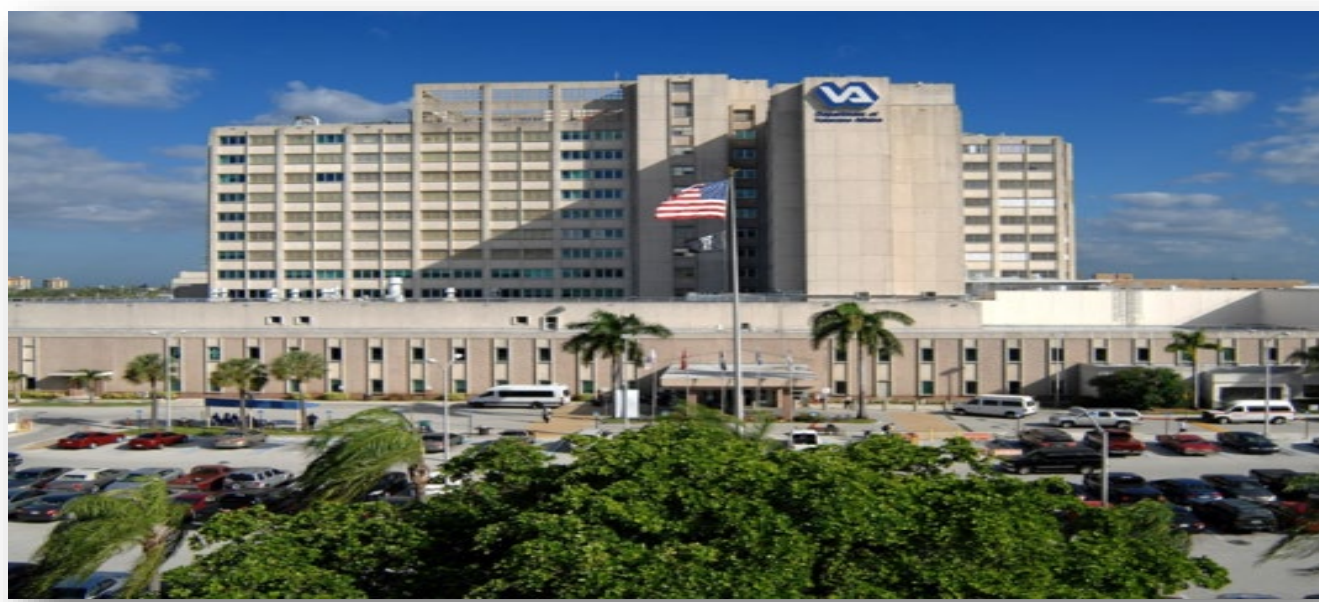


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PACT Act 103 Webinar
June 18 2024
12:00pm

VA Days Enrollment Fair-Upcoming June 24,
25, 26 & July 9, 10, 11 2024

Webinar Agenda

1. VA Days-We are coming to your Communities
2. Miami VA Healthcare and How to Enroll
3. PACT Act 103
4. LPOP-Lung Cancer Screening
5. Transportation to Appointments
6. Homeless Veteran Program
7. PACT Act Presumptive Conditions and Service Connection Claims
8. National Cemetery Administration-Lake Worth

