



AIRMAN FOR LIFE

MONTHLY LIFELINE

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[Veterans showcase talent at National Veterans Creative Arts Festival](#) - WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Battle Creek VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, Michigan and VA and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) will host 120 Veterans from across the nation for the 2019 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Oct. 28 to Nov. 3

[VA expands Military Spouse Employment Partnership program](#) - WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it is expanding employment opportunities for military spouses department wide, as part of its formal induction into the Department of Defense (DOD) Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) program

[Tricare open Season](#)

TRICARE Open Season is the annual period when you can enroll in or change your health plan for the next year. The 2019 TRICARE Open Season begins on Monday, November 11th and ends on Monday, December 9th. During TRICARE Open Season, you can:

Do nothing. If you want to stay in your current TRICARE health care plan, you don't have to take any action. You'll continue in your current health plan through 2020 or as long as you're eligible.

Enroll in a plan. If you're eligible for a TRICARE Prime option or TRICARE Select but not enrolled, you can enroll in a plan now

Change plans. If you're already enrolled in a TRICARE Prime option, or TRICARE Select, you can switch plans and switch between individual and family enrollment.

[Military Adaptive Sports Programs for Veterans](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awarded \$14.8 million in grants for adaptive sports programs benefitting Veterans with disabilities and disabled members of the Armed Forces at the end of September

[The IRS assigns certain overdue federal tax debts to private debt collection agencies. Before you are contacted by a private agency, verify:](#) Before you are contacted by a private collection agency, you will receive two letters.

1. The IRS will first send [Notice CP40](#) and [Publication 4518](#). These let you know that your overdue tax account was assigned to a private collection agency.
2. The private collection agency then sends their initial contact letter. It has information on how to resolve your overdue taxes.

Both letters contain a *Taxpayer Authentication Number*. It's used to confirm your identity. *It's also for you to verify that the caller is legitimate.*

[At Benefits.gov our goal is to help you discover and determine your eligibility for government assistance programs](#)

We are excited to share that [Benefits.gov](#) recently released a new and improved [Benefit Finder](#) tool to make it easier for you to find information on government benefits. Browse by state or category.

[Amtrak offers Veteran, military member discounts](#)

Veterans can enjoy a 10% savings on rail fares across the entire Amtrak network. Enjoy onboard amenities such as a Caf Car, Wi-Fi, power outlets and spacious seating for a comfortable ride on your next trip. To take advantage of this offer, select Military Veteran as your traveler type on the booking widget online. The 10% discount will automatically apply to fares when qualifying travel is selected