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HAVE A SPARKLING NEW YEAR!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING

Kicking off the year, we held our January General Membership Drive Meeting, which focused on Air and Naval Power in the 21st (and 22nd) Century. The guest speakers were Admiral James G. Foggo (Ret.), Dean of the Center for Maritime Strategy, Navy League of the United States, and Mrs. Heather Penney, Senior Resident Fellow at the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies. They discussed how the Naval and air forces suffered from decades of over-use and under-investment. Investment today will provide the force for the remainder of the 21st century and the platforms for the 22nd century.





FEBRUARY EXCLUSIVE UPCOMING AUSA EVENTS

The AUSA Coffee Series features monthly guest speakers from the Army and DoD leadership. This event offers defense community members an unparalleled opportunity to network with key military, congressional, and industry leaders.

Tuesday, 14 February 2023

AUSA Coffee Series featuring SMA Grinston

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MEMBER BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

You want options? College Ave Student Loans has them. Whether you need a loan to pay for school or refinance existing loans after graduation, they've got options. AUSA members receive a special interest rate discount on all in-school loans and a percentage of the loan amount paid back to the borrower on all refinance loans.

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SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Retirees to Get a Second Chance to Enroll In or Opt Out of the Survivor Benefit Plan

Military retirees who opted out of a valuable survivor's benefit when they left active duty will get a rare second chance to enroll, thanks to a new 2023 National Defense Authorization Act rule. The same measure allows currently enrolled users to leave the program.

Retirees typically get only one chance to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). Those who opt in usually name their spouses as the beneficiaries, said Mark Belinsky, director of currently serving/retired affairs for the Military Officers Association of America and an Army retiree. Learn more [here](#).



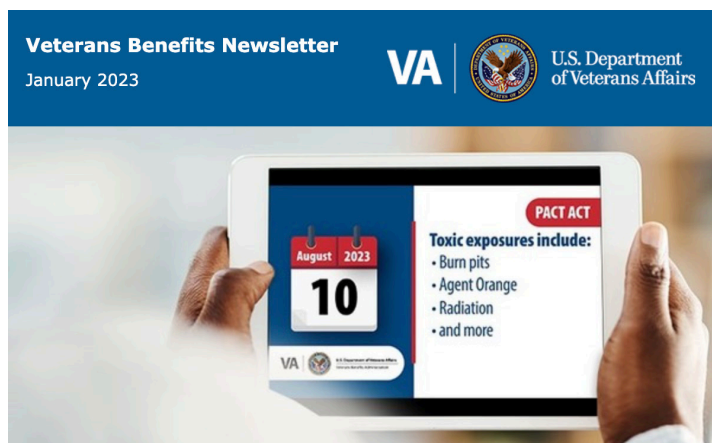


VETERANS BENEFITS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

Read the latest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Newsletter. This newsletter features Filing your PACT Act Claim, New VA Life Insurance Program, Preparing of Your Future with VR&E and many more!

Learn more [here](#).



ARMY MATTERS PODCAST

How did the Battle of the Bulge Inspire Bass Pro Shops?

—With Johnny Morris, Founder & CEO of Bass Pro Shops

New series co-hosts LTG (Ret.) Les Smith and SMA (Ret.) Dan Dailey sits down with Johnny to chat about how his father's involvement in WW2's Battle of the Bulge inspired him to make veterans and the military a priority for the business (and in life), how a love of fishing (and a mail catalog) led to the company's success, and how one patriotic song (and its singer) has also inspired Johnny to give back to the country.

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NOW STREAMING 

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Founder and CEO,
Bass Pro Shops





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Meeting: AUSA Region IV Planning Meeting (Volunteers are welcomed)

February 5, 10:00 a.m.

36th Sustainment Brigade Change of Command and Responsibility Ceremony (JRAB)

February 7, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

February 8, 3:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

February 9, 6:30 p.m.

EXCO Meeting

February 14, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

February 16, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

February 16, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Meeting: AUSA Region IV Planning Meeting (Volunteers are welcomed)

February 21, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

February 23, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

February 23, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Meeting: AUSA Region IV Planning Meeting (Volunteers are welcomed)

February 28, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

March 2, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

March 7, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

March 9, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

March 9, 6:30 p.m.

EXCO Meeting

March 14, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

March 17, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event

March 21, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

March 22, 9:00 a.m.

50th Vietnam Commemoration (Frontiers of Flight Museum)

March 23, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Meeting: AUSA Region IV Planning Meeting (Volunteers are welcomed)

March 28, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting: National Defense Briefing Series

March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Meeting: AUSA Region IV Planning Meeting (Volunteers are welcomed)

April 2, 5:00 p.m.

National Defense Briefing Series – Global Power Competition

April 6, 6:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting – Army and Navy Lessons from the American Revolution (Outback Steakhouse – Plano)

April 27 – 29

AUSA IV Region Meeting (Volunteers and chapter members are welcomed)



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