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Remembering September 11

The VFW encourages Americans to pause and remember all who have sacrificed for our freedom
September 11, 2020

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – On Friday, Sept. 11, the Veterans of Foreign Wars encourages every American to join together as it remembers and reflects on a day that of tragedy that Americans will never forget.

Sept. 11 was a day that began just like any other, but ended with 2,977 Americans tragically losing their lives in an attack that forever changed our nation. Though the events of Sept. 11 shocked our country, it quickly became clear the group of radical extremists had misjudged the strength of purpose and determination of the American people. Sept. 11 was a day that began just like any other, but ended with 2,977 Americans tragically losing their lives in an attack that forever changed our nation. Though the events of Sept. 11 shocked our country, it quickly became clear the group of radical extremists had misjudged the strength of purpose and determination of the American people.

The terrorist attacks vividly demonstrated that freedom comes at a cost, but even out of the twisted steel and rubble, we will always stand ready to sacrifice in order to ensure our way of life prevails for future generations – the very way of life so many before us have fought and died to protect.

Even nearly 20 years later, we are a nation proud of its new generations of service members who willingly continue to selflessly put their lives on the line to continue to defend our way of life.

This Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, the VFW encourages every American to pause and honor the victims, and all those who have sacrificed to protect and defend our freedom.



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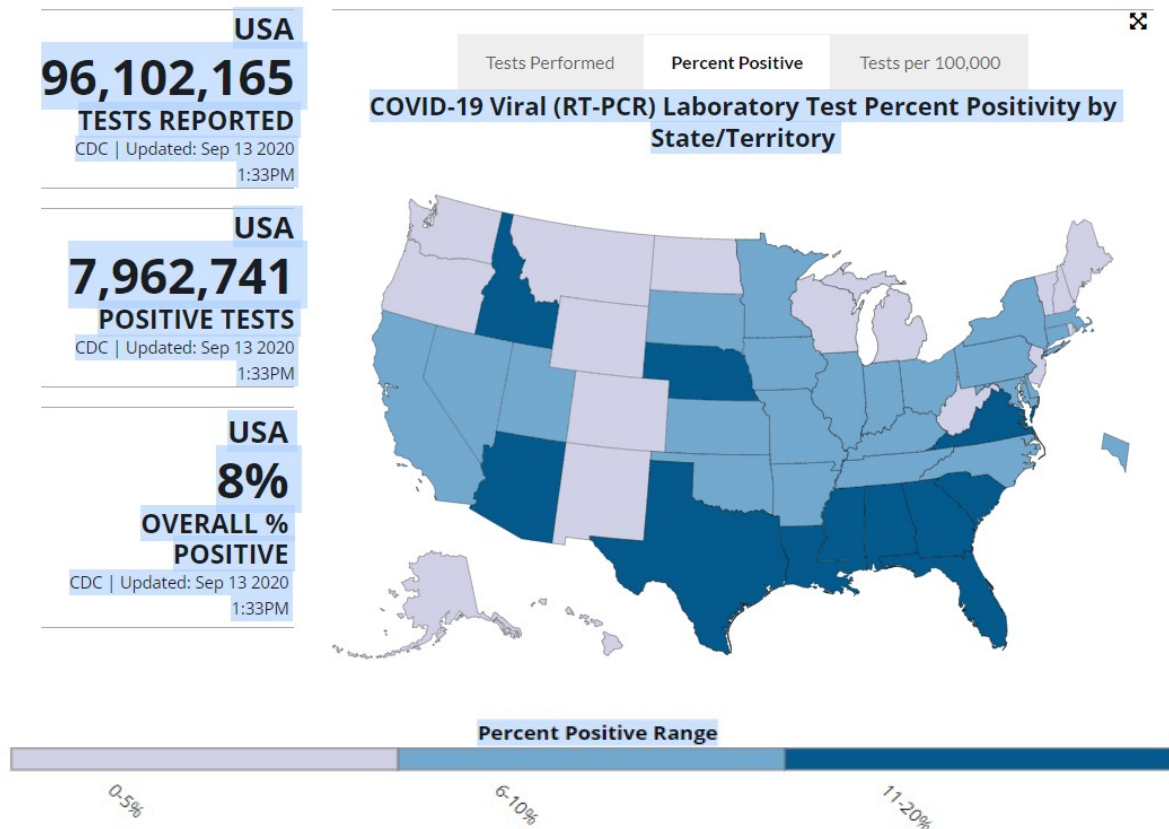
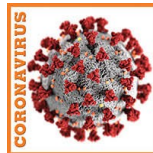
New study shows Veterans give VA health care facilities and VA community provider network high marks

WASHINGTON — A recently published study shows Veterans receiving outpatient care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities or community providers within VA's network are pleased with their experience overall.

The study, *Veterans' Experiences with Outpatient Care: Comparing the Veterans Affairs System with Community-Based Care*, compared survey responses from more than 1 million Veterans who received outpatient care from VA facilities or private providers within VA's Choice Act network and found most rated their experiences highly.

"Veterans now have increased options for where they get their medical care and VA is working to ensure they have a positive experience regardless of where that care is delivered," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This study helps affirm the quality of VA care and also suggests community providers are doing a good job of meeting Veterans' needs."

Recently, a Veterans Signals [survey](#) found Veterans' trust in VA at an all-time high. A Veterans of Foreign Wars [survey](#) of nearly 7,000 members found that more than 9 in 10 respondents would recommend VA care to other Veterans. Studies in the medical literature have also validated VA's quality regarding [wait times](#) and overall excellence, including reports from outside organizations such as the [RAND Corporation](#) and [Dartmouth](#).



New ID Cards Being Issued For Military Family Members and Retirees



The Department of Defense began issuing Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Cards July 31, the first time since 1993 that changes to the card have been made.

The complete transition to the new ID card, is targeted for January 2026. In an effort to conserve resources and limit the impact on ID card issuance facilities, cards will not be reissued solely for the purpose of obtaining the Next Gen USID card.

The new ID cards feature enhanced security measures that will reduce the likelihood of them being compromised said Michael Sorrento, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center. All RAPIDS sites worldwide likely will have the new equipment by the end of the year to process the new ID cards. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it would be better to wait until next summer to get a new one unless a card is about to expire said Sorrento. More information can be found on <http://www.cac.mil>.



September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 VPR-VJ Day Japan Surrender	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 VPR-Patriot's Day	12
13	14 VFW Meeting	15	16	17	18 AF Birthday VPR-POW/MIA Recognition	19 Dist 20 Mtg
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 VPR-VFW Birthday	30			

Phases of the Moon: 2:☉ 10:☾ 17:☿ 23:☿

Holidays and Observances: 7: Labor Day

October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 VPR—Start of OEF	10
11	12 VFW Meeting	13 Navy Birthday	14	15	16	17
18 VPR—Women in Mil Svc	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Fried Chicken Dinner	26	27	28	29	30	31

Phases of the Moon: 1:☉ 9:☾ 16:☀ 23:☾ 31:☉

Holidays and Observances: 12: Columbus Day (Most regions), 31: Halloween