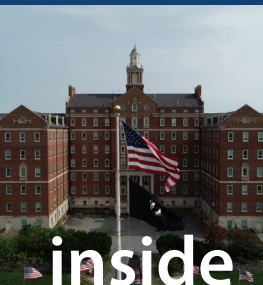


# Lebanon VAMC

## NEWSLETTER



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## PACT Act: By The Numbers



Veteran talking to a group.

September 30 marked the end of the one-year special enrollment period for the PACT Act—The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022. September 2023 was one of VA's largest months ever for health care enrollments, with overall enrollments reaching 48,763 nationwide. This is nearly double the enrollment numbers for September 2022 and the second-highest month of enrollments in VA's history. This increase can be attributed to a number of efforts, including an expanded communications and outreach campaign when VA began promoting PACT Act over a year ago.

Check out the numbers of Veterans at Lebanon VAMC during FY2023 who are eligible for VA benefits as well as toxic exposure screenings (TES) due to the PACT Act:



**36,309**  
Unique Veterans Screened



**14,391**  
Unique Veterans Reporting at Least One Concern



**40%**  
Percentage of Veterans Reporting Exposure

Most Common TES Concerns:

34%	Burn Pits
31%	Agent Orange
13%	Other
12%	Camp LeJune
5%	Gulf War
5%	Radiation

The PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Every enrolled Veteran will receive an initial TES and a follow-up screening at least every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.

Talk to an enrollment specialist in Lebanon VAMC's Central Business Office at 717-272-6000 to find out more about your eligibility.

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# Toxic Exposure Screenings (TES) Overview

During your TES, you will be asked questions about potential exposure to an open burn pit or other hazards commonly associated with military environmental exposure. If you answer yes, you may be connected to support and resources, including a review by your primary care team or provider.

## TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING AT A GLANCE

### WHAT IT IS



#### A CONVERSATION STARTER

The screening asks Veterans if they believe they experienced toxic exposures while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



#### A CONNECTION

Veterans will be offered connections and information on benefits, registry exams, and clinical resources, as appropriate.



#### A RECORD

Veterans' responses are added to the VA medical record to be included as part of their care.



#### EXPOSURE-INFORMED CARE

This approach includes exposure concerns as a cornerstone of Veteran care across their lifetime.

### WHAT IT IS NOT



#### A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

No specific diagnostic tests or physical exams are indicated to screen for illness based solely on self-reported exposure to toxins.



#### A PATH TO BENEFITS

The screening does not play a role in determining disability compensation, but Veterans who report exposures will receive information about filing a claim.



#### A VERIFICATION OF EXPOSURE

The screening provides no legal or medical verification.



#### A REGISTRY EVALUATION

The screening is not part of VA's environmental health registries and does not serve as a registry evaluation.

# Four Easy Ways to Apply for VA Health Care

Even if you don't need VA care right now, you may need it in the future—and once you're enrolled, you have access for life. VA is the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans.



**ONLINE:** 

[va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction](https://va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction)



**CALL TOLL FREE:**

**877-222-VETS (8387)**



**MAIL:**

**VA Form 10-10EZ to:**  
Health Eligibility Center  
2957 Clairmont Rd.  
Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30329



**IN PERSON:** 

Call Lebanon VAMC's Central Business Office at 717-272-6000 to make an appointment.

Apply in-person at: 1700 South Lincoln Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17042

*Please bring a copy of your DD-214 and a valid form of identification with you.*

## My HealtheVet's 20th Anniversary

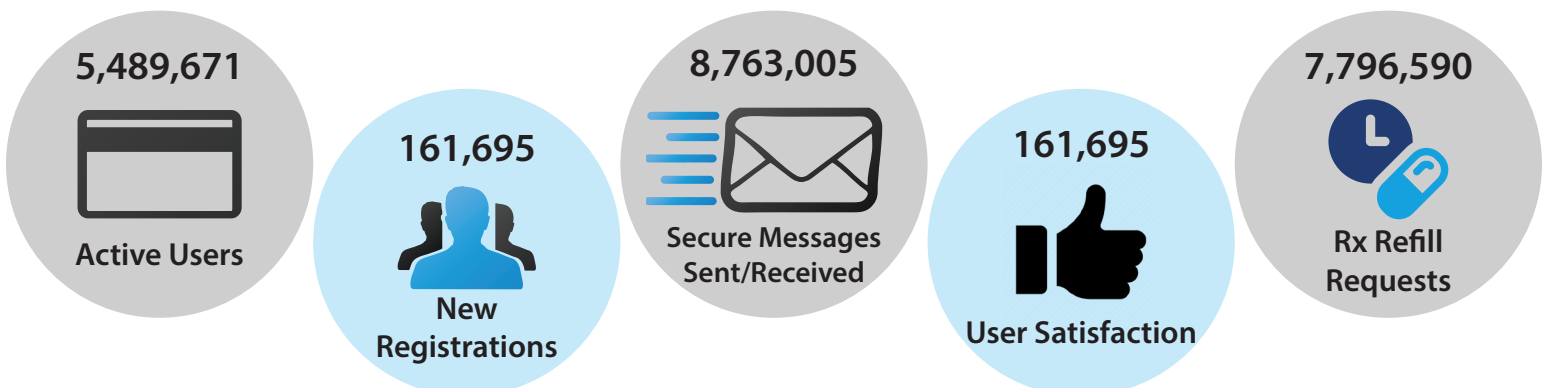
Veterans Day in 2023 marked My HealtheVet's 20th anniversary. As VA's online patient portal, My HealtheVet is a key part of VA care. My HealtheVet is a pioneer in patient portal technology. The platform was piloted in 1999 at 9 VA medical centers across the country. It launched nationally on Veterans Day, November 11, 2003.