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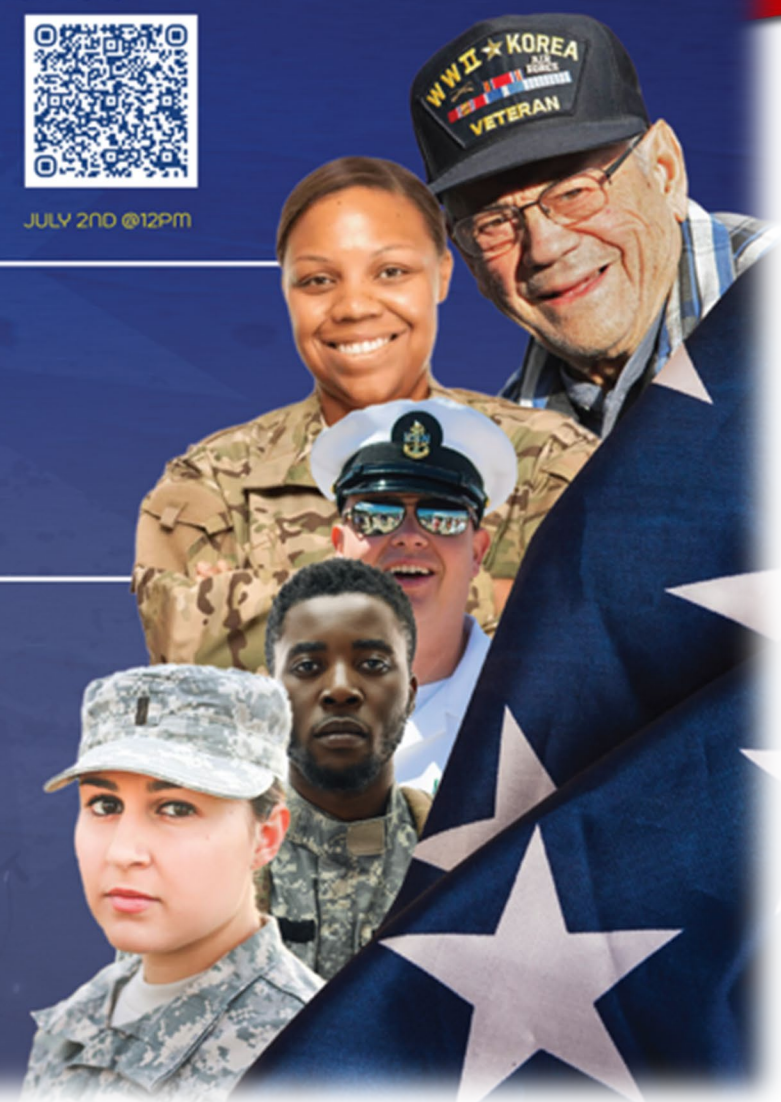
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VA Health Care Eligibility FAQs



What are the minimum active-duty service requirements for VA health care?

In general, Veterans must have served 24 months of continuous active duty or the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty.

Former members of the Reserves or National Guard are eligible for VA health care if they have qualifying service (as described above) **and** meet one of the health care eligibility requirements in the PACT Act. Former members of the Reserves or National Guard who only served for training purposes may not be able to establish Veteran status if they did not incur a qualifying disability during such training.

Some exceptions apply. Please visit www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility for more information.

What are the exceptions to the minimum active-duty service requirements for VA health care?

The minimum active-duty service requirement for VA health care may not apply if any of these are true:

- The Veteran was discharged or released for a qualifying reason (e.g., early discharge, hardship, medical discharge).
- The Veteran was discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by active-duty service.
- The Veteran served prior to the early 1980s.

VA encourages all Veterans to apply to determine their enrollment eligibility.

Please visit www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility for more information.

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Apply for VA Health Care in 5 Easy Ways

1. Online: [How To Apply For VA Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)
2. By calling the toll-free hotline: 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
3. By mailing VA Form 10-10EZ to:
Health Eligibility Center
PO Box 5207
Janesville, WI 53547-5207
4. In person at the nearest VA medical center or clinic
<https://www.VA.gov/find-locations>
5. Come see us at any of the VA Days locations June 24-26th or July 9-11th.

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What Is Considered a TERA?



VA has determined that Veterans who were exposed to one or more of the following hazards or conditions during active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training participated in a TERA:

- Air pollutants (burn pits, sand, dust, particulates, oil well fires, sulfur fires).
- Chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, depleted uranium with embedded shrapnel, contaminated water).
- Occupational hazards (asbestos, industrial solvents, lead, paints including chemical agent resistant coating, firefighting foams).
- Radiation (nuclear weapons handling, maintenance and detonation, radioactive material, calibration and measurement sources, X-rays, nuclear weapon technicians and dental technicians, served on nuclear submarine and other nuclear ships or in shipyards, or were involved in nuclear weapons handling and maintenance, including clean-up after accidents).
- Warfare agents (nerve agents, chemical and biological weapons).

This is not a comprehensive list, and there's no timeline. Veterans can view additional military exposure categories on VA's Public Health website at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/>.

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VA Toxic Exposure Screening Quick Facts

- **Who:** All Veterans enrolled in VA health care.
- **What:** A brief screening averaging 5–10 minutes to identify and document any potential exposures to toxins during military service.
- **When:** At least once every 5 years.
- **Where:** At VA medical centers/clinics, including virtual encounters.
- **Why:** To support the long-term health plan of the Veteran—ensuring they receive informed, whole-health care—and connect them with follow-up resources as requested.

