



## Service Officer Update Feb 2022

### VFV Magazine, Feb 2022

VA to start processing claims related to burn pit exposure in the Middle East. Claims can be made relative to Asthma, Rhinitis, and Sinusitis. (page 12)

VA recovers more than \$10.2 Billion in earned VA benefits on behalf of more than 550,000 veterans in Fiscal Year 20-21. (page 44-46)

### VA-Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Top Veteran Resources of the year. December 28, 2021. Every week, VA sends a weekly newsletter—**#VetResources**—filled with valuable content, including free resources.

[#VetResources Archives - Vantage Point](#)

For VA Benefits and Health Care go to: <https://www.va.gov>

VA establishes new threshold for reporting benefit and medical debt.

Feb. 2, 2022, 08:30:00 AM News Release: The Department of Veterans Affairs published a final rule in the Federal Register, Feb. 2, amending VA's procedures for reporting debt to consumer reporting agencies. The rule also provides opportunity for relief and helps Veterans experiencing financial hardship. This is especially important now that the department has resumed debt collection activities as of Oct. 1, 2021.

### Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center

Beginning February 1, 2022 Columbus VA will offer Pharmacogenomic Testing for Veterans, also known as PHASER. This one-time blood test will help providers determine which medications may be the most effective for their patients and the least likely to cause adverse reactions - all based on each individual Veteran's genes. PHASER test results can be particularly useful for Veterans on any medications related to mental health, cardiovascular diseases and pain management.

### Veterans Health

PTSD Monthly Update: News relevant to trauma and PTSD. Subscribe for monthly updates.

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### Join Airborne Hazards Class this February

You can now sign up for VA's free, virtual class *Airborne Hazards and Burn Pits: What You Need to Know*. Join this class on Thursday, February 24, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. You can attend through your personal computer, smart phone, or tablet. To learn more about the class and to register, see the class flyer at <https://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/WARRELATEDILLNESS/education/local-offerings/support/AirborneHazardsClassBrochure.pdf>. All Veterans will need to register in order to join in. If you have trouble with registration, email VA's War Related Illness and Injury Study Center at [NJWRIISCEDEAM@va.gov](mailto:NJWRIISCEDEAM@va.gov).

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