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Updates & News

News from the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH) held a two-day virtual meeting on December 8–9, 2020. Below are the major updates that were discussed. Their next meeting will be held on February 24th, 2021—unfortunately, after this newsletter went to print. To read a recap of that meeting, visit coldwarpatriots.org.

EEOICPA Ombudsman's Office Updates

Malcolm Nelson, EEOICPA Ombudsman, retired from the U.S. Department of Labor the end of November 2020 after 14 years of service. On November 20, 2020, Congressman Ed Perlmutter (D-CO) memorialized Mr. Nelson's contribution to the U.S. DOL and the Ombudsman's office in the Congressional Record. Cold War Patriots applauds the work Mr. Nelson did and will miss his expertise and empathy, and we wish him the best in the future.

The Office of the Ombudsman's primary responsibilities are to provide information to claimants and potential claimants, make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor, and submit an annual report to Congress outlining the numbers and types of complaints received. To contact the Office of the Ombudsman, email ombudsman@dol.gov or call toll-free at 1.877.662.8363.

Source: www.dol.gov/agencies/ombudsman

Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Updates

During the ABRWH meeting an update on the SEC was given. An SEC allows eligible claimants to be compensated without the completion of a NIOSH radiation dose reconstruction or determination on the probability of causation. To qualify for compensation as a member of an SEC class, a covered employee must have at least one of 22 specified cancers and worked for a specified period of time at one of the SEC work sites. For a full list of all SEC's visit: bit.ly/USDOLSECList.

Petitions that qualified for Board review:

- Pinellas, Florida Petition SEC-0256
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, California Petition SEC-0221
- Y-12 Plant, Tennessee Petition SEC-0250

One petition is in the process of being qualified:

- Pantex, Texas Petition SEC-0258

The Advisory Board is currently reviewing petitions for:

- Savannah River Site, South Carolina Petition SEC-0103
- Los Alamos National Laboratory Petition SEC-0109
- Sandia National Laboratory, New Mexico Petition SEC-0188
- Idaho National Laboratory Petition SEC-0219
- Argonne National Laboratory, Idaho Petition SEC-0224
- Area IV Santa Susana, California Petition SEC-0235
- Metals and Controls, Massachusetts Petition SEC-0236
- DeSoto Avenue Facility, California Petition SEC-0246
- Reduction Pilot Plant, West Virginia Petition SEC-0253

Potential 83.14 Petition (for when NIOSH has detected they may not be able to reconstruct dose):

- West Valley Demonstration Project, New York

Source: www.dol.gov

NOTICE:

It has come to our attention that persons claiming to be from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) are contacting EEOICP beneficiaries and asking to visit them in their homes. Please know that U.S. DOL representatives will never come to your home, unless you initiate the request. If someone contacts you and they cannot prove their employment with the U.S. DOL, decline their offer of a visit as they are not a U.S. DOL employee and please call our Outreach Help Center, we can report this to the U.S. DOL for you.

Caring for your Family with Professional Case Management

Through the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP) benefits you have earned, Professional Case Management (PCM) can help you receive the care you need to maintain your lifestyle. If a family member is caring for you at home, they may be eligible to be hired as a relative personal care attendant (RPCA) by PCM. They know you best and there is no one better to assist you with activities of daily living.

An RPCA is trained by PCM to provide non-skilled personal care and related homemaker services in the home. An RPCA functions under the direct instruction and supervision of a PCM supervisor and plays a vital role among the healthcare team. An RPCA will have 24/7 direct access to a Registered Nurse Case Manager. The Registered Nurse Case Manager is there to support and guide your caregiver through the simplest to most complex situations that may be encountered. They will provide increased awareness and knowledge of how to keep you as healthy as possible, improving your quality of life and ability to remain in your home. If your care needs ever increase, the Registered Nurse assigned to your case will work with you, your caregiver, and your physician to add additional services which could include Home Health Aides and/or Nurses.