⇒ **EXPOSURE-INFORMED CARE**

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Newly Eligible Veteran Cohorts-PACT Act 103

- Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA), as defined by law, while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.
- Veterans who were assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time:
 - On or after August 2, 1990, in the following countries: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or the United Arab Emirates
 - On or after September 11, 2001, in the following countries: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, or any other country determined relevant by VA. (**Note:** VA has not determined any other country relevant at this time.)
- Veterans who were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support Mission.



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Vietnam Era Veteran VA Health Care Eligibility



Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods are also eligible to enroll in VA health care effective on enactment (August 10, 2022):

- Republic of Vietnam (between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975),
- Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base (between January 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976)
- Laos (between December 1, 1965, and September 30, 1969)
- Certain Provinces in Cambodia (between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969)
- Guam or American Samoa or their territorial waters (between January 9, 1962, and July 31, 1980)
- Johnston Atoll, or a ship that called there, between January 1, 1972, and September 30, 1977

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Miami VA Facilities

Call 305-575-7000 ext 12085 to schedule appt



Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center



William "Bill" Kling VA Clinic



Hollywood VA Clinic



Pembroke Pines VA Clinic



Deerfield Beach VA Clinic



Miami Flagler VA Clinic



Homestead VA Clinic



Key Largo VA Clinic



Key West VA Clinic



Miami VA Medical Center Excellence in Medicine

State of the Art Clinical Medicine AND Cutting-Edge Research Opportunities

Clinical Medicine

Lung Cancer Screening (LCS)

LCS decreases lung cancer death by 20-24%

Criteria

- Age 50 – 80
- Smoked within 15 years
- Smoked 20 pack years

Miami VA LCS Program

Screened 55% of eligible veterans

National average: 5.7%

State of the Art Clinical Medicine

Nurse Navigators who facilitate a veteran's health journey

Lung Precision Oncology Program

Dedicated team ensuring the highest quality of cancer care

VISN8LPOP@va.gov

Cutting Edge Clinical Study Opportunities

Clinical Studies

Reflection Study

Blood test to screen for 51 cancers

Nightingale Study

Nose test to better assess cancer risk

VALOR

Best treatment for early lung cancer

- surgery vs. radiation
- Only able to be done in your VA

Your Miami VA working to provide you with the worldclass healthcare you earned through service to the United States of America

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Transportation to VA Appointments

1-305-575-7000 Ext 13030



Methods of transportation

- **Uber Health Connect (UHC)**
 - For ambulatory Veterans.
- **Special Mode Transportation (SMT)**
 - For veterans in wheelchairs and stretcher.
- **Veteran Transportation Service (VTS)**
 - For non-eligible veterans.

Eligibility

- 30% or great service-connected disability.
- VA Pension.
- Income is below the copay threshold.
- Traveling for a service-connected (SC) disability appointment.

Beneficiary Travel Self Service System (BTSSS)

- Mileage reimbursement claims
- Hotel Reimbursements
- Common Carrier Reimbursement

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Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV)



Serves Veterans who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless by linking to the following serves available throughout Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties:

- Contracted Emergency Shelter Services
- Transitional Housing Programs: Grant & Per Diem Programs
- Permanent Housing Programs: HUD-VASH Program
- Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)

HCHV Flagler CBOC:

- HCHV, Showers, Pantry, H-PACT
1492 W. Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33135

Miami Dade Walk-in

HCHV Flagler CBOC
1492 W. Flagler Street
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 1:30 pm

Broward Walk-in

Mission United

Monday & Thursday

10:00 – 2:00 pm

320 SE 9th Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

The Advocate Program

1st & 3rd Tuesday

1001 S. Andrews Ave, Suite 200

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33136

Broward VA Clinic

Wednesdays 9 – 12 pm

9800 W. Commercial Blvd,

Sunrise, FL 33351 PC 213

Contact Information:

- **HCHV Voicemail line: (305)575-7000 ext. 12513**
- **National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-4AID VET**

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Expanding Presumptions of Service Connection



The PACT Act establishes presumptions of service connection for more than 20 presumptive disease categories related to toxic exposures.

