



## ***Service Officer Update APR 2021***

### **VFW Dept of Ohio:**

#### **VFW Expands Hearing Benefits for Members, Families**

New benefit offering takes hearing health to higher level. March 22, 2021

For more information on Hear in America benefits for VFW members and their families or to sign up for your free hearing screening with no enrollment fees or premiums, call 1.800.286-6149 or visit [vfw.org/join/member-benefits/medical-services](https://vfw.org/join/member-benefits/medical-services).

### **US Dept of Veterans Affairs-Link to latest VA news**

[veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov](mailto:veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov)

The SAVES LIVES Act, signed into law on March 24, 2021, allows VA facilities nationwide to vaccinate Veterans, regardless of VA eligibility, their spouses and caregivers. The VA Central Ohio Healthcare System begins vaccinating unenrolled Veterans and spouses starting April 3. We encourage enrolled Veterans to vaccine appointments through their primary care teams or call the Contact Center at 614-257-5200, and select option 2

### **VA strengthens PTSD claims process training**

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See full report at- [Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims Processing Training and Guidance Need Improvement \(va.gov\)](#)

### **American Legion Magazine, Apr 2021**

Milestone in Afghanistan-U.S. Forces in Afghanistan have gone a full year without a combat death For the first time in nearly two decades as *Stars and Stripes* reports. The United States has lost 2,452 personnel in Afghanistan since the beginning of the war in October 2001.