



Service Officer Update April 2022

VFW Magazine, APR 2022

Sports Clips donated \$1.55 million to VFW for *Help a Hero Scholarship* program: provides Scholarship's for active duty troops and veterans to attend college or trade schools.

VFW encourages all veterans who served in the following operations to join the Airborne Hazards and Open Pit Registry even if they don't believe they were exposed or are not experiencing symptoms:

Operation Desert Storm

Operation Desert Shield

Operation New Dawn

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Operation Enduring Freedom (pg.12) To register visit:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp>

SAR Flag-(Suicide Awareness and Remembrance) designed by Air Force veteran and VFW Post Auxiliary member to honor and remember veterans lost to suicide. <https://www.sarflag.org>

American Legion Magazine, APR 2022

American Legion strong supporter of ROTC programs and presents medals to outstanding Cadets and Ohio departments are one of the 5 leading states.

Tang Alpha Lima podcast (legion.org/tangoalphalima) episodes deal with veteran suicide, Black History Month, new episodes every Tuesday

FedEx seeks FAA approval to equip its cargo planes with laser systems to defend against heat seeking missiles per CNN. Several instances abroad civilian aircraft were fired upon by man-portable air defense systems.

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. This site is full of info and helpful links, too much info to even report on, try it!

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

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Military sexual trauma (MST) refers to sexual assault or harassment during military service. VA is strongly committed to ensuring that MST survivors have access to the help they need to heal and recover. **Healing from military sexual trauma takes time and VA has resources to help.** For more information about services offered at Columbus VA to support MST survivors, contact our military sexual trauma coordinator Anne Mann at 614-257-5331. You are not alone.

Step Up for PTSD Awareness

Join the National Center for PTSD this June as we virtually step up to raise awareness for PTSD. No matter what activity you commit to — 30 minutes one day, some activity every day, or something in between — you're helping raise PTSD awareness in June. Go to: www.ptsd.va.gov

VA to award millions in grants to improve transitional housing facilities 03/23/2022 03:04 PM EDT

The Department of Veterans Affairs is awarding 36 capital grants totaling approximately \$64.7 million to community organizations under VA's Grant and Per Diem program to improve the quality of housing options for Veterans experiencing homelessness.