For Gulf War and Post-9/11 Veterans

Asthma diagnosed after service	Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
Brain cancer	Kidney cancer
Chronic bronchitis	Lymphoma of any type
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	Melanoma
Chronic rhinitis	Neck cancer
Chronic sinusitis	Pancreatic cancer
Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis	Pleuritis
Emphysema	Pulmonary fibrosis
Gastrointestinal cancer of any type	Reproductive cancer of any type
Glioblastoma	Respiratory cancer of any type
Granulomatous disease	Sarcoidosis
Head cancer of any type	

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
High blood pressure (also called hypertension)

Florida Department of Veteran Affairs:

Locations at Miami VA and Bill Kling Clinic on Commercial

Service Connection Appointment call:

305-325-3325

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Filing and Processing Claims Associated with the PACT Act



VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. Veterans can learn more at www.va.gov/PACT.



However, Veterans who were previously denied a toxic-exposure-related claim are encouraged to file a **supplemental claim** using VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Most claims that were previously denied will not be automatically reviewed under the PACT Act. Survivors who were previously denied dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), related to any of the new presumptive conditions, are likewise encouraged to re-file a claim.



Veterans who have not previously filed a claim and are diagnosed with one of the new presumptive conditions and meet eligibility requirements should submit a new claim on VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits. Survivors who have not previously filed a claim and meet eligibility requirements should submit a new claim on VA Form 21P-534EZ, Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.



Veterans should be prepared to submit any supportive medical and lay evidence along with their claims.

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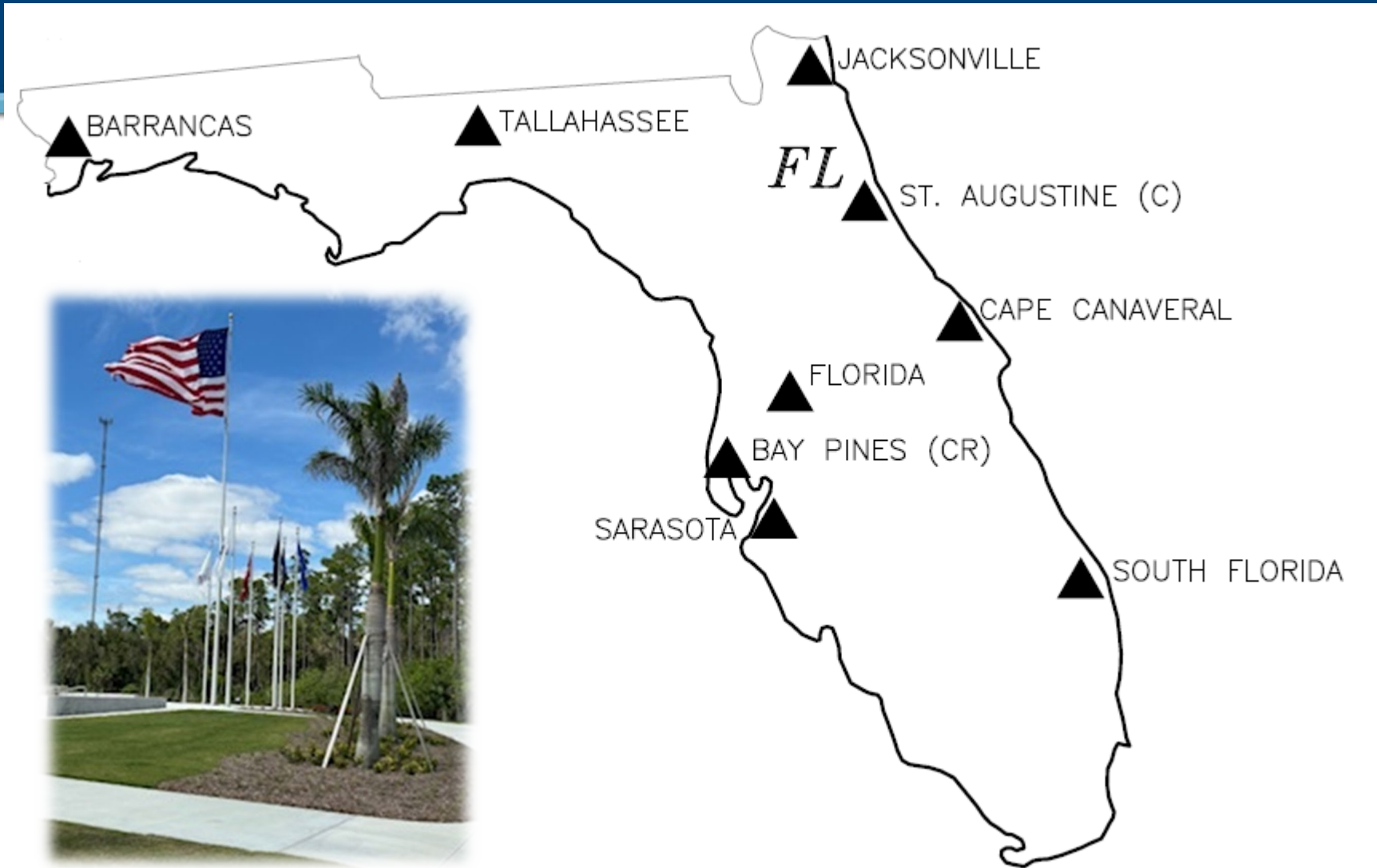
NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION



