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Pact Act Passes



From: The Associated Press

“WASHINGTON — A bill enhancing health care and disability benefits for millions of veterans exposed to toxic burn pits won final approval in the Senate on Tuesday (August 2, 2022), ending a brief stalemate over the measure that had infuriated advocates and inspired some to camp outside the Capitol.

The Senate approved the bill by a vote of 86-11. It now goes to President Joe Biden’s desk to be signed into law. He has said the bill “makes good on our sacred obligation” to care for veterans and their families.

The Senate had overwhelming approved the legislation back in June, but a do-over was required to make a technical fix. That process derailed when Republicans made a late attempt to change another aspect of the bill last week and blocked it from advancing.

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A Few Months Out

August 16, 2022—Post Meeting

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The abrupt delay outraged veterans groups and advocates, including comedian Jon Stewart. It also placed GOP senators in the uncomfortable position of delaying the top legislative priority of service organizations this session of Congress.

The legislation expands access to health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs for millions who served near burn pits. It directs the VA to presume that certain respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to burn pit exposure, allowing veterans to obtain disability payments to compensate for their injury without having to prove the illness was a result of their service.

The bill is projected to increase federal deficits by about \$277 billion over 10 years."

Editors Note:

A member contacted us and asked if we could do something about the initial failure of the act. After contacting Senator Crapo's and Senator Risch's office, here is what we found:

Here is more information from Senator Crapo:

<https://www.crapo.senate.gov/media/newsreleases/senate-passes-crapo-klobuchar-legislation-to-support-veterans-exposed-to-burn-pits>

According to Senator Crapo's office, the reason he voted "no" was because the wording in the Pact Act allowed up to **\$400 Billion dollars** unrelated to veterans issues be spent. Senator Risch said the same thing in a statement on August 3, 2022 for Channel 7 News. Note the difference in the dollar amounts.

Senator Crapo and Senator Risch were two of the 11 "NO" votes on the final passage of the Pact Act.

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Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

Greetings,

The last part of July and the first part of August have been quiet...sort of. We were happy to hear that Meridian City approved our grant application for the flag destruction program. The award is over \$12,000 and will be used to put containers at City Hall and in Kleiner Park. It also pays for two burners that will be used by Post 202 at ISCC (the prison Post) to complete the flag destruction process.

The other news as you will see on the front page was the ultimate passage of the Pact Act. Please see the info found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Ralph Cavalieri contacted Sen Crapo and Sen Risch's office prior to the most recent vote. On the front page is the news feed from the A.P. The numbers from what the A.P reported and both senators reported to us are not the same. I believe there is a great deal we are not hearing. I included a link to Senator Crapo's response which talks about hundreds of billions of dollars not associated with Veterans benefits. I hope one day there will be a Paul Harvey moment for the "rest of the story." Senator Crapo and Senator Risch have been strong supporters of veteran's issues.

We have the Post 113 Christmas Party slated for December 17, 2022. Also in late November or early December we are planning to host the families from Post 201 and 202. Problem is, we did not know that Post 201 has not been meeting for the past two years. Contacting all the families will thus be difficult. So, we now await for the two prisons to respond regarding the families of prison posts.

We will also be hosting the Girl and Boys state folks at the Post for dinner at the Post meeting in September. The 113 Auxiliary will be fixing the dinner.

When you come to the Post, you'll notice that the chopped up tree in the front is gone. Also, the piano upstairs is gone. Thanks to Mark to organizing all the efforts to improve our Post.

Using Zoom for the meetings will be curtailed after the August meeting, if we make it through meeting time with the equipment. Another wireless microphone failed leaving me with only two. We will need to discuss funding Zoom at the next meeting if we wish for it to continue.

Many of our programs will begin to spin up in September. Included is the Oratorical Contest, and SAL. Please plan on supporting these programs.

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August 2022 "The Dog Days Of Summer"



There are many days in August dedicated to celebrating different branches of the U.S. Military. We're delighted to highlight days of recognition of our warriors and veterans, such as, National Coast Guard Day, Purple Heart Day, National Airborne Day, and Marine Corps Reserve Birthday.

National Coast Guard Day



The first national holiday of the month, August 4th, is dedicated as National Coast Guard Day. On this day in 1790, the US Coast Guard was founded as the Revenue Marine by then-Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton. The Coast Guard received its present name through an act of Congress signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on January 28, 1915. This act merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the U.S. Life-Saving Service and provided the nation with a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

Purple Heart Day



August 7th is Purple Heart Day. The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782 by the Commander-In-Chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. Then known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was awarded to three Revolutionary soldiers in 1783. It wasn't until 1932 that the metal was revived on the bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's birth. The Purple Heart is a U.S. military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917. It is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members.

