Military Group Honors Barrar:
The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) inducted the former state Rep. Stephen E. Barrar into its prestigious Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes citizens for their exceptional service to the department, the Pennsylvania National Guard, and Pennsylvania’s veterans. "The DMVA Hall of Fame enshrines exceptional people, like Steve Barrar, who distinguish themselves through outstanding public service to our nation and the commonwealth," said Maj. Gen. Mark Schindler, Pennsylvania’s adjutant general and head of the DMVA. Website

Annual Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Helps Individuals Safely Dispose Of Unused Medicine:
The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), Department of Aging, and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' (DMVA) Counterdrug Joint Task Force (CJTF) joined officials from Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center to encourage Pennsylvanians to take part in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day initiative on October 23. Website

Fort Indiantown Gap Wood Yard Open To The Public:
The Fort Indiantown Gap Wood Yard will be open to the public for two days: Saturday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To learn more, please visit [website](#).

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**Volunteers Needed To Carry Out Nov. 20 Military Appreciation Tailgate At Bryce Jordan Center:**

Volunteers are needed at the Penn State Military Appreciation Tailgate for servicemembers, veterans and their families, on Saturday, Nov. 20. The tailgate, to be held prior to the football game against Rutgers University, needs the assistance of Penn State faculty, staff, students, alumni and local community members for this all-volunteer effort. Volunteers can sign up online and the deadline to register is Oct. 29. [Website](#)

**Vietnam Veterans Scholarship Winners Announced:**

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Bucktail Chapter 720, recently awarded seven $1,000 scholarships to students from several area high schools. The 2022 scholarship packets will be available at their school counselor’s office by Jan. 1. [Website](#)

**Veterans Education That Pays:**

The Adult & Continuing Education Center at York County School of Technology is honored to serve military veterans and their families by providing quality educational opportunities for a diverse community of learners to thrive in an evolving world. At the Adult & Continuing Education Center at York County School of Technology, we seek to help military-connected students access their benefits seamlessly, and transition to student life with all the support they need. [Website](#)

**Veterans Outreach Of Pennsylvania:**

You can be a hometown hero by clearing the way for new homes for local homeless veterans. The non-profit Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania plans to build a village of 15 tiny homes behind PennDOT’s Riverfront Office Center in Harrisburg, Dauphin County. The organization needs volunteers to clear the wooded area of brush and debris. If you have a weed-whacker, bring it! [Website](#)
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Campaign Hopes To Decrease Veteran Suicide By Firearm:

Increasing the time and space between someone in a suicidal crisis and a firearm (lethal means) can reduce the risk of suicide and save lives. While many veterans own firearms and feel very comfortable with them, there is a disconnect between access to a gun in the home and increased risk of harm. Website

American Veterans Share How Military Service Changed Their Lives In PBS Documentary:

As Veterans Day 2021 approaches, PBS will air an ambitious four-part documentary series called “American Veteran.” The series will focus on the personal recollections of the men and women who have served. From hosts to interview subjects, every voice you hear in the program will be a veteran. “American Veteran” will air until Nov. 16 at 9 p.m. and will stream at PBS.org and in the PBS Video app. Website

Take The Student Veterans Of America Census Survey:

The SVA Census is an annual survey that collects data on student veterans, alumni and other military-connected students. SVA uses this anonymous information in discussions with policy makers, partners and the public. It is one of the few national-level sources containing student veteran demographic data, and that’s why it’s so important to participate. Please encourage student veterans, alumni and other military-connected students that you know to complete the 2021 SVA Census. Website

Federal Retirees To See Record High Cost-Of-Living Increase For Social Security:

The cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income recipients will increase by 5.9 percent for 2022, marking the largest increase since 1982. The robust increase, announced by the Social Security Administration Oct. 13, reverses the last couple years of consistent declines in the COLA increase, which hit a low of 1.3 percent for 2021. Website

Public Can Lay Flowers On The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier Nov. 9-10:

For the first time in nearly 100 years, members of the public will be able to lay flowers directly in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington,
VA. It’s a rare opportunity to approach the tomb, a privilege usually reserved to the sentinels of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, “The Old Guard.” The ceremony is part of the commemoration of the tomb’s centennial. [Website]

**VA Expands Offering Of COVID-19 Booster Vaccines:**
The VA is now offering Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster shots under Emergency Use Authorization, expanding on last month's authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech booster. [Website]

**Veterans Crisis Line:**
Take a moment to save the #VeteransCrisisLine number in your phone: 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1. Remember to share. It can save lives. [Website]

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**Wolf Administration Continues Work To Address Bus Driver Shortage, Encourages Drivers To Apply:**
PennDOT Deputy Secretary Kurt Myers and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Secretary Dr. Noe Ortega joined the Pennsylvania School Bus Association to encourage interested individuals to obtain Commercial Driver's License to address bus driver shortage in Pennsylvania. "We want to do our part to encourage those looking for employment or supplemental income to consider obtaining a school bus endorsement to help get our children to school. That’s the critical part of all of this," said PennDOT Deputy Secretary Myers. [Website]

**More Employment Opportunities:**
To see a full listing of employment opportunities, visit the DMVA Employment page. [Website]

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**Veterans Luncheon:**
- Nov. 2, 2021, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA (Lancaster County)
- We will have a great program and luncheon for veterans and their spouses or guests. Cost of the luncheon is $20 per person.
- For more information and to register visit Website

**More Events Listing:**

To see a full listing of events, visit the DMVA Events page. Website