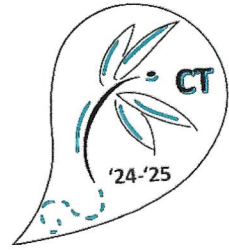




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Congress Approves Emergency VA Funding: The Senate passed the House-introduced emergency appropriations bill to cover the VA's \$3 billion-dollar budgetary shortfall. If a spending bill had not passed by the end of the week, the results would have been financially devastating to millions of veterans. It's worth noting that this bill would not have passed with bipartisan support if not for veteran advocates within Congress and the veteran community. The nearly 7 million veterans who rely on VA benefits, to include disability compensation and even the GI Bill, can now have peace of mind that benefits will be delivered on time, October 1.

Massage Therapy Fraud Warning: The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) is asking veterans to assist in stopping billing fraud for massage therapy. Because VA provides coverage that many other insurers do not, massage therapy is an area that bad actors are exploiting. According to OIG, the most common type of fraud entails billing for services not rendered or upcharging for therapy received. If you're a veteran or care giver to a veteran who receives massage therapy please see the bulletin accompanying this report.

Election Day: With Election Day rapidly approaching, please be aware of your Local, State, or National politician's campaign promises and/or voting record and their stance on issues when it comes to Veterans or Active Duty Servicepersons affairs

MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced nine identifications and five burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War.

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