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National Airborne Day

National Airborne Day is recognized every year on August 16th. In 2002, President George W. Bush created the holiday commemorating the first official Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940. The history of airborne forces began after World War I, when Brigadier General William Mitchell first conceived the idea of parachuting troops into combat. During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions including the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Airborne tactics remain a vital role in military combat missions today.



Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

August 29th is the Marine Corps Reserve Birthday. The mission of the Marine Corps Reserve is to augment and reinforce active Marine forces in time of war, national emergency or contingency operations, to provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime, and to serve the community. It was established when Congress passed the Naval Appropriations Act on August 29, 1916.

A Prayer for Hope

Psalm 25:1

- ¹ In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.
- ² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³ No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,

Remember to always:

Be Grateful, Give Thanks, Be Honest, Stay Humble, Be Kind, Laugh, Dream Big, Be You and always Love One Another.

Blessings from

Chaplain Dan Pruett

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Service Officer Update

BY: John Brekke

Veterans spoke up and were heard! Please see the message below from the Boise VA Medical Center regarding the (non) implementation of the new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system.

From: Callihan, Joshua L. (Boise) <Joshua.Callihan@va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Callihan, Joshua L. (Boise) <joshua.callihan@va.gov>
Subject: IMPORTANT MESSAGE re: Boise EHRM Go-Live Change
Importance: High

Consistent with the ongoing approach to site deployment readiness, **VA decided not to move forward with go-live of the new EHR at Boise VAMC this weekend.** The decision was made jointly with VHA stakeholders including site and VISN leadership.

VA is doing everything possible to ensure safe and successful deployments. Adjustments to the go-live schedule and other important considerations simply reflect this due diligence. Patient safety and burden on our medical personnel are foremost on our minds.

While the Boise VAMC and EHRM-IO staff worked tirelessly to get us to this point and there are positive improvements in many areas, in assessing Boise's readiness for deployment this weekend, VA made the decision that, at this point, additional improvements need to still be made to ensure a safe and successful deployment. VA continues to work with Oracle Cerner to put important system enhancements in place and make the necessary improvements to ensure system stability.

The next scheduled deployment is January 28, 2023, in Saginaw and Ann Arbor, MI. During this short interim, VA will not be idle, there is much work to do as we head into the busy schedule during CY 2023.

The EHRM program office anticipates scheduling future sites based on lessons learned and current EHR implementations to ensure the department is moving forward in a safe and efficient manner.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as the program matures – and, importantly, for all that you continue to do to advance this historic effort on behalf of our nation's Veterans.

Josh L. Callihan
Public Affairs Officer

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Community Opportunities

By: Yers Trooly

I received this and am asking if this is something the Post would be interested in participating? Please provide input at the next meeting.

"Good Afternoon Richard!

I wanted to reach out to the American Legion as we have two large events happening September 24th & 25th. So Save the Date!

On the 24th we have TAG leadership at the Grove Hotel downtown Boise. We are anticipating approximately 400+ people attending. If you or your organization is interested in displaying a resource table for this event, please reach out.

Then on the 25th on Gowen field we are having a "family day". See email below.

Good Afternoon,

It's that time of year again!! We at the Idaho Service Member & Family Support Directorate are currently in the process of organizing our Annual Military Appreciation Day and would like to invite you or a representative from your organization to participate in the Resource Fair portion of the event. The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 25, 2022 on Gowen Field in Boise, ID. We have yet to determine when the military family centric event will take place on Sunday, but those details should be coming out soon. If you or your organization would be interested in displaying a resource table at our event(s), or if you have any questions about the events please contact me at your earliest convenience. We are anticipating approximately 400+ soldiers and families will be in attendance.

As I get more details I can get that out to you. Hope to hear from you soon! Thanks Diann

Diann Scheetz

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Rich Dees



N7LGN has a busy next few months ahead. Our guest speaker for the next meeting will be talking about ARDEN which is a mesh network. The backbone of the network is in the process of being established, and we will be asked if we want to participate. There are pros and cons as with anything, so you'll need come to the next meeting to hear about the program.



September 10 is a fox hunt with three clubs participating. The rules and procedures will be put out on the nets and through the ISRA reflector as well as the N7LGN website.

Testing continues on August 20 and September 17. The test on September 17 will be in conjunction with a swap meet being set up by Bob Minton N7UL.

