



Weekly Newsletter

March 8, 2024



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VA Accelerates Healthcare Eligibility

Veteran claims under the PACT Act

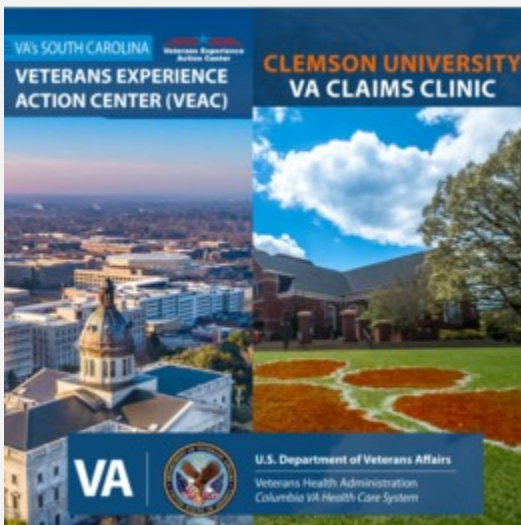
## New PACT Act expansion accelerates health care eligibility for all Veterans exposed to toxins

VA announced that all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military – at home or abroad – will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care **beginning March 5, 2024.**

This means that all Veterans who served in the **Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11** will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. **Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.**

**WATCH our SCDVA PACT Act update** for an explainer regarding how this new change will impact certain groups of Veterans in the link below or read more about the expansion by [clicking here](#).

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## Columbia VBA to host Claims Clinics for Veterans in the Midlands and the Upstate

Veterans in South Carolina have four opportunities to receive benefits and claims assistance from the **Columbia VBA Regional Office** during the month of March.

The VA will host a 3-day VEAC Claims clinic in the Midlands and a claims clinic in the Upstate to assist Clemson University student Veterans and other Veterans in the surrounding area.

Click below to learn more.

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**Celebrating Military Women**

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Join us for a celebration honoring all women who served or are currently serving in the military! This annual event in celebration of Women's History Month, honors military women for their contributions to the Armed Forces.

This event will be held at the Charleston Vet Center located at 3625 West Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29418. Participation from the following services: VA Women's Health, Caregiver Support, Suicide Prevention, Minority Veterans, and IPWAP. Community Partners from VBA, U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, Soldiers' Angels, and many more.

For more information contact:  
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**VETCENTER** Provision of Services, Community  
**VA** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

## Celebrating Military Women: Veteran of the Quarter

Join the VA and Vet Center in the Lowcountry for a celebration honoring all women who served or are currently serving in the military for their sacrifices and contributions to our country!

The celebration will take place on **March 15 from 1PM-3:30PM at the Charleston Vet Center located at 3625 West Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29418.**

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Florence, SC

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Darlington County, SC

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Hardeeville, SC

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North Charleston, SC

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Aiken County, SC

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BMW–[APPLY HERE](#)

### Logistics Planning Analyst

Fountain Inn, SC

Caterpillar– [APPLY HERE](#)



## Veteran of the Week

### Lt. Col. Rick Mantei

Following his military service, Mantei worked as a stock broker for Merrill Lynch and continued to show his support for Veterans through his membership with various Veteran organizations.

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