

# VETERANS NEWS BRIEFS



## WOMEN VETERANS NEWS UPCOMING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



## PACT ACT OUTREACH PACT ACT EVENT NEWS OVER 200 VETERANS

On January 18<sup>th</sup> Veterans came out in large numbers to learn about the new 2022 PACT Act signed into law by President Joe Biden on Aug. 10, 2022. Read more on page 2.



## SPOTLIGHT ON VETERANS HEALTH THE CREATE MOTION CENTER



**CReATE Motion  
Ribbon Cutting  
Ceremony  
2024**

March 27th 10:00AM  
Multi-Purpose Room, Bldg. #2, 3rd Flr.  
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA  
Medical Center,  
3900 Woodland Ave. Phila. PA 19104

**RSVP**  
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veteran Health Administration  
Philadelphia VA Healthcare System



## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A TRIBUTE TO THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES

This February, we honored the legacy of the Montford Point Marines, the first African Americans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. In a special event hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Montford Point Marine Association Inc., families of Original Montford Point Marines, PFC David A. Carthorn and Corporal Ralph Franklin Johnson, were presented with Congressional Gold Medal replicas. The celebration was further enriched by the presence of retired MstGySgt Joseph H. Geeter, III, along with our heroes, Gunnery Sergeant Roosevelt Farrow and Private First Class Leroy Artison. Their invaluable contributions have paved the way for future generations, and we were proud to celebrate their courage and dedication at the VA Medical Center, with the assistance of US Congressman Dwight Evans.

## New Health Horizons

In late September 2023, the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center proudly unveiled its new Hybrid Operating Room (OR), a landmark advancement in medical technology. Equipped with the latest in specialized equipment, this modern OR is uniquely designed for the treatment of vascular issues, including the prevention of strokes and the treatment of brain and stomach aneurysms, as well as deep vein thrombosis in the lower limbs—an advancement that could significantly reduce the risk of amputation. This innovation symbolizes our commitment to offering superior care, blending traditional surgical methods with cutting-edge imaging technology for more precise, minimally invasive procedures. Celebrating this milestone, we're excited to elevate the standard of care for our community.







The 2024 Military Basketball Championships are headed to Philadelphia! Teams to be announced.

The Military Basketball Association (MBA) was founded in 2017 to promote the Military Athlete. Every year the MBA organizes and hosts local and national events to bring awareness to the many behavioral health concerns that face veterans every day. Their mission is “Life Through Basketball”, seeking to offer positive opportunities to those who serve and continue to serve.

[Military Basketball Association Championships | The Liacouras Center](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3/12/2024 Women's History Month Event, CMCVAMC, MPR
- 3/21/2024 - Telepathology Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 3/27/2024 CReATE MOTION Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 3/28/2024 Stand Up Comedian, Air Force Veteran P.T. Bratton & The Best Medicine Brigade
- 4/27/2024 PACT ACT Event (St. Matthews Baptist Church, Williamstown, NJ)
- 5/21/2024 "Grab & Go" Event in MPR (Homeless, Disabled, and at risk Vets)
- 5/23/2024 MBA Hall of Fame Banquet
- 5/25/2024 H.S. Skills & Dunk Contest
- 5/26/2024 MBA Town Hall 1pm - 2:30PM
- 5/26/2024 MBA Championship Games (Liacouras Center, 1776 North Broad Street, Philadelphia PA)
- 6/22/2024 PACT ACT Event, Enon Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA

VA is executing a comprehensive Veteran outreach plan to make sure that every Veteran and survivor gets the care they need and the benefits they deserve. For now, here are the most important things for Veterans to know. We want Veterans and survivors to apply now for their PACT Act benefits.

Any Veteran or survivor can learn more about the PACT Act by calling 1-800-MY-VA-411.

[Access more information on The PACT Act and your VA benefits](#)

**Women Veterans** may be eligible for a wide-variety of benefits available to all U.S. military Veterans. VA benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial. To learn more visit the [Women Veterans Benefits website](#).



## THE 2022 PROMISE TO ADDRESS COMPREHENSIVE TOXICS (PACT) ACT

The PACT Act is a historic new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The law empowers VA to provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

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Veteran enrolled for VHA healthcare will receive an initial toxic exposure screening (TES) and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans not enrolled, but who are eligible will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening by one of our primary care physicians.

[Website](#)