There will be a Cram and Jam session for those wanting to get licensed. It will be at the Post on September 1, 2, and 3. Again, there will be details on the ISRA reflector and through member e-mails.

Please keep a calendar place holder for late November or early December. That will be a Christmas Party for children and families from Post 202 which is the Legion Post inside ISCC (prison). We should have details soon.

We submitted our Field Day results to the ARRL. We are claiming over 1,100 points. Well done!

Finally, N7LGN will be doing a POTA (Parks on the Air) event at Eagle Island State Park on October 8, 2022.

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American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By: John Brekke

The following summarizes the July 2022 Service Officer announcements for American Legion Post 113:

Sign in to My HealtheVet for Boise VA Users Changes on July 23

Are you are receiving health care from the Boise VA? Beginning on Saturday, July 23 users of My HealtheVet (MHV) will be required to migrate to My VA Health portal. If you get stuck trying to access the new portal call the MHV Help Desk 877/327-0022. Please be advised you must continue to use the My HealtheVet patient portal to request prescription refills or renewals for medications ordered by VA providers from other VA medical facilities that are not using the new VA's EHR system. In addition, if you had VA health care from other VA facilities you will need to continue using MHV to access those records. The VA states this new process gives your account an extra layer of security to keep your VA information safe.

<https://myhealth.va.gov>

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/103117/sign-in-to-my-healthevet-changing-soon-heres-what-to-expect/>

Tricare Dental Care Bill for Our Military Reserve and Guard Troops is Stuck

A bipartisan bill (H.R. 8113) to waive premiums and co-payments for National Guard and Reserve Servicemembers under the TRICARE Dental Program, with the goal of improving military readiness by reducing the number of nondeployable servicemembers doesn't yet have the support it requires from Congress. A study of reserve component servicemembers who served during Operation Enduring Freedom put their rates of dental health issues twice as high as their active-duty compatriots. The National Guard Association of the United States, the Reserve Organization of America (ROA) and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) all support this bill.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/BILLS-117hr8113ih>

The PACT Act (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act)

This Act was passed by the US House in March 2022 and with some changes by the Senate in June. In both chambers of Congress, it had broad bipartisan support. But now it's back in the House again for some final revisions. This bill is a comprehensive solution to provide access to VA health care and benefits for toxic-exposed veterans. It helps veterans by establishing a permanent presumptive framework to address toxic exposure, foreign or domestic, past, present, and future. To access the Senate version of this bill, use this URL.

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<https://rules.house.gov/bill/117/hr-3967-sa>

<https://www.virginiamercury.com/2022/07/14/u-s-house-passes-bill-expanding-health-care-benefits-for-veterans-exposed-to-burn-pits/>

988 Suicide and Veterans Crisis Hotline Launched on July 16

This is a new law that requires all U.S. telephone service providers to activate 988 by July 16. Now multiple suicide prevention hotlines are united under the 988 number including the VA's Veterans Crisis Hotline. However, you can still call the VA 10-digit Veterans Crisis Hotline assuming you can remember that number. The VA's 2021 National Suicide Prevention Annual Report states 6,261 veterans died by suicide in 2019. Firearm deaths accounted for more than 70% of veteran suicides that year. In 2020 during the pandemic military suicides increased by 16%. Suicide rates across the DoD continue to rise at an alarming rate. A shortage of personnel from reductions to end strength will likely exacerbate the problem where troops must do more with less. To help combat these concerns, the House Personnel Subcommittee included authorization for two weeks of temporary duty (TDY) each year for wellness to attend a seminar or retreat, including outdoor events with nonprofit organizations to improve resilience and psychological wellness. Recent spikes in suicides such as those reported among the crew of USS George Washington (CVN-78) and a similar cluster in Alaska have drawn the attention of the media and Congress.

<https://www.uso.org/stories/2664-military-suicide-rates-are-at-an-all-time-high-heres-how-were-trying-to-help>

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2022-07-15/veterans-crisis-hotline-suicide-prevention-6664899.html>

<https://www.legion.org/suicideprevention/256218/988-suicide-crisis-hotline-launches-july-16%C2%A02>

A Victory for Veterans The U.S. Supreme Court issued a victory not just for veterans but for our entire nation. The Court ruled in *Torres versus Texas* that a former state trooper had the right to sue his state after it refused to re-hire him following a military deployment. Le Roy Torres was an officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety until he was called to active duty in 2007. While in Iraq, he was exposed to burn pits and returned home suffering from constrictive bronchitis. Though his respiratory condition prevented him from working again as a state trooper, the agency refused to offer an accommodation and place him in an alternative position. Normally, sovereign immunity protects states from paying damages to its citizens. However, then-Justice Stephen Breyer, pointed out the responsibility that all states have in supporting the efforts of our military, *"In joining together to form a Union, the States agreed to sacrifice their sovereign immunity for the good of the common defense"*. <https://www.legion.org/commander/256236/supreme-victory-veterans>

