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New research conducted at Brown University concluded that the Afghanistan War has cost US taxpayers more than \$2.26 trillion and 2218 American Military lives. This includes \$296 billion for healthcare costs for veterans and \$530 billion of interest on money borrowed for the war.

18 recipients received the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan, 4 of these were awarded posthumously.

Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center

Walk-in and drive-thru flu vaccination clinics are scheduled at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus and at the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Grove City, Marion, Newark and Zanesville from Sep. 21 – Nov. 24.

Flu shot dates and hours of operation for each VA Central Ohio Healthcare System facility can be found at [Flu Vaccine Clinics - VA Central Ohio Healthcare System](#).

VA's National Center for PTSD

The Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource that connects Veterans or their loved ones to a real person specially trained to support Veterans. Call **1-800-273-8255 and Press 1**, text to **838255**, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Veterans don't have to be enrolled in VA health care or registered with VA to use the Veterans Crisis Line.

VA-Dept of Veterans Affairs

VA VETSmile pilot program to improve affordable dental care access for Veterans - The Department of Veterans Affairs launched a new initiative with community dental care providers to help improve dental care access for Veterans enrolled in VA health care who are currently ineligible for VA dental services. (9/16/21) Visit: [VETSmile | VA Center for Care and Payment Innovation](#).

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