RAND Study Finds ACA Repeal Will Strain VA
Any ACA Repeal Must Invest in VA Infrastructure

The RAND Corporation, a widely respected, nonpartisan research institution, has just released a report, Veterans Health Insurance Coverage Under the Affordable Care Act and Implications of Repeal for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The report found that efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act would result in the VA being flooded with older, lower income, and less-healthy nonelderly veterans. This additional patient load would be caused by the end of ACA insurance plans that formerly uninsured veterans have opted to use.

“We’re at a time when demand at the VA is increasing because the Vietnam generation is aging, and new veterans are starting to deal with health issues related to their recent deployments,” said Joh Rowan, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

VVA urges in the strongest possible terms that any ACA repeal must be tied to an increase in funding for the Veterans Health Administration to offset any influx of new VA patients.
VVA Chapter 788 Community Outreach

Adopt A Sox

In 2003, key individuals from several Bozeman businesses formed Adopt A Sox (AAS) to send holiday care packages to the hundreds of local military personnel who had been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Each year, business leaders, Reier Broadcasting, and the Bozeman Daily Chronicle have supported AAS in sending out care packages during the holidays.

In 2014, the AAS Board responded to the joyful reality that essentially all of our troops were home and not deployed. Our mission would have disabled us from expressing our thanks to our troops who, though home, always and selflessly stand ready to serve. The board therefore expanded our mission to cover active Montana troops wherever they serve during the holidays.

The purpose of this charitable corporation is to obtain donations of goods, services, and money in order to send over-flowing Christmas boxes to deployed active military personnel from Montana. Large, 1.3 cubic foot (approximately 20 pounds) “Christmas Stocking” boxes are sent to each of our service men and women overseas, while troops serving in the US are given an overstuffed Christmas stocking of goodies.

This September the Vietnam Veterans of America, Southwest Montana presented a check to Margie Kandrlik, Co-Founder, Executive Director, Adopt A Sox for $1,000 in support of their 2017 Fundraising Campaign to show our service men and women that their community appreciates their sacrifice.

As a designated nonprofit recipient, on Monday, October 2, 2017, 5–8p, Bridger Brewing will donate $1 of each pint sold to Adopt A Sox! Plan on being there to enjoy great beer and food.

Learn More > adoptasox.org
Vietnam Veterans of America Weighs in on Hate Groups

Speaking on behalf of those Vietnam veterans living in the deep South, Dr. Wayne Reynolds of Athens, Alabama, who has served for 19 years as president of the Alabama State Council, and was recently reelected to a fifth two-year term as Vietnam Veterans of America’s national treasurer, condemns the violence that took place on August 12th in Charlottesville, Virginia.

We Vietnam Veterans residing in the South stand united on the principles of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, and as such, we wish to dispel any notion that we are part of the fringe lunatic group—those neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and wannabe KKKers—whose violence resulted in three deaths.

When we raised our hand and swore to defend the United States Constitution, we pledged to stand in support of the principles that make our Nation Great. We believe in the right for peaceful protests and condemn all attacks by any groups on the exercise of Free Speech.

To reiterate the recent statement by VVA National President John Rowan, If there are any VVA members who harbor any of these bigoted ideologies, they are encouraged to turn in their membership cards. We did not don the uniform and serve our country to enable the acceptance of intolerance.

-Dr. Wayne Reynolds
National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Gallatin County Law & Justice Center
October 28, 2017
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local agencies are holding National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events across the country on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Drop off your pills or patches between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous, but take note: Needles, sharps and liquids will not be accepted.

Proper disposal of unwanted medicines is important. Most abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. They can lead to overdoses and accidental poisonings.