An RPCA would be compensated for the care they provide. They could be paid to provide services such as assistance with grocery shopping, medical appointments, church and community activities, light housekeeping, and meal preparation. They may also qualify for employee benefits such as medical, dental, and vision insurance, ongoing training and coaching, and workers compensation should they be injured while performing their duties. PCM would pay state and federal unemployment insurance and handle all income tax withholding, so your loved one would not be surprised with a tax bill at the end of the year.



 **Professional Case Management**
Helping People Live at Home

At Professional Case Management, we value our clients and the caregivers we employ. We are passionate about the work we do and the clients who have entrusted us with their care. We welcome personal caregivers to join our team.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call the Cold War Patriots Outreach Help Center at 1.877.335.0779.

CWP Events Update

Event Information

Here at Cold War Patriots we are excited about a new year as we can hopefully begin to host in-person events again in your area. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and how each state is re-opening, so that we can follow all necessary protocols to safely hold our events. We will be sure to alert you once we begin holding in-person events. Last April, we began hosting Virtual Events and recently added new content to the presentations.

Please join our Virtual Events from the comfort and safety of your own home by the click of a button. We host a variety of 25–50 minute virtual events, including Doc Talks hosted by an Impairment Doctor and Respiratory Health Talks presented by a Certified Respiratory Therapist. We have also continued our Town Halls for those who have a U.S. DOL white medical benefits card, pending claim, denied claim, or have never applied. **For dates, times and to sign-up, please visit coldwarpatriots.org/CWPevents or call our Outreach Help Center at 866.475.5919.**



Cold War Patriots Official National Day of Remembrance™ Recap

Thank you to all the Living Legends, their families and friends, who attended our virtual Cold War Patriots Official National Day of Remembrance™ event.

In 2009, we held the first official National Day of Remembrance and while this year looked different from years past, we were honored you were able to be with us at the 12th annual observance. Every year since 2009, Cold War Patriots has asked the United States Senate to introduce and pass an official Resolution honoring the men and women like you who have served our nation in building and maintaining our nuclear defense. On October 2, 2020, Congress passed the resolution for the 12th year in a row, designating October 30th as the National Day of Remembrance.

At this year's virtual Cold War Patriots Official National Day of Remembrance™ events, we heard from former workers, advocates, local dignitaries, the U.S. Department of Labor Ombudsman's Office, and the House of Representatives, who honored, remembered, and paid tribute to those who worked in the nuclear weapons and uranium complex. This year, as we do every year, we asked members of the U.S. Senate and Congress to join us for the event and pay their respects to their constituents. Nine Senators and nine Congressmen/women submitted videos honoring and recognizing the sacrifices you, our Living Legends, and our Fallen Heroes made to fulfill America's nuclear defense mission.

The names of our Fallen Heroes were shown, and we asked all viewers to light a candle in their honor. Each one of these heroes was a light that illuminated not only the lives of their families, friends and co-workers, but through their work, their light also lit our nation.

May we all meet again next year for the 13th Cold War Patriots Official National Day of Remembrance™. If you missed the ceremony, visit coldwarpatriots.org/NDR to watch the Encore Presentation now.



Bobby C.



Don D.



Linda P.



Dana B.



Carolyn W.



Larry W.



Billy Bob C.



Charlotte Gail H.



Bob R.



Carl H.



Johnny T.



John A.



Daniel B.



Lloyd S.

After learning about the lives of this year's fourteen Everyday Patriots, one thing is abundantly clear—their stories are uniquely their own, yet at their core they have a desire to help others. We will be highlighting the Everyday Patriots in our newsletter throughout the year, and this issue we would like to introduce you to Carl, Dana, Carolyn, John, and Daniel. This diverse group of former workers represents so many aspects of all our Cold War Patriots members. Their job titles range from secretaries, safety instructors, engineers, and lab managers. Together they have 167 years of experience as nuclear weapons workers!

