



Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans



Vietnam War Memorial Dedication
In Honored Memory of the Men and Women Who Served
Their Nation in The Vietnam War



**INDIANTOWN GAP
NATIONAL CEMETERY**
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BESIDE THE WWII US SUBMARINE MEMORIAL AREA 24C
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It was an honor to be a guest speaker at the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Saturday. I heard a wonderful story about Vietnam War veteran and Army National Guard retired pilot, Cheiu V Le, a South Vietnamese pilot who refused to surrender. He came to the United States as a refugee and became a pilot in the U.S. Army. His comments about his gratitude for the sacrifices made by so many Americans was heartwarming. To all the Vietnam veterans who did not receive the warm welcome home you so richly deserved, I salute you!

**Public Invited to Veterans' Day Observance at
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery**



Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial, Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging the public to attend its 40th annual Veterans' Day Program at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. Nicholas M. Taylor, Pennsylvania commander of the Catholic War Veterans, will deliver the keynote address. The event will be held, rain or shine, in the parking lot above the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial, which is under renovation. Attendees are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. Parking will be at the [Arrowhead Community Club, 9-65 Fisher Ave.](#) at Fort Indiantown Gap, with shuttle bus transportation to and from the designated parking area and the cemetery. Handicapped parking at the cemetery itself is limited. I plan to attend and I look forward to seeing you there!

COMING UP:



MILITARY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

November 1, 7:30 am

HEBRON BANQUET HALL, 701 E WALNUT STREET

Join us as we honor our Veterans and
commemorate the

2022 General Smoker Beyond the Call
Award Winner:

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery



Keynote Speaker: Sgt. Earl Granville

Granville is a Veteran of the Army and Purple Heart Recipient. During his deployment, Granville became an amputee due to a roadside bombing. Upon returning home he has become a motivational speaker and inspiration to others.

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PHEAA Warns Borrowers of Student Loan Forgiveness Scams

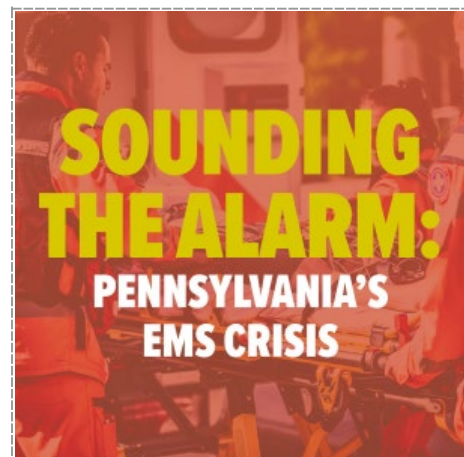
The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is cautioning borrowers to be aware of new scams that attempt to take advantage of confusion surrounding the president's plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in federal student loans. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has received many complaints from borrowers about companies promising to deliver student loan services in exchange for fees. Borrowers reported believing they were talking to their loan servicer or a company that was acting on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. Scammers use



multiple modes of communication to reach borrowers, including social media, text messages, emails or phone calls. They are also very skilled at posing as government representatives and may even have look-alike government websites and logos to trick unsuspecting victims. Borrowers are encouraged to visit the [U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid \(FSA\) website](#), to check on the status of the loan forgiveness program and to only work with their trusted partners when assistance is needed with managing their student loans. Borrowers should never pay for a service that is available to them for free. For more information about what to watch for to avoid being scammed, as well as what to do if you think you have been scammed, [click here](#).

House Policy Committee Works to Address PA's EMS Crisis

The House Majority Policy Committee held a hearing this week to find answers to the state's growing emergency medical services crisis. The committee heard testimony on funding issues, staffing shortages, delayed response times, quality of care, and the future of ambulance service in Pennsylvania. While the General Assembly has been working on policies to aid EMS agencies with higher Medicaid reimbursements approved as part of this year's state budget and proposals to help recruit and retain emergency responders, more work is needed to ensure these vital services continue



- particularly in our rural communities. [Click here to watch video](#) of the hearing.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. That's more than 10 million women and men annually! About one in four women and one in nine men will be victimized by an intimate partner through a pattern of abusive behavior to gain power and control over them. Such abuse can cause both physical and emotional harm and may include beatings, harassment, threats, vandalism, trespassing, burglary, theft and stalking. As one of the most chronically underreported crimes, domestic violence affects men and women in all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social and economic backgrounds. More information about domestic violence and services available to help victims [is available here](#).



National Manufacturing Week

Over the last week, the Commonwealth joined states across the country in marking National Manufacturing Week. This industry is vital to our country and is at the heart of Pennsylvania's economy. In fact, Pennsylvania's manufacturing workforce ranks sixth in the United States with more than 562,700 employees, accounting for about 9.5% of all private sector jobs in the Commonwealth. It consists of more than 14,000 manufacturing establishments and last year generated \$113.2 billion in gross domestic product.

Manufacturing offers well-paying, family-sustaining jobs at an average salary of \$86,129 annually including benefits. Statistics from the Department of Community and Economic Development



indicate manufacturing workers earn 33% more compared to the average for other nonfarm businesses in the state.

House OKs Bill Aimed to Spur Economic Growth

Legislation aimed at encouraging investment and job creation in the Commonwealth recently passed unanimously in the House. [House Bill 2783](#) would modernize the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and its programs that provide financial help to businesses looking to expand or invest in the Commonwealth. Low-interest loans and lines of credit from PIDA can be used to cover a portion of up-front costs for land and building acquisitions, construction and renovation costs, and machinery and equipment purchases. To be eligible for assistance, applicants must

demonstrate a minimum number of new jobs to be created. The bill would also require PIDA to consider the level of capital investment a business is willing to bring to a project to determine eligibility. New taxpayer accountability provisions, which would require payback if a business were to leave Pennsylvania, would also be in effect under the bill. The bill is pending consideration in the Senate.



Applications for Boating Facility Grants Available

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is seeking applications for its next round of Boating Facility Grants to help communities capitalize on the surge in new boating activity. The Boating Facility Grant program provides grants for planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on Pennsylvania waterways. Eligible applicants include townships, boroughs, and municipal and county governments, as well as nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed



associations. Private businesses and service clubs are not eligible for direct funding but are encouraged to partner with their local county or municipality. Funding requests require a 50% match. The deadline to apply is Dec. 30. More information about the Boating Facility Grant Program and application form [can be found on the PFBC website](#).