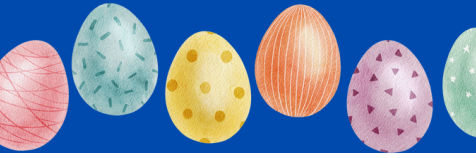




WVI NEWSLETTER



Interview Project: Veteran A.A. Members

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities has launched the Military Veteran Interview Project. This initiative invites A.A. members who are veterans to participate in a unique opportunity to share their experiences. The goal is to enhance A.A. outreach efforts tailored to veterans via the creation of audio interviews created by veterans sharing their experience, strength, and hope-focusing on the intersection of military service and recovery in A.A. The aim is to include voices from a diverse range of backgrounds, ranks, ages, genders, orientations, and operational experiences. Each story illustrates the journey of recovery and sobriety during or after military service.

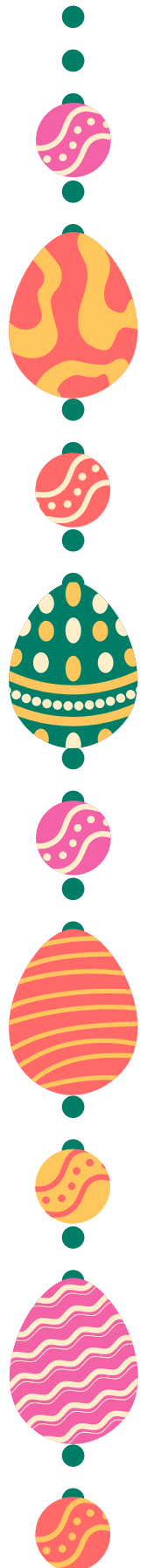
To hear audio interviews of active-duty A.A. members, go to www.aa.org/military. If you are an A.A. member and would like to learn more about this project or volunteer for an interview, contact militaryoutreach@aa.org. The anonymity of all participants will be rigorously protected.

Information: General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

Credit versus Debit Card

Not all plastic is the same, reports AARP (Jan./Feb 2025) regarding a possible surcharge tacked onto the restaurant bill if paying by credit card. The surcharge should be known prior to payment. Notification can appear on the menu or the bill at the time of payment. The legality of surcharges, their size limits and their disclosure rules depend on where you live. If a merchant breaks the rules, you can complain to the state's attorney general.

Although debt cards tied to a bank account may look like credit cards, these cost less for the merchants to process. Card networks forbid collecting a surcharge on debit card transactions, even if they're handled

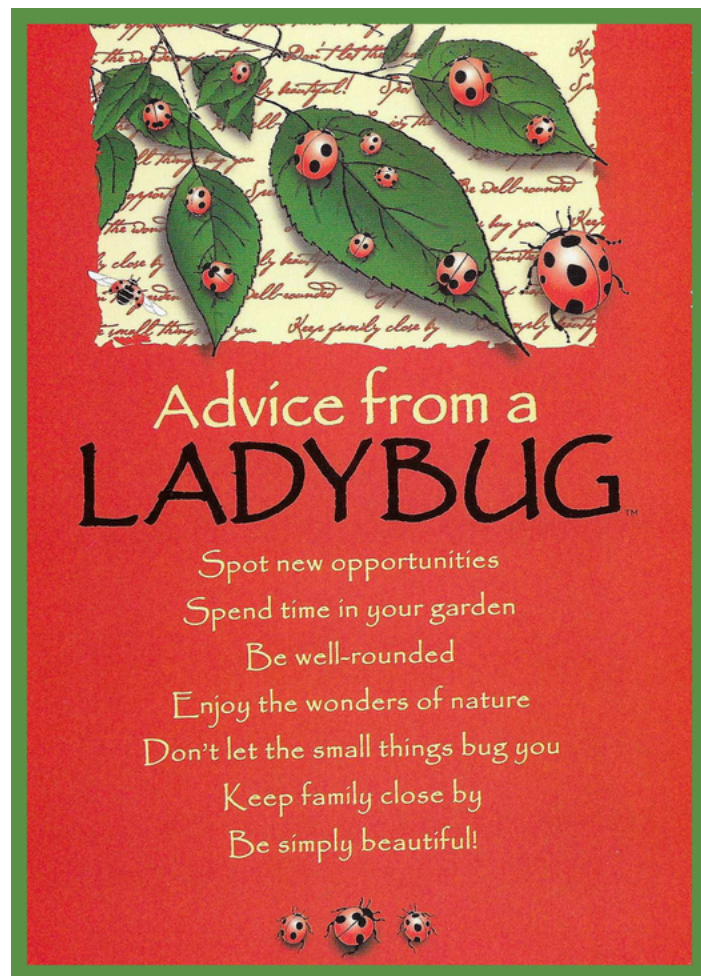


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by a retailer just like a credit card. The same rule applies to prepaid stored-value cards. Merchants can pay a hefty penalty for charging to use a debit card, but mistakes do happen. Announce that you are paying with a debit card but if charged keep the receipt and contact your bank to request that the fee be reversed.

In contrast, discounts for using cash or other favored payment methods – a price break, as opposed to a surcharge's price increase-are allowed everywhere.

In summary, when dining out depending on the credit card surcharge you might want to use a debit card or cash.



Save the Date

- The Mother's Day photo opportunity will be Sunday, April 27 for 2:00pm-5:00pm at Genesis Village. Treat yourself to a professional photograph for your family. This event will include makeup, photography and refreshments. Adults only. RSVP by April 23 to cenagy@bex.net.
- In recognition of Women Veterans Recognition Day (June 12) there will be a showing of "The Story of America's Female Patriots Unsung Heroes". Date to be announced.
- June 6 at Hensville is the 8th Denny Schaffer Disco Party for Little Blessings Veteran Community Outreach. Register at: disco@lbveteranoutreach.org
- June 14 (Saturday) "She's a Hero Too" is sponsored by Little Blessings and WVI. Details to follow.
- The Italian Football Bowl USA will be held Saturday, June 28 at 3:00pm at The University of Toledo. Group rate: \$15.00 per ticket. If interested in a WVI group, contact cenagy@bex.net.