



PACT Act Toxic Exposure Benefits

Veteran Outreach Toolkit

August 10, 2023, marks the one-year anniversary of President Biden signing the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act, also known as the Honoring Our PACT Act (P.L. 117-168), into law. The PACT Act expanded Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

While over half a million individuals have filed claims since the passage of the PACT Act, **there are millions more—including an estimated 3.5 million post-9/11 veterans—who have yet to file with two fast-approaching deadlines:**

AUGUST 9, 2023 ★ ★ ★

Veterans and survivors must file a claim before August 9, 2023, to be eligible for retroactive compensation backdating to August 10, 2022. Active-duty military personnel may also file a claim if they are within 180 days of discharge.

OCTOBER 1, 2023 ★ ★ ★

Post-9/11 combat veterans who were discharged over 10 years ago and are not enrolled in VA health care must enroll by October 1, 2023, to take advantage of the open enrollment period. This allows veterans to avoid a phased-in enrollment period that could mean waiting longer until they are eligible.



Join us in helping veterans access the health care and disability benefits they have earned by sharing the drafted social content below.



Draft Social Media

- ★ Are you or a loved one a post-9/11 combat veteran or exposed to burn pits/other toxins while in service? If so, there's important info regarding your @DeptVetAffairs health care and disability benefits, including 2 fast-approaching deadlines.

www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ There are 2 approaching #HonoringOurPactAct deadlines: Aug. 9 & Oct. 1.

Visit www.va.gov/PACT for important information regarding these dates, along with information about expanded benefits under the PACT Act.

AUGUST 9 DEADLINE ★ ★ ★

- ★ Veterans: Aug. 9 is the deadline to file a toxic exposure claim to be eligible for retroactive @DeptVetAffairs benefits backdating to Aug. 10, 2022.

Work with a VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization to file - free of charge: www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ Expanded PACT Act benefits for #toxicexposure conditions are now available to more veterans.

Even if you were previously denied coverage, @DeptVetAffairs will review under the new law. Apply by Aug. 9 to ensure you can receive retroactive compensation. www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ Every veteran dealing with the health impact of #toxicexposure deserves the benefits owed to them.

Aug. 9 is the deadline to file a claim to be eligible for retroactive compensation dating back to Aug. 10, 2022. www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ Veterans have until Aug. 9 to file a #toxicexposure claim to be eligible for retroactive @DeptVetAffairs benefits backdating to Aug. 10, 2022.

Active-duty military personnel can also file a claim if they are within 180 days of discharge. Visit www.va.gov/PACT.

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OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE ★ ★ ★

- ★ Even if you are not experiencing symptoms, it is still important to enroll in VA health care if you were exposed to burn pits in the military.

Work with a VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization to enroll by the Oct. 1 open enrollment deadline: www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ Post-9/11 combat veterans who were discharged 10+ years ago have until Oct. 1 to take advantage of the open enrollment period and avoid unnecessary delays in care.

www.va.gov/PACT

- ★ Post-9/11 combat veterans discharged 10+ years ago:

Oct. 1 is the deadline to take advantage of @DeptVetAffairs open enrollment and avoid waiting for care. Learn more at www.va.gov/PACT #HonoringOurPACTAct

PACT ACT & TOXIC EXPOSURE ★ ★ ★

- ★ Since the PACT Act became law, more than 600K claims have been filed with @DeptVetAffairs. If you think you are eligible for #toxicexposure claims, don't wait — seek assistance from a VA-accredited Veteran Service Officer to enroll with VA and file for benefits, free of charge.

- ★ Millions of post-9/11 combat veterans were exposed to burn pits during their time in service. These environmental hazards can have a lasting impact on health and well-being.

If you or a loved one have had any kind of exposure, apply now for expanded @DeptVetAffairs benefits.

- ★ @DeptVetAffairs is now processing all related claims under the #HonoringOurPACTAct!

If you are a veteran affected by #toxicexposure, go to www.va.gov/PACT to learn about the benefits you have earned.

- ★ Under the #HonoringOurPACTAct, veterans who were previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim can file a NEW claim for @DeptVetAffairs to review.

Learn more: www.va.gov/PACT

Or, call: 800-827-1000.