

and National Guard personnel continue to show neither upward nor downward trends, the rate of active duty members dying by suicide has continued to trend upward from 2011-2022. The 2021 suicide rates among family members appeared to be lower than in 2019 and 2020, though no time-based trends have been established. Importantly, the report outlines DOD's ongoing and planned actions to curb suicide numbers including implementing recommendations from the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee (SPRIRC). [Read the DOD suicide report.](#) [Read the SPRIRC report.](#)



Veterans Day Discounts and Freebies: As a display of gratitude and appreciation, community partners have joined together for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to honor service members, veterans, and their families for their sacrifice and dedication to our nation. VA has compiled and will continue to update a list of nationally available [Veterans Day discounts](#) to give back to our veterans.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update for a service member who had been missing and unaccounted for from World War II. Returning home for burial with full military honors is:
--Army Air Force Pvt. Doyle W. Sexton, 23, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was a member of the Headquarters Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group. He died as a prisoner of war on July 19, 1942. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on a date to be determined. [Read about Sexton.](#)

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