



Service Officer Update March 2022

VFW Magazine, Mar 2022

March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day; this day in 1973 last US combat troops departed RVN. Remaining Americans 1975.

SSA raises disability and retirement rates 5.9 percent.

Global War on Terrorism Memorial to be built in D.C.: 2.7 million troops served, as of Aug 2021 7052 killed.

American Legion Magazine, Mar 2022

legion.org/buddycheck is the link for the toolkit

legion.org/tangoalphalima is the link for the American Legion podcast which has kicked off season 3 with a special 4 art series identifying solutions for and raising awareness about veteran suicide.

VA-Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Use [VetResources - VAntage Point](#) to sign up for VetResources to receive this weekly newsletter for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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

[Veteran communities receive latest resources for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis](#)

03/09/2022 02:01 PM EST- The Department of Veterans Affairs encourages Veterans affected by inflammatory bowel diseases to access a new website that raises awareness of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

[VA proposes updates to rating schedule for respiratory, auditory and mental disorders](#)

02/15/2022 09:00 AM EST - The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing changes to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities specifically pertaining to the respiratory, auditory and mental disorders body systems.

[VA funding available to create technology helping eligible service members and Veterans adapt their homes](#)

02/08/2022 01:25 PM EST - The Department of Veterans Affairs has Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology grants available for fiscal year 2022 to develop new technologies that enhance the ability of seriously disabled service members and Veterans to live more independently.

[Chillicothe Gazette](#) 3/09/2022 CHILLICOTHE — A market assessment could point to the possible closure of the historic [Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center](#) — just one of the recommendations made in the report. The VA MISSION Act of 2018 established a market assessment process to help VA's nationwide "increase Veteran access to care and improve Veteran outcomes," according to a release from the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#). Diane Garber-Cardwell, Chillicothe VA facility planner, said the market assessment of the Chillicothe VA included access, projected demand, quality, cost, infrastructure status and more. Based on the market assessment, the VA's recommendation to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission would include:

- Closing the Chillicothe VA and building a new multi-specialty Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) that would provide outpatient services for primary care, mental health and some unspecified specialty services.
- Relocating inpatient acute mental health and Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program to the Dayton VA Medical Center.
- Moving half of the nursing home beds, also known as the community living center beds, to the Dayton VA and the other half to a new facility in Circleville.

- Collaborating with the Department of Defense's Wright-Patterson medical center in Dayton, as well as other local hospitals, to fill healthcare gaps.
- Continuing to provide specialty care that is not offered in the Chillicothe area at other Ohio VA clinics.