Pension Poaching Veterans, survivors and their families who are potentially eligible for VA pension benefits are being defrauded by scammers. If you currently receive a VA pension or are thinking about applying for one know how to avoid these scams. They are individuals and organizations who claim to be your advocate, and claim they can help you gain more VA benefits than you may be already receiving. Who should you trust? You should never pay for any assistance when applying for VA benefits. Accredited Veteran Service Organization (VSO) representatives provide free advice and help complete and file VA applications. These certified professionals are trained

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to support you and your family while costing you nothing. <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/105618/pension-poaching-learn-to-spot-scammers-and-who-you-can-trust-for-support/> **Another Delay for the VA's EHR**

Veterans Affairs officials will delay deployment of their new electronic medical records system to additional sites until 2023 to ensure "adequate reliability," officials confirmed to Military Times. The move comes after repeated concerns from Congress about ongoing problems with implementation of VA's Oracle Cerner Millennium software platform, the same records system being installed by the Department of Defense at its medical sites. Lawmakers were informed of the delay on June 17. Department officials had planned to deploy the software at the Puget Sound VA Health Care System (American Lake and Seattle VA Medical Centers) this August, but will now delay that work until March 2023 instead. In addition, plans to deploy the platform to the VA Portland Health Care System (Portland and Portland-Vancouver VA Medical Centers) will shift from this November to April 2023. "In evaluating [the sites'] readiness for deployment, VA determined the system hadn't shown adequate reliability to support the current schedule," officials said in a statement. "The date was changed to allow Oracle Cerner to put important system enhancements in place and make the necessary improvements to ensure system stability ... as well as fix outstanding issues to address research workflow challenges." Steps already underway to deploy the system to VA sites in Idaho in July 2022 will remain unchanged, officials said. The 10-year, \$16-billion electronics health records overhaul has faced numerous delays in the past few years, both because of pandemic complications and implementation problems at initial rollout sites. When then-President Donald Trump announced the plan in 2017, the goal was to provide a seamless, lifelong medical record for service members starting from their day of enlistment through their post-military life. But putting the system into place at VA has proven challenging, with numerous problems and frustrations emerging from the initial rollout of the system at Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Washington in 2020. Last summer, VA Secretary Denis McDonough ordered a halt to the work so officials could evaluate and correct challenges that emerged there. But three months ago, the VA Inspector General's Office said that serious safety issues regarding patient medications and mental health 19 flags remained unresolved with the new system. VA planners deployed the system to the Central Ohio Healthcare System in May, the third site so far in the implementation process. Department leaders said that work has progressed on schedule, and the delay of the other sites is not indicative of problems there. But they acknowledge that "there have been unanticipated outages and system degradations from the onset of the new [health records] rollout" so far. "Between major deployments VA will continue to work vigorously to ensure that the system has the capability enhancements and is optimized to support deployment [at future sites]." Department leaders also said they are committed to "safe and successful deployments" and the changes in deployment schedules are designed to prevent potential problems in the future. 3

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VA's Commitment to long-term COVID Care About one half million veterans who receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs believe they have had COVID-19, and one of about 23,000 veterans have been confirmed with a long-term COVID diagnosis, according to VA press secretary Terrence Hayes. Long-term COVID, also known as long-haul COVID or post-COVID-19 condition, can be wildly different for patients. Symptoms may range from difficulty breathing to muscle aches to other serious conditions, including mental health disorders and suicidal thoughts, that may last weeks, months or longer. While the VA is still trying to figure out whether veterans will face a heavier burden, and whether toxic exposures or the toll of combat will add to the list of conditions exacerbated by service, thousands of former troops have participated in VA research that demonstrated veterans with long-term COVID are at an increased risk of other serious illnesses. They are subsequently receiving treatment through a patchwork of 17 VA long-term COVID care programs, which offer a range of treatment options that parallel disparate practices being used in non-military medical networks. These diverse VA programs, some fully online and some entirely in-person, differ in part because medical researchers are still trying to solve the puzzle of the science behind long-term COVID. How successful they will be in helping combat the lingering effects of COVID among veterans is still very much in doubt in what are still the early stages of the fight against long-term COVID. <https://www.survivorcorps.com/pccc> <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/105381/>

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POST 113 HONOR GUARD JULY EVENTS By DOUG HANKS



Flag folds- 1
Rifle Salutes- 11



Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023- "11"

Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS-"21"
TOTAL YEAR 2022- "180"



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YOUR HONOR GUARD HAS STARTED 2022-2023 WITH 21 RIFLE SALUTES, TAPS AND FLAG FOLD.

