

VETERANS FOR CHRIST, INC.
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Fellow Veterans Grace and Peace to you and your family.

The Veterans for Christ, Inc. is looking for a few honorably discharged veterans to help other veterans less fortunate veterans than ourselves to support the mission of the Veterans for Christ, Inc. www.veteransforchristinc.org

Veterans: Stressed over coronavirus?

The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has the potential to increase stress and anxiety, both because of the fear of catching the virus and because of uncertainty about how it will affect us. If you have PTSD, you may have stronger stress reactions than normal. Feelings of fear, anxiety, sadness and doubt are normal during a pandemic.

Veterans' GI Bill benefits to continue during COVID-19 pandemic

Student Veterans will continue to receive their GI Bill benefits under S. 3503, which President Trump signed into law March 21.

The law enables VA to continue providing the same level of education benefits to students having to take courses online due to the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

The law gives VA temporary authority to continue GI Bill payments uninterrupted in the event of national emergencies. This allows for continued payment of benefits even if the program has changed from resident training to online training.

Thanks to the law, GI Bill students will continue receiving the same monthly housing allowance (MHA) payments they received for resident training until Dec. 21, or until the school resumes in-person classes.

In the wake of COVID-19, thousands of students nationwide have been converted to distance learning as many educational institutions are transitioning to technology-based lesson delivery.

"I commend President Trump and Congress for their work on this important law," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It will give Veteran students certainty as they continue their education."

Students receiving [GI Bill benefits](#) are not required to take any action. Benefits will continue automatically. VA will work closely with schools to ensure accurately certified enrollments and timely processing. Updates will be provided to students via direct email campaigns and social media regarding VA's effort to implement these new changes.

Students with specific questions can contact the Education Call Center at: 888-442-4551 between 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday.

VA national cemeteries adjusts operations in response to COVID-19

All VA national cemeteries are open and will continue to provide interments for Veterans and eligible individuals. However, effective March 23 — as part of the agency's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) — committal services and the rendering of military funeral honors will discontinue until further notice.

Immediate family members (limited to no more than 10 individuals) of the deceased may witness the interment if requested.

“We are committed to the safety of our Veterans, their families and employees, and [have implemented an aggressive public health response to COVID-19](#),” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “At the same time, we continue to take steps to provide flexibility to Veterans and their loved ones, where possible.”

Families choosing to continue with interment may schedule a committal service for a later date. Families wishing to postpone an already scheduled interment to a later date should contact the cemetery as soon as possible to convey their wishes.

VA national cemeteries remain open to visitors. However, guests are strongly urged to obey local travel restrictions and avoid unnecessary travel. Certain portions of a cemetery typically open to the public, such as public information centers or chapels, may be closed to the public. Contact your [local cemetery](#) for updates regarding closures.

For more information, contact NCA at 202-891-9987. Veterans can call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 or [schedule a burial arrangement online](#)

BE SURE TO COME AND MEET THE VETERANS FOR CHRIST AT BO JANGLES

When: May 25, 2020

Where: Bojangles' 2695 Panola Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

You must be: 17 1/2 to Register and 18 to Vote

Voter Registration Deadline Monday, October 05, 2020 at 08:00 AM

If you are eligible to vote in the November 5, 2020 General Election,

Make sure you are registered to vote by this day.

VA suspends funeral honors, large gatherings at cemeteries due to coronavirus



The Fort Richardson National Cemetery in Alaska is shown on Dec. 14, 2019. On Friday, Veterans Affairs officials announced new restrictions at cemeteries nationwide to help limit the spread of the coronavirus

All large funeral services and military burial honors will cease at veterans cemeteries nationwide starting next week as part of federal efforts to limit the [spread of the coronavirus](#).

[Veterans Affairs officials](#) made the announcement Friday afternoon, with the new policies effective on March 23. That means that funeral services scheduled for this weekend at veterans cemeteries will continue as planned. But starting Monday, “committal services and the rendering of military funeral honors will discontinue until further notice,” according to the department notice.

Airman Advances in Quest to Become First Female Special Tactics Officer

A female Air Force officer has completed a rigorous special warfare course and will move on to the next program within the Special Tactics Officer training pipeline, making her the first woman to advance this far within battlefield officer specialty training. The Special Tactics Officer (STO) candidate, who is unidentified for privacy reasons, was recently selected to start the next iteration of the training pipeline following her

successful completion of the "STO Phase 2 Assessment" conducted by Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), according to 1st Lt. Jeremy Huggins, a spokesman for the Special Warfare Training Wing. [From Military.com]



Verse of the Day

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8 KJV

YOU TOO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FOR CHRIST, INC.

Sign up online to become an associate member. The annual associate membership of \$120.00 which can be used as a tax deduction for supporters. Registration fees can be paid online through our PayPal account. You will get a free VFC T-shirt with your associate membership. Your tax deductible membership fee will support the VFC mission.

All Honorably Discharged Veterans are welcome to come and observe the VFC; feel free to ask questions and learn more. If we don't know the answer we know someone who does. Please browse our web site www.veteransforchristinc.org. There you'll find information on many subjects of interest to veterans. You'll also find a Newsletter for your branch of service and links to Social Security and many other links with an abundance of information.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Wesley Chapel Library at 2861 Wesley Chapel Rd., Decatur, Ga. Our meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month and start at 6:30 (PM) for approximately one hour and a half, unless otherwise advertised. We will be respectful of your time.

Thank you for your interest in the VFC. We look forward to communicating and fellowshiping with you soon. We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our VFC Gerald Prince College Scholarship which is donated each September at our Anniversary Luncheon

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong." 1Cor 16:13

Sincerely,

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