

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for August 2014

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### • **VA Rolls Out Burn Pit Registry**

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2014/06/23/va-rolls-out-burn-pit-registry.html?comp=7000023317843&rank=8>

Access the registry: <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/index.html#page/home>

Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

### Is this for me?

- The registry is a database of information about [Veterans](#) and [Servicemembers](#) collected through a questionnaire.
- [OEF/OIF/OND](#) or 1990-1991 Gulf War [Veterans](#) and [Servicemembers](#) can use the registry questionnaire to report exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

### Why sign up?

- Create a snapshot from which to identify changes in your health.
- Print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider.
- Learn about follow-up care and VA benefits.
- Instructions are available if you need assistance with the questionnaire.

### Sign up in 3 easy steps

1. Use your **Premium DS Logon Level 2** account to access the questionnaire. You must have a **Premium DS Logon Level 2** account to participate.
2. Complete entire questionnaire and submit.
3. Print or save completed questionnaire for your records.

### • **Homeless Veteran Stand-Down**

The 2014 Capital Region Homeless Veteran's Stand-Down will be held in Latham, NY on **August 23, 2014 from 8a – 1p**. Please call the number listed above for transportation reservations.

### • **Acting Secretary Gibson Outlines Problems, Actions Taken, and Budget Resources**

**Needed to Ensure Access to Care:** July 16, 2014: In testimony before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan D. Gibson outlined serious problems regarding access to healthcare and key actions the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has taken to get Veterans off wait lists and into clinics. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2586>