NEXT PAGE HAS TOTALS, BUT THEY REALLY DON'T SHOW THE EFFORT, DEDICATION, AND EXPENSE PUT OUT BY ALL, SOME MORE THAN OTHERS.

THE THANKS AND TEARS SHED BY PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE DO THESE HONORS IS SOMETIMES NEARLY OVERWHELMING.

FROM INDOORS AT THE IDAHO CENTER, THE ISVC, IN FRONT OF A CHURCH, LOCAL CEMETERY OR SOMEONES BACKYARD, YOUR HONOR GUARD HAS A PRESENCE IN FRONT OF VETERANS AND COMMUNITY UNEQUALED. TO BE ABLE AND WILLING TO FOLD THE NATIONS FLAG, GIVE A PRAYER, PLAY TAPS AND RIFLE SALUTE FOR A DECEASED VETERAN IS TRULY A GREAT HONOR.

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HONOR GUARD REPORT JULY FIS YEAR 2022-2023								
#	Date	For	Location	Req. by	people	Hours	Miles	Donations
1	1-Jul-2022	BRENT KLINGLER, USNAVY	ISVC	ZEYER FUNERAL CHAPEL	7	14	69	
1	1-Jul-2022	ALLEN TITSWORTH, USARMY	ISVC	IANG HG	7	14		\$50.00
1	5-Jul-2022	ROBERT HALLSTROM, USARMY	ISVC	IANG HG	7	14	130	\$50.00
1	9-Jul-2022	BRADLEY JOHNSON, USNAVY	IDAHO CENTER, NAMPA	DAUGHTER	7	22	168	
1	13-Jul-2022	ISRAEL PADRAZA, USNAVY	ISVC	BILL IRWIN	4	8	58	
1	14-Jul-2022	JOHN BALL, USMC, USAF	ISVC	STEVE NEELY	7	14	126	
1	19-Jul-2022	JAMES NOWLAND, USARMY	ISVC	CLOVERDALE FUNERAL	6	12	144	\$50.00
1	22-Jul-2022	DAVID HRITZ, USAF	ISVC	BOWMAN FUNERAL	10	20	212	\$150.00
1	22-Jul-2022	JOHN PERRY, USARMY	DRY CREEK CEMETERY	RELYEA FUNERAL	7	14	140	\$150.00
1	29-Jul-2022	JUSTIN HOLLENBAUGH, USMC	ISVC	MOTHER, TAMMY	9	18	184	
1	30-Jul-2022	WAYNE JOYNE, USARMY	HARVEST LIGHT CH. NAMPA	IANG HG	5	15	92	\$50.00
			Larre Robertson Taps					
			Missions, July	21				
			Missions, ytd	180				
			Hours, July	86				
			Hours, ytd	766				
					Honors	Hours	Miles	donations
			Month total					
			accumulated totals to date					
			from last month >>>>					
					Honors	Hours	Miles	Donations
			Honors this month	11	165	1323	\$500.00	
			Total Honors-fisc year	11	165	1323	\$500.00	

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Idaho Veterans Home Veterans Nursing Home Assistance League

Forwarded By: Rich Dees

I received this from the group noted above. Any one interested, please contact the organization.

d.b.a. the Idaho Veterans Assistance League

This group needs a chairperson who is recommended by a veteran service organization (e.g., American Legion).

This group meets quarterly - Russ Dodd (Ret AF) is the Secretary and sends the email, creates the agenda etc. Ned Barker (MOPH) is the Vice Chair, Dave Swickard (Marine Corps League) is the Treasurer.

At some future point, they would like to see the roles expanded to a more active fundraising/community development/engagement arm - and create a website, etc. but it is not needed at this time.

Mission Statement: To provide assistance to veterans residing at the Idaho State Veterans Homes in the State of Idaho; and further, to assist the Idaho State Veterans Homes in carrying out their mission of serving Idaho's veterans who have earned special recognition through their sacrifices in protecting our country's freedoms and individual rights, by providing quality long-term care. The Idaho Veterans Assistance League exists to provide and furnish services specifically designed to meet the religious, physical, social, educational, financial, civic, cultural, recreational and psychological needs of these veterans, as well as to help provide security, happiness, dignity, independence and usefulness and longer life for residents of the Idaho State Veterans Homes.

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