



THE GUARDIAN



A quarterly newsletter providing Veterans, Military Spouses, and Reservists / National Guard Personnel who are federal employees access to information, resources, programs, and activities from around the federal government.

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INTERAGENCY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING



July 26, 2023



12:00 PM ET

NEWS & RESOURCES

VA AND AFGE REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

“This tentative agreement is a great step forward that will help us hire, support, retain, and onboard VA’s great public servants – which, in turn, will help us better serve our nation’s Veterans,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “A unionized VA workforce is a strong VA workforce, and we are proud to work with AFGE to continue delivering world-class care and benefits to Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.”

[Read full press release](#)

\$52.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO PREVENT VETERAN SUICIDE

“Veterans at risk of suicide deserve quick and easy access to mental health screenings, peer support, emergency services, and more – both from VA and community-based organizations,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “There are countless great organizations across America that are providing Veterans with this type of local, on-the-ground support, and we at VA are proud to support their efforts.”

[Read full press release](#)

VETERANS AFFAIRS LIFE INSURANCE (VALife)

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) became available January 1, 2023 and offers guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage of up to \$40,000 to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Lesser amounts are available in increments of \$10,000. Under this plan, the elected coverage takes effect two years after enrollment as long as premiums are paid during the two-year period.

[Learn more about VALife](#)

OPM has just released the **OPM Retirement Quick Guide**, a three-page reference to help federal employees prepare for and navigate the voluntary retirement process.

VETERAN OUTREACH & EVENTS

JUNE 10, 2023

WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION & RESOURCE FAIR AT PRINCE GEORGE’S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Featuring over 50 resource providers, the fair is about recognizing and celebrating the achievements of women who have served in the Armed Forces, and providing resources tailored to our unique needs.



JULY 7, 2023

SOLDIERS’ ANGELS MILITARY AND VETERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION - VARIOUS CITIES

The monthly Soldiers’ Angels Military and Veteran Food Distribution event will provide approximately 75 lbs. of groceries for Service Members and Veterans in need in the Denver area.

AUGUST 8, 2023

TRANSITIONING ARMY & SPOUSE VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

RecruitMilitary, DAV, and U.S. Army Human Resources Command are hosting a virtual hiring and networking event exclusively for transitioning Army Soldiers and their Spouses.



SEPTEMBER 7 - 8, 2023

HIGH TOUCH HIRING EVENT SPECIFIC TO DEGREEED MILITARY & MILITARY SPOUSES

MILITARY MOJO provides premium experiences for corporate partners and veterans.

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