The portal's first features included trusted health information, an overview of VA benefits, and a health calendar. Soon after launching, My HealtheVet added a personal health record. This allows Veterans to enter their own health information.

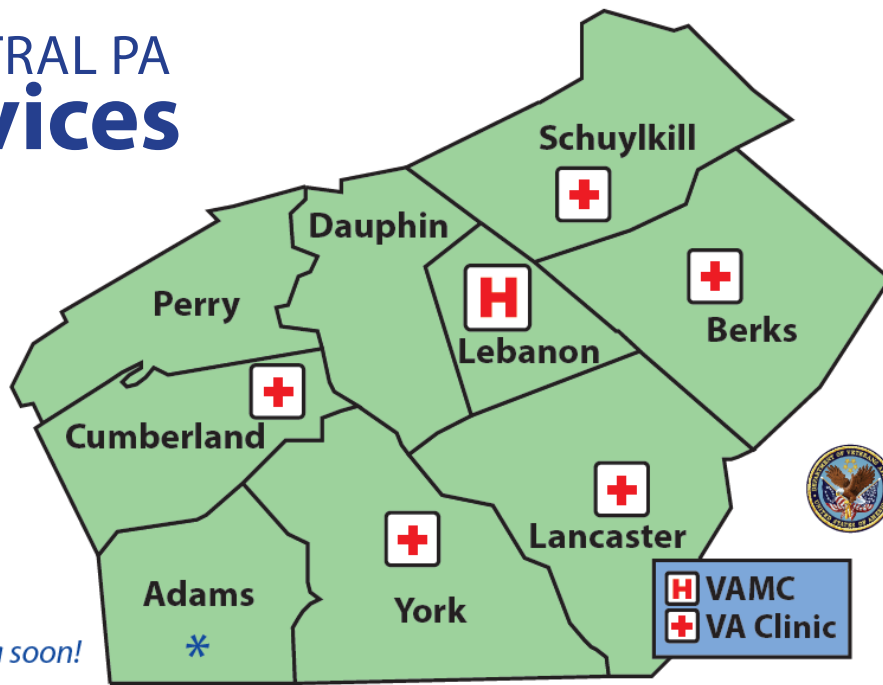
Veterans have now used My HealtheVet to request over 255 million prescription refills. They've sent over 204 million secure messages and downloaded over 59 million health record files. And features pioneered by My HealtheVet, like VA Blue Button, have become standard on inpatient portals around the world.

To sign up for My HealtheVet visit [myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home](https://myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home).

My HealtheVet by the Numbers:



# SOUTH CENTRAL PA VA Services



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## HEALTH CARE SERVICES

### VA HOSPITAL

**LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER**  
1700 South Lincoln Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
717-272-6621 | 1-800-409-8771  
[va.gov/lebanon-health-care](http://va.gov/lebanon-health-care)

### VA CLINICS

**ADAMS COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
\*Stay tuned - coming soon!

**BERKS COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
2762 Century Boulevard  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
484-220-2572

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
5070 Ritter Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
717-590-1525

**LANCASTER COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
212 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Suite 208  
Willow Street, PA 17584  
717-740-4434

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
1410 Laurel Boulevard, Suite 2  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
570-628-5374

**YORK COUNTY VA CLINIC**  
2251 Eastern Boulevard  
York, PA 17402  
717-840-2730

*Thank you for choosing VA!*

## OTHER VA SERVICES IN OUR SERVICE AREA\*

### VET CENTERS

**Readjustment Counseling Services**  
Learn more at [vetcentervva.gov](http://vetcentervva.gov)

**LANCASTER VET CENTER**  
1817 Olde Homestead Lane  
Suite 207  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717-283-0735

**HARRISBURG VET CENTER**  
1500 North Second Street  
Suite 2  
Harrisburg, PA 17102  
717-782-3954

### VA NATIONAL CEMETERY FORT INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETARY

60 Indiantown Gap Road  
Annville, PA 17003  
717-865-5254  
Learn more at [cem.va.gov](http://cem.va.gov)

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Quality care at six locations in South Central PA.*



### Lebanon VA Medical Center

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## COMMON LEBANON VAMC CONTACTS

717-272-6621 | 1-800-409-8871

Appointment Line	x 5105
Telephone Nursing Care	x 6041
Pharmacy Center	x 6009
Auto Med Refill / Acct. & Appt. Info	x 5991
Enrollment / Eligibility	x 6000
VETERANS CRISIS LINE	988 then press 1