



# The Denton County Veteran

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Patriot Day
- VA Co-payments
- VA Emergency Care Benefits
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day

## PATRIOT DAY

Patriot Day is observed on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Day was signed into law on December 18, 2001 as a day to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorists attacks on our country.



We Promise To Remember

The 11<sup>th</sup> Of September

On Patriot Day, Americans should fly their flags at half-staff and observe a moment of silence to honor those individuals

who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks.

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## VA Healthcare Co-payments



**Q.**What should you do if you can't afford to make co-payments?

There are several options:

**A.**The first option is to request that a repayment plan be established for your financial situation. This will result in a lesser

amount of payment due from you.

The second option is to request a waiver for paying your current debt. If you request a waiver, you must submit sufficient proof that you can't afford to make payment to VA. This process could take several

months.

The third option is to request a hardship determination to avoid future debts. You will need to submit specific financial information about your current income. A decision by VA will be made based on the information you provide.

## VA Expands Emergency Care Benefits

If you meet all of the following criteria, you are eligible for reimbursement for emergency services rendered by non-VA medical facilities.

- You are enrolled in the VA Health Care System
- You have been provided care by a VA clinician or provider within the last 24 months
- You were provided care in a hospital emergency department or similar facility providing emergency care
- You have no other form of health insurance
- You do not have coverage under any other VA programs
- You do not have coverage under Medicare, Medicaid or a state program
- Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal facilities are not feasibly available at time of emergency event
- A reasonable lay person would judge that any delay in medical attention would endanger your health or life
- You are financially liable to the provider of the emergency treatment for that treatment
- You have no other contractual or legal resource against a third party that will pay all or part of the bill

### Emergency Care Eligibility Checklist

## National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held to honor America's POW/MIAs, those returned and those still missing and unaccounted for from our nation's wars. That first year, resolutions were passed in the Congress and the national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. The Missing Man formation was flown by the 1st Tactical Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia. The Veterans Administration published a poster including only the letters "POW/MIA" and that format was continued until 1982, when a black and white drawing of a POW in harsh captivity was used to convey the urgency of situation and the priority that President Ronald Reagan assigned to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War. National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly, until 1995 when it was deemed by Congress that legislation designating special commemorative days would no longer be considered by Congress. The President now signs a proclamation each year. In the early years, the date was routinely set in

close proximity to the League's annual meetings. In the mid-1980's, the American Ex-POWs decided that they wished to see the date established as April 9th, the date during World War II when the largest number of Americans were captured. As a result, legislation urged by the American Ex-POWs was passed covering two years, July 20, 1984 and April 9, 1985, as the commemoration dates. The 1984 National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony was held at the White House, hosted by President Ronald Reagan. At that most impressive ceremony, the Reagan Administration balanced the focus to honor all returned POWs and renewed national commitment to accounting as fully as possible for those still missing. Perhaps the most impressive Missing Man formation ever flown was that year, up the Ellipse and over the White House. Unfortunately, the 1985 ceremony was canceled due to inclement weather, a concern that had been expressed when the April 9th date was proposed. Subsequently, in an effort to accommodate all returned POWs and all

and unaccounted for from all wars, the National League of Families proposed the third Friday in September, a date not associated with any particular war and not in conjunction with any organization's national convention. Most National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies have been held at the Pentagon. National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, at schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, etc. The League's POW/MIA flag is flown, and the focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return.

SEPTEMBER  
19TH



### PROTOCOL:

If flying the flag from ONE FLAG POLE, the POW/MIA flag is flown directly below the National Colors and above any state flag.

\* If flying National, POW/MIA and State flags from TWO poles, the POW/MIA flag should be flown from the same pole as the National Colors, and beneath the American Flag, with the state flag flying from the pole to the left.

\* If flying flags from three poles, the National Colors occupy the place of prominence (the right), with the POW/MIA flag immediately to the left of the US Flag, and the state flag to the left of the POW/MIA flag.

Serving Denton County Veterans with an attitude of gratitude

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Denton County Veterans Service Office  
staff members will be attending the  
Texas Veterans Commission  
annual training conference  
September 8th — September 12th.  
All staff  
members will return to the office  
Monday  
September 15th.