We are humbled to know that they are active Cold War Patriots members and all have attended a CWP event where we were able to connect them to resources and educate them on Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (EEOICP) benefits. Carl, who worked at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant as a High Voltage Switch Yard Operator and an Occupational Health and Safety Instructor for 45 ½ years shared "CWP does a great job with issues, updates, and communication to nuclear complex workers. I also enjoy seeing my former co-workers at CWP events."

While Carl, Dana, Carolyn, John, and Daniel all worked at nuclear weapons sites, they each have varying ranges of health issues due to their workplace exposure. Fortunately, these Everyday Patriots are in generally good health, and still spend their days volunteering and giving back to their communities. Dana, Carolyn, and Daniel all shared similar advice: "Stay busy, be active, and do what you like!" John, who worked at the Hanford, Washington site for 28 years as a Chemist and Analytical Lab Manager, received his U.S. DOL white medical benefits card and his wife, Ruth, was hired by Professional Case Management, the founding company of CWP, to be his relative personal care attendant (RPCA).

Cold War Patriots is proud to get to tell these stories. To learn more about this year's Everyday Patriots, and how they continue to serve and give back to their communities, visit coldwarpatriots.org/EverydayPatriot. If you did not receive your 2021 Cold War Patriots Calendar, please call our Outreach Help Center at 877.335.0779.

2022 Cold War Patriots "Everyday Patriot" Calendar

We have some good news for you patriots! We will be continuing the "Everyday Patriot" theme to our 2022 Calendar! Once again, we will be selecting fourteen CWP members who have displayed excellence through their community service and volunteer work.

If you would like to submit an "Everyday Patriot" nominee, please fill out the questionnaire at coldwarpatriots.org/nominations and stay tuned for additional details.

Enjoying Life, After 24 Years of Service



“Don’t be afraid to seek out the information you need”, is the message former Sandia National Labs worker, James, and his wife, Terry, want to share with fellow nuclear weapons complex workers. James began working in Albuquerque at Sandia National Labs in July of 1992. He retired in August 2016, after working there for 24 years. James was an electrician for the first 14 years, then became the Financial Secretary for the Metal Trades Council Union and did a variety of other work for unions during the last 10 years of his employment. In 2012, after a Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) passed, James received his U.S. DOL white medical benefits card.

One day James and Terry were watching TV and saw a Professional Case Management (PCM) commercial talking about the U.S. DOL white medical benefits card and thought, “maybe we should call them?” Soon after, they met with Mollie Mouton, Senior Director of Clinical Operations at

Professional Case Management. ***“Mollie came to our home and immediately she helped in so many ways. We had the white card for years but were unable to find doctors who took it,” shared Terry. They now have doctors who accept his U.S. DOL white medical benefits card.***

James and Terry celebrated their 44th marriage anniversary in February and in July they will celebrate Terry being James’ relative personal care attendant (RPCA) for two years. To become her husband’s caregiver, Terry attended an RPCA training in Santa Fe at the PCM office and says she truly enjoyed the orientation, training, and the people she met and trained with. When asked what motivated her to become an RPCA, Terry shared, “James requires a great deal of care and support, he has trouble with both his hands and feet, and I have always been there for him. By becoming a RPCA I can be both trained and paid to provide his needed assistance. We have a large home and a yard, so I have had to get creative in ways to keep James busy and active, yet safe and comfortable.” Terry and James purchased a special 3-wheeled bicycle with pedal assist so they can ride and stay active outdoors. They also now have a riding lawn mower so James can still tend to the yard.

