

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

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. **SAVE LIVES Act** allows VA to soon provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans, their spouses and caregivers. [Read More](#)
4. **Guard Troops Ambushed in Texas**, Held at Gunpoint While Transporting COVID-19 Vaccines. Police say a gunman followed three vans of troops transporting vaccines from a Love's Travel Station for 10 miles. [Read more](#)
5. **Pentagon Chief Orders Review of Deadly 2020 Attack in Kenya**. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Monday ordered an Army review of an investigation into a January 2020 militant assault on the Manda Bay military base in Kenya that killed three Americans and wounded three others. [Read more](#)
6. **Gone In 65 Seconds**: Pilot Error Led to \$6 Million Loss in Military Drone Crash [Read more](#)
7. **13-Year-Old Stepson Kills NCO After Watching Him Allegedly Assault His Mother**, Police Say [Read More](#)
8. **Army Makes 2-Minute Plank a Permanent Leg Tuck Alternative for ACFT** [Read more](#)
9. **Maverick Can't Catch a Break**. 'Top Gun' Sequel Delayed Again to November 2021 [Read more](#)
10. **Veterans and Gold Star Families Will Soon Have Free Admission** to All National Parks [Read More](#)
11. **Sailor's Suicide Is the Third Tied to Hawaii's Submarine Force** in Past 16 Months. The death of a sailor of a self-inflicted gunshot after a barricade situation at the The Kahala Hotel & Resort was the third tied to Hawaii's submarine force in the past 16 months. [Read more](#)
12. **The World's Oldest Living Air Force General Just Turned 107!** [Read more](#)

13. **Retirees, as well as their dependents can be buried in any VA National Cemetery**, Arlington National Cemetery, and most State Veterans Cemeteries for free. While VA and Arlington National Cemeteries charge no fees for a veteran to be buried there. They may charge a fee for a veteran's spouse to be buried with the veteran, though. Most State Veterans Cemeteries have residency requirements, and some charge a small fee for the burial of dependents. The VA will also provide a free headstone or marker for the retiree's remains at any cemetery in the world. [Read More](#)
14. **How the Tricare Catastrophic Cap Affects Your Health Care Costs.** Tricare medical coverage is one of the biggest benefits of military service, and one of the greatest things about Tricare is the low catastrophic caps that limit the total amount you'll pay on covered medical care in a year. [Read more](#)
15. **Here's When VA Disability, Social Security, SSI Recipients Will Get Their \$1,400 Stimulus Checks.** [Read more](#)
16. **This Special Forces Medic Earned the Medal of Honor by Saving 60 Lives in Vietnam.** [Read more](#)
17. **Jake Gyllenhaal Set to Play Medal of Honor Recipient John Chapman in 'Combat Control'.** Jake Gyllenhaal is set to team up with "Extraction" director Sam Hargrave to make "Combat Control," a movie about Air Force Sgt. John Chapman, killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Anaconda in March 2002. [Read More](#)
18. **World War II Hero Charles Coolidge Receives Medal of Honor in 1945.** [Read More](#)
19. **Famous Minority Service Members Who Made an Impact in the Military** [Read more](#)
20. **Army Grants New Mothers a Full Year to Meet Body Fat Standards.** The Army is moving to double the physical standards grace period for soldiers who give birth. According to a service announcement released Friday night, new mothers in the Army will have 365 days, up from 180, to get back within body fat standards. [Read more](#)
21. **Female Cadet Sets New Record for West Point's Punishing Obstacle Course** [Read More](#)
22. **48,000 Marines Have Turned Down COVID-19 Vaccine, Corps Says.** [Read More](#)
23. **How the Pandemic Changed Military Recruiting Forever.** As America slowly emerges from the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Army recruiters are finally beginning to return to face-to-face interactions with young people. [Read More](#)
24. **Army Begins Clinical Trials on Vaccine That May Be Effective Against All Coronaviruses** [Read More](#)