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Remembering Pearl Harbor



This December 7 we remembered the world changing event known as Pearl Harbor Day, or as President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in his December 8, 1941 speech declaring war on Japan, "a date which will live in infamy".

Early on Wednesday morning, December 7, 2022, many gathered at Pearl Harbor National Memorial for the 81st Commemoration. The early start marks the moment to the minute 81 years ago when Japanese warplanes descended on Oahu, killing 2,403 service members and civilians, injuring thousands more and dealing a near fatal blow to the Navy's fleet at Pearl Harbor.

The mostly young Americans who died that day, along with those who served in uniform during World War II or on the home front war effort are collectively known as the Greatest Generation.

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VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



New life insurance program for disabled vets to launch in January

<https://www.militarytimes.com/veterans/2022/11/29/new-life-insurance-program-for-disabled-vets-to-launch-in-january/>

Disabled veterans will be guaranteed access to [life insurance policies](#) under a new [Veterans Affairs](#) program set to launch early next year, department officials announced Tuesday.

The move opens up basic coverage for a population of roughly 4 million individuals who in the past have struggled to qualify for [life insurance plans](#) because of their injuries and illnesses. VA officials said the new program will be open to any disabled veterans age 80 and under with no disqualifications for medical reasons.



“This is going to create more access to life insurance than ever before,” said Dan Keenaghan, executive director of the Veterans Benefits Administration’s Insurance Service. “And we are really, really excited about getting our veterans all the benefits that they’ve earned.”

VA currently operates the Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance program for individuals whose military injuries make eligibility for other life insurance offers difficult. But veterans must apply for that program within two years of receiving a disability rating and cannot enroll later on.

The new Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) program will eliminate that timeline and sunset the S-DVI program. Officials will close enrollment into the S-DVI program on Jan. 1, 2023.

The changes were mandated by Congress in legislation passed last year. Veterans will be able to buy up to \$40,000 in coverage at “competitive” rates, according to Keenaghan. The program will not earn a profit, but the costs are designed to ensure the program doesn’t create new deficits for the depart

Officials do not have a target goal for enrollment in the first year, or an estimate as to how many veterans may be unable to obtain life insurance currently.

However, veterans advocates for years have pushed for the change in programs because of concerns about limited availability for individuals with service-connected injuries.

VA officials are expected to publish final rules for the new program later this week. Enrollment will be available online at the start of January.

December 2022

January 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 VFW District 20 Meeting
4	5	6	7 Food Distribution VPR Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12 VFW Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Food Distribution (0745)	5	6	7
8	9 VFW Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 VPR - Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord	28
29	30	31				