

# Seminole County Veterans Newsletter



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*This Veterans Newsletter is compiled and provided by the Seminole County Veteran's Services Office. Its intent is to keep Seminole County Veterans informed about their rights, benefits, and news of interest. It is non-political and, except where noted, all articles are excerpted from outside sources. Local events honoring/supporting Veterans will be included as made available. You are encouraged to provide feedback and recommendations, as this is your Newsletter. Together with my small Team, I hope you find it both valuable and interesting.*

*Rusty Keeling, Seminole County Veterans Services Officer*

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1. **Seminole County Veterans' Services – Rusty Sends** – If you need assistance, please call and schedule an appointment. We can do appointments both face to face and in person. Keep in mind we can provide assistance for most issues over the phone. Please try to schedule an appointment rather than just walking in, we are still social distancing!
2. **Records Requests** – If you need copies of DD-214's or other records, please visit <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> .
3. **Pay Raise, Military Medical Reform, and More: What's at Stake as the NDAA Conference Nears** - MOAA and allied advocacy groups have the opportunity to halt planned reductions to the military health system, ensure a fair pay raise for those in uniform, and make many other significant improvements to your earned benefits via the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). [Read more.](#)
4. **'Our Nation Made a Promise': MOAA Continues Fight for Agent Orange-Related Benefits** - MOAA and other veterans service organizations are turning up the pressure on federal lawmakers to approve a defense spending bill that expands the VA's list of conditions presumptive to Agent Orange exposure. [Read more.](#)
5. **China's Military Has Surpassed US in Ships, Missiles and Air Defense, DoD Report Finds** - China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has already surpassed the U.S. in missile development and its number of warships and air defense systems under the Chinese Communist Party's plan to achieve dominance by 2049, the Defense Department said in a sobering report Tuesday. [Read more.](#)
6. **Army OKs Push-Ups, PT as Punishment for Minor Infractions** - The Army recently published an update to its command policy that encourages sergeants to drop soldiers for push-ups or order extra physical training to correct minor screw-ups as an alternative to stiffer non-judicial punishments. [Read more.](#)
7. **SecDef Throws Support Behind Medal of Honor for Fallen Iraq Hero Alwyn Cashe** - A year's long push to award the military's highest valor medal to a soldier who entered a burning [Bradley](#) fighting vehicle multiple times to pull comrades to safety has just received a major shot in the arm. [Read more.](#)
8. **Space Force Now Has an Official Uniform** - Like [Army](#) and [Air Force](#) counterparts, the U.S. [Space Force](#) members will wear the Operational Camouflage Pattern as the [official service duty uniform](#), officials announced Thursday. [Read more.](#)
9. **VA, DoD Resources Can Help Find a 'New Normal' During Trying Times** - The end of August for many Americans usually means goodbye to summer vacations and hello to making plans for a new school year, holiday celebrations ... even football season. [Read more.](#)
10. **This Survey Will Help the VA Prioritize Its Suicide-Prevention Efforts** - A five-minute survey will help a multiagency effort to combat suicide among veterans, with results used to determine where resources should be deployed and how those in trouble can access the care they need. [Read more.](#)
11. **Beautiful Lives Project offers free events for disabled Veterans** - From on-the-field baseball experiences to adaptive shooting, the [Beautiful Lives Project](#) is dedicated to bringing exciting, interactive events to disabled Veterans. Our events are free to participants and are typically

activities that would not be available to the disabled community due to physical or facility limitations. [Read more.](#)

