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The Things She Carried: April 2024

Evolving technology helped capture and preserve both official and personal events. Speeches, service band concerts and recruiting messages could be brought to the masses via phonograph and film. In 1972, a new movie camera allowed Brenda Hogg to film and later view Women Marines marching in Okinawa.

Information provided by: Military Women's Memorial

Tax Season

Tax season is upon us, and while it's a time for many to diligently manage their finances, it's also a period when scams and fraudsters are on the prowl, targeting unsuspecting individuals, including Veterans and their families. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) advises taxpayers to stay vigilant and informed to avoid falling victim to these fraudulent activities, such as fake emails.

One crucial aspect for Veterans to remember is that VA benefits are tax-free, and there is no federal income tax on VA insurance proceeds. Additionally, Veterans with a service-connected disability rating may be eligible for local property tax exemptions. Understanding these benefits can help Veterans differentiate between legitimate communication from the IRS and potential scams.

Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center (TBIRC):

TBIRC supports all community members with neuro-cognitive defects including concussion, Traumatic Brain Injury, stroke, brain cancer and chemo brain, dementia, multiple sclerosis, long Covid and any other neuro-cognitive disorder. TBIRC offers support through socialization, nutritional support, group activities and community outreach. TBIRC is a community center and does not provide medical treatment. All programming is offered free of charge regardless of means. The TBIRC is not reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance but relies on the support of the community.

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cont. Tax Season

The IRS has introduced Identity Protection (IP) PINs as an extra layer of security to combat tax-related identity theft. By enrolling in the IP PIN program, taxpayers receive a unique six-digit number to verify their identity when filing their federal tax returns. This not only helps prevent identity theft but also provides added protection for those who have been victims of tax-related fraud in the past. Taxpayers can request an IP PIN annually through the Get an IP PIN tool by verifying their identity.

Before applying for an IP PIN, review the following information:

- This is a voluntary program.
- Taxpayers must pass an identity verification process.
- Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can verify their identities.
- An IP PIN is valid for one calendar year.
- Taxpayers must obtain a new IP PIN each filing season.
- Correct IP PINs must be entered on electronic and paper tax returns to avoid rejections and delays.

While IP PINs offer increased security, it's essential for participants to remain vigilant against scams.

- The IRS will never email, text, or call taxpayers for their IP PIN.
- Taxpayers should only share their IP PIN with their trusted tax provider for tax return purposes.
- Taxpayers can report tax-related illegal activities, including IRS-related phishing attempts and fraud, to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

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Ohio Veterans Conference

The Ohio Veterans conference is expanding in 2024. Previously held primarily for women veterans across Ohio, this highly anticipated biennial event returns to a familiar location, but will be open to all veterans, who will be given the opportunity to learn about pertinent resources, listen to expert speakers, attend veteran-specific workshops, find avenues to key information, and network with former service members.



Save the date:

Saturday, August 3, at the Ohio Union on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus. Updates can be found at ohiovets.gov.

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