

11/15/22 Veterans' Meet and Greet Agenda

Introductions

Discussion on being Veterans and the Forward Party

- a. How do we make a difference? Why is it important that the public understand that Veterans support the Forward Party? The need for a Veterans group.
- b. How do we see our roles in the Forward Party?
- c. Public appearances with Forward Candidates , can you wear a hat or a Tee Shirt ? What kind of hat? Can you carry a sign that said something like “Veterans for the Forward Party”?
- d. Where do you want to go with a Veterans group in the Forward Party?

Then if time and interest allows - a basic overview of the new PACT Act

Service Officer Report J.T. Ramelis

8.7 % Rate increase on Military Retirement pay, V.A. Disability pay, and Social Security

VA.gov

PACT Act Official Site - New VA Presumptive Conditions

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras

- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

Adds Hypertension to Agent Orange presumptive conditions

Many cancers are associated with Burn Pit exposure

Recommend Service Officers employed by VFW, Am Legion, DAV, and County Service Officers who file claims for a living, not Post Service Officers or VA Employees, as a generality, to help with claims (Some VA Employees will take the time and care to really help you, most are too busy and overwhelmed). Many Post Service Officers lack the knowledge and experience to file a complicated nuanced claim.

For those of you with You Tube:

Good videos by “Combat Craig” if you think you have a disability from service that warrants a VA claim

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