

The Bugle a Veterans Recognition Committee Newsletter



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Notify and help all of our Veterans register for their certificates and medals.



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and encourage more eligible veterans to submit applications for the Corps. Currently we have two societies that have no Corps members and six states with five or less members. Kudos to Indiana for having almost 20% (144) of their membership having received VRC certificates. There are 26 societies with less than 5% of their members who have received VRC certificates. So clearly, there is room for growth, and I ask all Corps members to assist in encouraging other eligible compatriots within their societies to submit applications for membership.

A very special thanks to those VRC compatriots who are making a major contribution to the Committee. COL Gary Pettett, the Vice-Chairman is reviewing the Sharefile for the old military information forms submitted to NSSAR prior to the establishment of the Veterans Corps. He has to confirm that the compatriot is still

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2019 FALL LEADERSHIP

The Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) met on Friday, September 19, 2019 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY. In that meeting the VRC approved two important procedural changes to VRC policies.

First, the Committee agreed that service in the National Guard or Reserves qualified an SAR member for an NSSAR Service Medal and recognition with a Certificate of Patriotism. This essentially removes the Title 10, USC 38 barrier to National Guard and Reserve service. Title 10 requires a service member to have at least 180 days of active duty with a branch of the Armed Service other than for training. The Department of Defense uses the Title 10 criteria to determine a service members designation as a Veteran and thereby qualifies the individual for other Veterans Benefits. On the

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Compatriots,

I thought we had a very good VRC meeting at Fall Leadership and addressed several issues which are covered in the minutes and elsewhere in the Bugle. My thanks to the VRC members who were able to attend the meeting.

A major decision that was approved at the meeting was to allow VRC recognition to all National Guard and Reserve soldiers with honorable service regardless of Title 10 duty served. Previously, 180 days of Title 10 duty was required. This decision will enable many of our compatriots to now apply for a Certificate of Patriotism and be added to one of the six VRC Corps.

One of my goals is to increase the awareness of the Veterans Corps in all the State Societies

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in good membership standing, document the service and print the certificates. Vic McMurry processes all the current on-line applications and prepares the certificates. Steve Monez is our editor for The Bugle. COL David Thompson is the VRC Secretary. They are doing a fantastic job and I am truly appreciative of their efforts.

And to all my fellow compatriot veterans, thank you for your service to our great nation.

Yours in patriotism,
Pat

COL Patrick J. Niemann, USA, ret.
Chairman, Veterans Recognition
Committee

U.S. [Army](#) equipment officials said last week that the service's new helmet system, with includes detachable face and neck protection, saved a soldier's life recently in Afghanistan, blocking a brick that was thrown by an angry mob.

New Health Care for Military

Active-duty family members, retirees and their family members will have a new option for health care in Atlanta: Tricare Prime provided by Kaiser Permanente, the not-for-profit health care company considered to be one of the pioneers of health-maintenance organization plans.

Humana Military, the company that oversees Tricare's East Region, has partnered with Kaiser Permanente on a three-year pilot to provide Tricare Prime to eligible residents within 40 miles of Atlanta.

The new agreement, which will run through 2023, could be the first of several similar arrangements as the Defense Health Agency explores

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Air Force News
WASHINGTON —

House Armed Services Committee Rep. Adam Smith on Thursday said he plans to take on what he called the Air Force's "troubling" procurement process for its Ground Based Strategic Deterrent, and that he favors a lower number of modernized ICBMs instead of the new program.

Smith, D-Wash., a powerful skeptic of America's giant nuclear weapons budget, questioned the need for the \$63 billion program, which is the Air Force's replacement for the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile fleet. He decried the likely award to Northrop Grumman, suggested the Air Force was biased in its favor and said he would look to review the matter through the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

Smith said that Boeing — which has a large presence in his home state — had declined his offer to intervene with the Air Force after it announced it would not bid on the Air Force's ICBM replacement program.

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other hand, the VRC's mission is to simply recognize credible service and has no bearing on determinations for Veterans Benefits. The Committee therefore decided that credible service in either the National Guard or Reserves deserved recognition and would then qualify the service member for an NSSAR Service Medal and Certificate of Patriotism. In all likelihood this would be for the Military Service Medal unless the service member's record show deployment on active duty in a combat area. In those special cases, the War Service Medal would be the appropriate award.

Second, the VRC addressed the issue of recognizing the military service of now deceased SAR members. The candidate must be either a deceased SAR member or a deceased serviceman who became an SAR member though the Memorial Application process. The criteria determining the nature of the applicant's military service will be the same as that for any other applicant — proof of service (e.g. DD 214 or other official documents) an honorable discharge and, for the War Service medal, documentation of service medals/awards for combat deployment. As with NSSAR Memorial Membership, the deceased member must be no more than one generation from the current generation.

These changes allow the VRC to consider and recognize a more comprehensive group of SAR members who have served their country in the Armed Forces.

COL Gary Pettett

New Health Care continued

new ways to provide "value-based care," defined as a health system that pays providers based on performance, quality and value as opposed to volume.

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Fall Leadership, President General Jack Manning is with l/r COL Peter Goebel, Robert Meyers, COL Peter Davenport, COL Pat Niemann



All five Services are represented at Fall Leadership
Thank you all for your service to our country.

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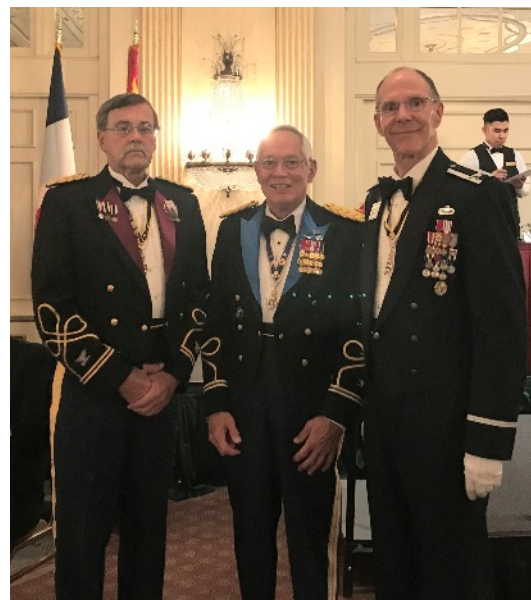
Thanks Vic McMurry for continuing to print the certificates for the Veterans Recognition Committee. We know this is a lot of work and you are much appreciated. Thank you.



Victor G. McMurry

Vic reports:

These are Final certificates printed and sent out for June 31, July 50, August 44, and September 28. These batches were mailed to NSSAR.



The Veterans Committee leadership team at Fall Leadership. From Left to right COL Gary Pettett, COL Patrick Niemann and Col David Thompson.

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Honor our Veterans every day especially on Veterans Day this November 11.

Attend a Parade. Visit a Veterans hospital. Thank every veteran with a hand shake.



Wreaths Across America

Remember all those that have given their all. Visit a National Cemetery and place a wreath
December 14.