National Cemetery Administration South Florida National Cemetery

www.cem.va.gov

Florida National Cemeteries



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Burial Benefits



- ★ Gravesite
- ★ Opening and Closing of the Grave
- ★ Graveliner
- ★ Headstone/Marker
- ★ Flag
- ★ Perpetual Care of Gravesite
- ★ Presidential Memorial Certificate

South Florida Burial Types

- In Ground Casket
- In Ground Cremation
- Above Ground Cremation
- Memorial Wall



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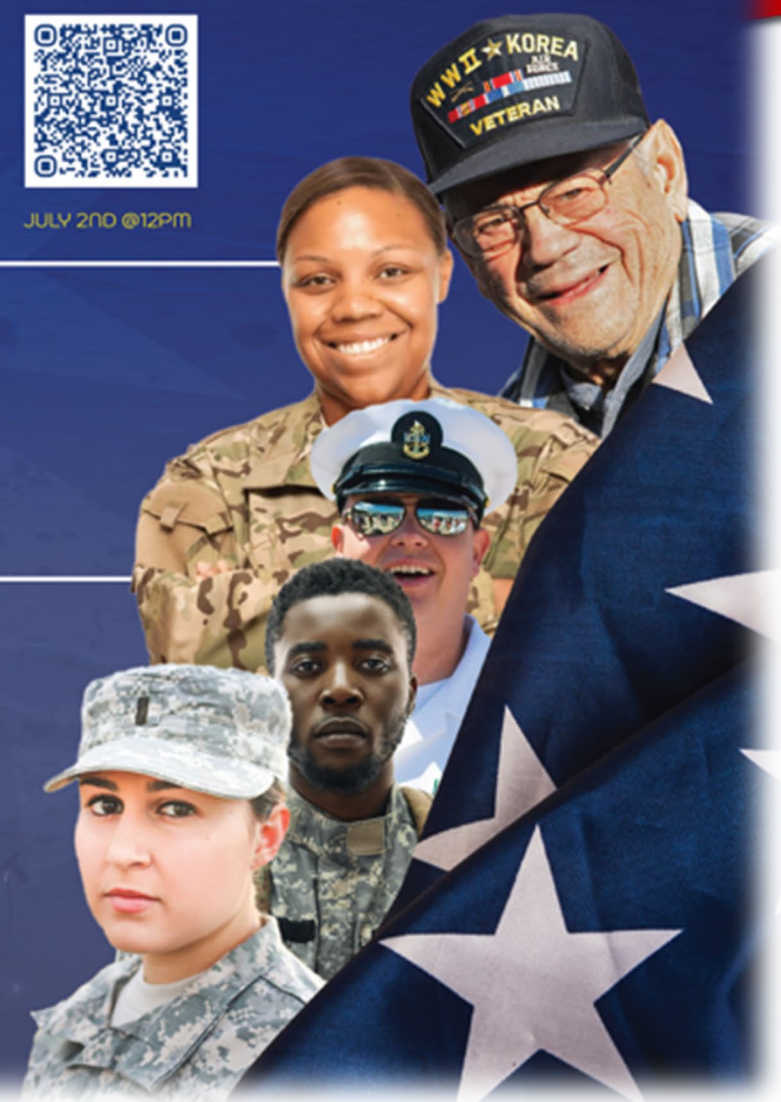
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