Hire and train 2,000 new employees to assist in claims processing.
- ◆ Utilize funds provided via the American Rescue Plan for overtime to ensure timely claims processing.
- ◆ Deploy requested fiscal year 2022 budget resources to support Agent Orange presumptive processing, as well as for general Compensation and Pension claims processing.

As of October 11, there were more than 204,000 backlog claims in an inventory of 603,000 total claims. VA identified more than 70,000 claims to review for additional entitlement stemming from the presumptive relationship between Agent Orange and Parkinsonism, bladder cancer and hypothyroidism. Many of these will enter the backlog in October which is projected to reach 260,000 pending claims.”

Information: Department of Veterans Affairs, October 2021

Holiday Needs

WVI and United States Vets, Inc. are beginning to work with potential donors for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you and your family have a need contact cenagy@bex.net as soon as possible.

Something to think about ...

“What we’re really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean why else would they call it Thanksgiving?”

Quote by Erma Bombeck

History was Made

“On a recent August morning at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier history was made. For the first time in the 84 year history, on the 30,770th day of continuous guarding an all female guard change occurred. The changing of the guard also took place under the supervision of SFC Chelsea Porterfield who is the first female to lead the changing of the guard ceremony.”

Information & Picture: Department of Veterans Affairs, October 2021



Picture: SFC Chelsea Porterfield

Provided by: Department of VA, October 2021



Happy Thanksgiving!



DAR: Fort Industry Chapter

On October 18th members of the Fort Industry Chapter of DAR met Carolyn Nagy at Sidecut Park to present hand-crafted blankets, hats, and pot holders along with a variety of personal care items and children's games for our veterans and their families. These items will be greatly appreciated during the 2021 Holidays.

Picture: DAR Members and C. Nagy

Picture provided by DAR

November Activities

- ◆ November 6: Free steak dinner for veterans at the Hope Baptist Church at 6:00pm. Reservation required.
- ◆ November 7: At 2:00pm there is the Opening Reception Program at the Way Library (Perrysburg) for the 5th Biennial Veteran's Art Exhibit. Reservations not required. The exhibit of veteran art will be on display November 7 - January 4.
- ◆ November 7: Veterans Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish (434 Western Avenue) at 11:00AM. Program includes: Vietnam Veterans of America and Marine Corps League Honor Guard, Springfield High School Jr. ROTC, bagpiper and more will help celebrate veterans.
- ◆ November 10: Genesis Village will host a free Veteran Concert and Celebration at 6:00pm. Music provided by the Genoa American Legion band. Reservations not required.
- ◆ November 11: Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair from 8:00am - 11:00am at The University of Toledo - Savage Arena. No reservations required. Join WVI at a table towards the back of the room. Look for our sign.

Honoring Our Veterans

(Note: Only veterans living in Sylvania/Sylvania Twp. and Perrysburg (43551 zip) are eligible).

Promedica would like to celebrate the courage and patriotism of all who served our country. This year honor the special veteran in your life by requesting a complimentary yard sign from Promedica. Order by November 5, 2021.

Sylvania/Sylvania Twp contact cristella.garcia@promedica.org or call/text 419-309-0627.
Perrysburg (43551 zip) contact dolly.wolff@promedica.org or call/text 419-205-6681.

Signs will be placed prior to November 11. Provide the following information: Veteran's name, complete address and branch of service.

Holiday Party

- ◆ Thursday, December 9 at 6:00pm
- ◆ Appetizers provided by WVI. Cash Bar.
- ◆ Byblos Restaurant
(1050 S. Reynolds Road)
- ◆ RSVP deadline: December 6. Send reservation to: cenagy@bex.net

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!