While Terry did work in the medical field prior to retirement, an RPCA does not need medical experience to care for their loved one. As an RPCA with PCM, Terry has a team of Case Managers and other Registered Nurses who provide them guidance and support. ***Terry and James said “our Case Manager, Kristy, and the other nurses who we have worked with us are on top of everything! They are always teaching me tricks and tips and sharing knowledge so I can help James control his illnesses. We know that PCM is there whenever we need them. We feel PCM is extremely supportive and always available!”***



Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Terry and James were actively attending Cold War Patriots and Professional Case Management events as well as the Relay for Life Cancer Walks, sponsored by Professional Case Management. Terry and James actively promote the medical white card at retiree breakfasts which they also regularly attend. ***Terry and James final bit of advice? “Go to CWP meetings, reach out, ask! Call PCM, they will help you in so many ways!”***

Cold War Patriots and Professional Case Management are proud and honored to share this story of James and Terry.



Professional Case Management
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Home Care Under the EEOICP

Six Great Reasons Why Home Care with EEOICP Makes Sense

- 1** Unlike Medicare, there is no requirement to be “home-bound” for EEOICP based in-home health care. You can enjoy freedom of movement and continue to live in the comfort, privacy, and convenience of your own home—not a nursing home.
- 2** Your EEOICP in-home health benefits are special—unlike Medicare, there are no limits on the amount of care you can receive; no co-pays, no caps, no out-of-pocket dollar costs to you at all.
- 3** Since your caregiver is in frequent touch with your doctors and specialists, they can communicate about changes in symptoms, and make sure you get the necessary and timely interventions that can make the difference in avoiding unplanned hospitalizations. Your caregiver can also coordinate changes in medication, and any telehealth or in person appointments.
- 4** Your doctor can work with you, and Professional Case Management (PCM), the leading in-home health care provider for nuclear weapons and uranium workers, to provide a customized plan of care to best treat the symptoms associated with your covered illnesses. These services can range from management of your covered illnesses, to assistance with helping you and your family address the impact on your normal activities of daily living.
- 5** In some circumstances, a family member can become a relative personal care attendant (RPCA) and be paid to care for you.
- 6** Lastly, but most importantly, it's the law. You've earned this FREE benefit through the sacrifices you made serving our country.

If you or your loved one have a U.S. DOL white medical benefits card you may be eligible for free in-home health care. Call the Cold War Patriots Outreach Help Center at 877.335.0779 for more information.

New Medical Billing Processing Provider

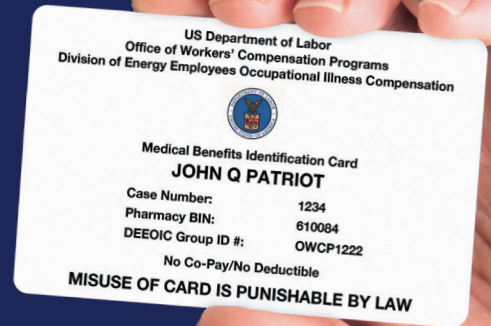
CWP would like to remind you of the medical billing provider change from Conduent to Client Network Services, LLC (CNSI) in April of 2020.

The new online portal will provide users with the following functionality, as well as additional features:

- ★ Eligibility inquiry
- ★ Authorization history
- ★ Bill history & faster bill processing
- ★ Correspondence history

Contact your local Professional Case Management outreach representative if you have any additional questions:

Don't know who your local Professional Case Management outreach representative is? Please call us at 866.493.8925 and we will get you in touch with them.



▶ Example of your new white medical benefits card



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You are more than a medical record!

When you receive an impairment evaluation with PCM Impairments you will speak directly with the most experienced EEOICPA-enrolled and ABIME certified impairment physicians who will thoroughly review your medical records. Unlike some impairment providers who only review your medical record, at PCM Impairments you will have an in-depth conversation with an impairment physician about your health.

PCM Impairments is the largest impairment evaluation provider in the country and is a division of Professional Case Management (PCM), the premier provider of in-home health care services for nuclear weapons and uranium workers.

To begin the process of scheduling your Impairment Evaluation, or to find out the date of your last evaluation, call 866.578.2580 to speak with a PCM Impairment Navigator.