12. **Act Now: Don't Let Arlington Cemetery Changes Move Forward Without Your Voice** - The public comment period on the Federal Register to address dramatic reductions for eligibility to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) opened Sept. 15 and will close Nov. 16. As of mid-October, there were roughly 700 comments made with a month left to address proposed changes that are discriminatory in nature. [Read more.](#)
13. **Attention, TRICARE Beneficiaries: Did One Appointment Trigger Two Copays?** - Have you been billed for two copays related to a single outpatient medical appointment? MOAA's investigating similar reports, and your experience may help clear up a question of TRICARE policy. [Read more.](#)
14. **What Does the Continuing Resolution Mean, and What Happens Next?** As of Oct. 1, Congress has [again](#) missed its deadline to pass necessary appropriation bills to fund the federal government for the new fiscal year. Instead, a continuing resolution (CR) will provide stopgap funding for government activities through Dec. 11. The House had no problem passing the measure with a 359-57 vote on Sept. 22; the Senate followed suit the evening of Sept. 30 with an 84-10 vote. The president then signed the CR into law. [Read more.](#)
15. **Tricare to Cover Some Experimental Drugs for COVID-19** - In a deviation from its restrictions on paying for experimental medications, [Tricare](#) will partially cover investigational drugs used to treat COVID-19, the Defense Department announced Thursday. [Read more.](#)
16. **DoD Hits Pause on Plan to Send Tricare Beneficiaries Away from Military Hospitals for Care** - The COVID-19 pandemic has put on hold the Defense Health Agency's effort to reboot its ambitious reform of the military health system, even as it prepares for the complicated distribution and administration of novel coronavirus vaccines -- once they are approved. [Read more.](#)
17. **VA Expands Caregiver Stipend to Cover Eligible Vietnam, Korea and World War II Veterans** - A major change to a popular [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) program means the family caregivers of Vietnam, Korea and World War II veterans may qualify to get paid for their help and have access to caregiver training, mental health services and counseling and more. [Read more.](#)
18. **'Tainted,' 'Screw This:' Study Reveals Male and Female Vets Have Different Suicide Triggers** - A new study conducted by researchers with the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) suggests that, when it comes to male and female veterans, mental health support is far from a one-size-fits-all affair. [Read more.](#)
19. **'Zero' Chance of Military Intervention in Disputed Election Results, Milley Says** - The military is committed to its long apolitical tradition, so there is "zero" chance that troops will be sent into the streets in the event of disputed results in the November presidential election, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley said Monday. [Read more.](#)
20. **Coming Soon to a Military Base Near You: 24/7 Prescription Refills** - You may soon be able to pick up your prescriptions at the [commissary](#) or exchange without waiting in line in a room full of sick people. [Read more.](#)
21. **Army Gives Its Official Support to the Time-Honored Practice of Field Napping** - The U.S. Army's new health and fitness manual is officially endorsing an activity for sustaining mental alertness that soldiers have always practiced unofficially: nap time. [Read more.](#)

22. **Sgt. Maj. Thomas Payne Will Be 1st Living Delta Force Member to Receive Medal of Honor** - Seconds after U.S. military helicopters landed on their objective, [Army](#) commandos knew their mission to rescue 70 Islamic State-held hostages was off to a chaotic start. [Read more.](#)

23. **Do you have legal questions? Check this out:**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZyH5ah\\_dykKiTHkN-mTDUQ4mVtbfJydAsyv-1JqPMY5URU5HQTcwRUINU0RIVUpIMThaQ0k4VzkwVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZyH5ah_dykKiTHkN-mTDUQ4mVtbfJydAsyv-1JqPMY5URU5HQTcwRUINU0RIVUpIMThaQ0k4VzkwVC4u)

## This Day in United States Military History

### September:

- 35th anniversary **Titanic Found** on September 1, 1985
- 75th anniversary of **Japan's surrender** on September 2, 1945
- 105th anniversary of the **first tank created** on September 6, 1915
- 80th anniversary of **Germany's Blitzkrieg over London** on September 7, 1940
- 80th anniversary of **Senator Huey Long killed** on September 8, 1935
- 170th anniversary of **California becoming a State** on September 9, 1850
- 80th anniversary of **Italy invading Egypt** on September 13, 1940
- 85th anniversary of **Nuremberg Race Laws enacted** on September 15, 1935
- 400th anniversary of when the **Mayflower departed England** on September 16, 1620
- 80th anniversary of the **United States Selective Service** on September 16, 1940
- 240th anniversary of **Benedict Arnold committing treason** on September 21, 1780
- 60th anniversary of the **first televised Presidential debate** on September 26, 1960 between Kennedy and Nixon
- 80th anniversary of the **Tripartite Pact signed** between Germany, Italy, and Japan on September 27, 1940

### October:

- 130th anniversary of **Yosemite National Park created** on October 1, 1890
- 110th anniversary of the **Los Angeles Times building bombing** on October 1, 1910
- 30th anniversary of **East and West Germany reunited** on October 3, 1990 (and it felt so good)
- 175th anniversary of the **US Naval Academy** on October 10, 1845
- 105th anniversary of **Bulgaria entering WWI** on October 11, 1915
- 210th anniversary of **Oktoberfest** on October 12, 1810
- 245th anniversary of the **United States Navy created**, October 13, 1775
- 55th anniversary of the **Highway Beautification Act signed** on October 22, 1965
- 75th anniversary of the **United Nations created** on October 24, 1945
- 195th anniversary of the **Erie Canal** on October 26, 1825
- 55th anniversary of the **St. Louis Gateway Arch** on October 28, 1965
- 80th anniversary of when **Italy invaded Greece** on October 28, 1940