

Stakeholder Update

March 4, 2023



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Let It Snow!



- *5 Recent “Snow Events” along with high winds, low visibility and below freezing temperatures*
- *Snow Accumulations, avg. 4 - 6” on Prescott campus*
- *8 – 10” with this week’s storm!*
- *No impact to Patient Care, all clinics remained open*
- *Great job by Facilities/ Grounds Crews clearing snow & ice ensuring safety for Veterans and staff*

Wear Red



February was National Heart Health Month!

- Heart disease is still the #1 killer of women
- NAVAHCS Veterans and staff participated in the Wear **RED** Group Photo to bring awareness and support for Heart Health



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National Salute to Veterans Week

- *CDCE (Formerly known as Voluntary Service) provided candy, donuts and Valentine's Day cards created by students at local schools to Veterans throughout the week*





- *Veteran expressed gratitude for the care he received in the Emergency Department. It was the Veteran's first encounter at NAVAHCS, but he wanted the staff to know that he appreciated their professionalism, and the care that was provided.*

On Campus



Texas Roadhouse Restaurant ***Annual Donation***

- 9th year for this amazing donation
- The community purchases gift cards for Texas Roadhouse during the holiday months for Veterans
- The gift cards are donated to NAVAHCS to present to Veterans throughout the year

In The News



Monthly 1-hr “VA Radio Show” – Wed., Mar. 1

- Susan Johnson-Molina, Women Veterans Program Manager
- Craig Furst, PACT Act Outreach
- Shana Shatzer, Voluntary Services Coordinator
- Jason Kadah, Public Affairs Officer

New Outreach Team



Craig Furst

PACT Act/Community Outreach



Andrew Taylor

Rural Health



Joshua Wear

Rural Health

- Facilitate & attend events/build relationships/represent NAVAHCS throughout northern AZ
 - Stand Downs, Resource Fairs, etc.
- Educate Veterans and community partners about resources
- Connect Veterans with services available

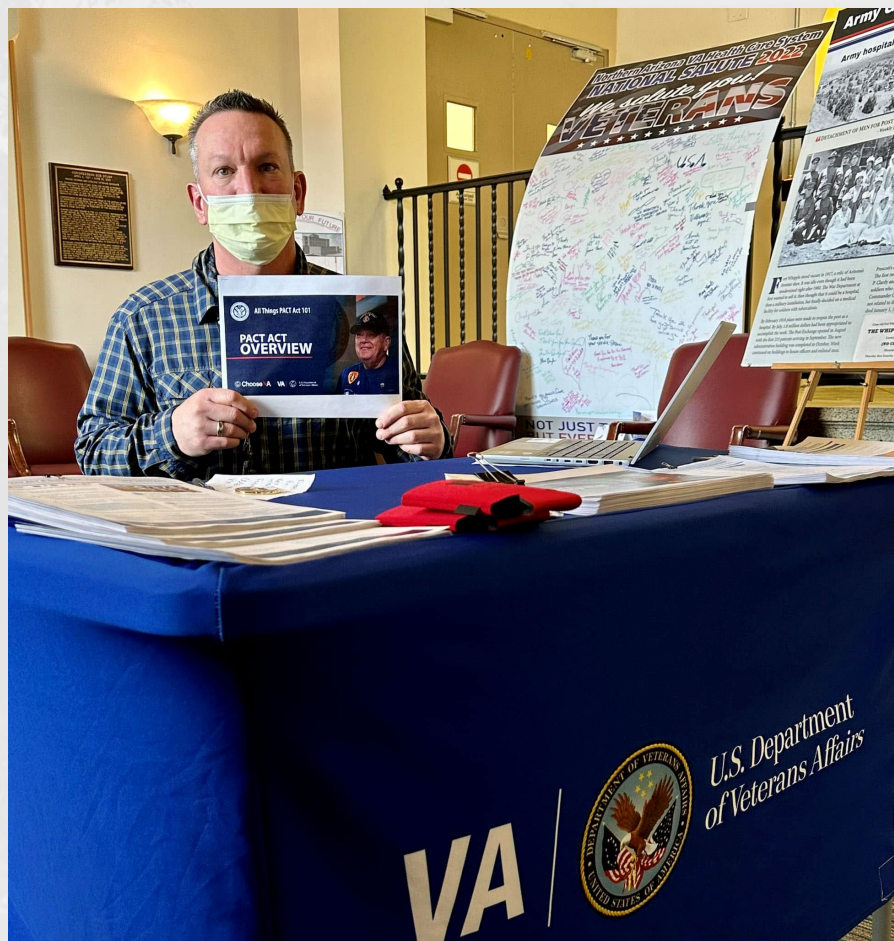


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PACT Act Outreach – Big Event!



PACT Act Claims Clinic

Collaborative effort with Phoenix VBA

Open to ALL Veterans

Thursday, March 30, 9am – 2pm

- Facilitate claims
- Answer questions
- TES screenings
- Enrollment & Eligibility to attend



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PACT Act Update

**Processing of benefits claims for all Veterans and survivors began Jan. 1, 2023*



The new PACT Act

- » Expands toxic-exposed Veterans access to VA care
- » Extends health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 era combat Veterans
- » Adds new presumptive conditions for radiation, Agent Orange, Gulf War toxins, and burn pit exposures

EXPANDED VA CARE & BENEFITS

Learn more at [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

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Toxic Exposure Screening (TES) Dashboard as of **Feb 28, 2023**

8,896 Unique Veterans screened
46% indicated at least 1 exposure concern
42% indicated no exposure concerns
12% don't know or declined

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COMPACT Act

Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020 (COMPACT)

- **As of Jan. 17**, Veterans in **suicidal crisis** can go to *any health care facility in the VA or in the community*, for free emergency care
- Is expected to **increase access to acute suicide care to an additional 9 million** unenrolled Veterans and reduce the number of suicides by offering immediate care for the most vulnerable Veterans
- For more information:
https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/Emergency_Care.asp



Upcoming March Events

What's Coming



UP

- ❖ **Parker Stand Down – Mar. 10**
- ❖ **Women Veterans Virtual Town Hall – Mar. 15**
- ❖ **NAVACHS Strategic Planning retreat – Mar. 17**
- ❖ **Verde Valley Stand Down – Mar. 22**
- ❖ **Vietnam Veterans Day – Mar. 29**
- ❖ **PACT Act Claims Clinic – Mar. 30**

