



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

1 September 2021  
Volume 2, Issue 9

## VFW Post 8555 Newsletter/ Calendar



*Memorial Post 8555*  
715 Houston St  
Poth, TX  
Wilson County  
830-484-2327

VFWPost8555@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Post-8555-179838536027305/>

<https://www.vfw.org/>





# VFW Post 8555 Spotlight







## VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

### Registry Eligibility

You are eligible to participate in the registry if you were deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations any time after August 2, 1990 or Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001.



- **Regions and countries include:** Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.
- **Operations and campaigns include:** Desert Shield and Desert Storm (ODS/S), Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Enduring Freedom (OEF), and New Dawn (OND).

Click to expand the map of countries and bodies of water currently included in the VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

**You do not have to have been exposed to specific airborne hazards or have related health concerns to participate in the registry.**

While these hazards may have been present in other locations or during other time periods, participation in the registry is currently limited to support specific research and public health studies. Even if you are not eligible for the registry, we encourage all Veterans who are concerned that their military service has impacted their health to talk to their health care provider, [apply for VA health care](#), and [file a claim](#) for compensation and benefits. You do not have to participate in the registry to receive compensation and benefits or health care from VA.

To learn more about other types of military exposures, visit the [military exposures homepage](#).

### **H.R. 2372, the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act**

Like other bills being examined during this hearing, the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act seeks to remove the cumbersome, and in many cases impossible, "burden of proof" from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and burn pit exposure. Unlike the other legislation being considered today, this measure contains helpful language that allows interested parties to petition the VA Secretary to add a disease to the list of presumptive conditions associated with burn pit exposure. Within 90 days of the receipt of such a petition, the Secretary would seek the assistance of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to determine if there is a positive association between the exposure to the toxic agent and the occurrence of that disease in humans. The result would be the establishment of a process for veterans and other entities to identify additional hazardous substances and conditions related to burn pit exposure, and the means to ensure such claims are thoroughly examined by a credible agency.

# September 2021

October 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 VPR—VJ Day	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 VPR—Patriot Day
12 Grandparents Day	13 VFW Meeting	14	15	16	17 VPR—POW MIA Recognition Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 © Calendar 12.com

# October 2021

November 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Food Distribution 0745	7 Annual Floresville Peanut Festival	8	9 VPR— Start of OEF
10	11 Columbus Day VFW Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 Fried Chicken Dinner	18 VPR—Recognition of Women In Military Service	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween	1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4	5	6 © Calendar 12.com