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★ Recent changes to the U.S. DOL procedure manuals, potential new SECs and laws are being discussed that could affect your benefits. Call us today to learn if your benefits could be impacted by these updates! ★

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ACHC Accreditation

Professional Case Management (PCM) has been awarded accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). To achieve this designation from the ACHC, health care providers must go through a rigorous review process.

“Our clients contributed to national security and PCM is dedicated to providing these former workers with the best possible care,” said Brad Drevno, PCM’s Chief Operating Officer. “ACHC accreditation is just one more reason these patriots can rest assured that we are providing them with a level of care that meets the high standards set by health care industry professionals.”



In addition to demonstrating its commitment to quality, the ACHC accreditation is evidence of PCM’s commitment to continuous improvement, as ACHC provides ongoing guidance on best practices within the industry.



Regional Director Spotlight



Donna Berry, South Carolina

I’ve lived in South Carolina most of my life and worked as a nurse at the Savannah River Site (SRS) plant. In my 45 years of health care experience, I have ensured high standards of competent care, and for the past 10 years at PCM I have been dedicated to caring for our clients, I even helped establish our South Carolina and Georgia offices. I am honored to oversee a highly qualified team of Registered Nurses who take care of our SRS workers.



Tara Styck, Indiana

I have been a nurse for 13 years. I joined PCM seven years ago working in Colorado. Recently I relocated back home to my state of Indiana and helped open our new office in beautiful Lawrenceburg! I am humbled by the opportunity to provide truly compassionate care when our clients need it the most. I love my job dearly and am so proud to be able to provide care to nuclear weapons and uranium workers.



Anna King-Sutton, New Mexico

I am a native New Mexican, born and raised on a farm and ranch. I have been a nurse for 13 years and began my career with PCM six years ago as an in-home staff nurse. I have a true love for New Mexico and the wonderful people who live here. I am blessed and honored to serve my community by leading a team of dedicated healthcare workers who provide excellent care for our nuclear weapons and uranium workers throughout New Mexico.

Updates & News

News from the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (ABTSWH) submitted recommendations to the U.S. Department of Labor's Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC). The DEEOIC accepted five recommendations from the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (ABTSWH).



This is great news for workers, as these recommendations will improve the compensation program. Recent changes to the U.S. Department of Labor procedure manuals and newly passed SECs means that you could now be eligible for up to \$400,000 in monetary compensation and free health benefits.

★ Call us today at 877.335.0779 to learn more. ★

Outreach Specialist Spotlight



My name is Cynthia, and I am privileged to serve the Colorado Front Range area. In my role as a Regional Homecare Outreach Specialist at Cold War Patriots (CWP) and Professional Case Management (PCM), my first responsibility is to you, the workers. I am here to help you navigate the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and the benefits of the U.S. Department of Labor white medical benefits card.

To make sure you receive the care you need, a large part of my time is spent educating healthcare providers, such as Hospitals, Rehabilitation Centers, Oncology and Pulmonary Practices. Many of these medical practitioners did not live in Denver when Rocky Flats Plant was open, thus your story becomes a history lesson to ensure you are recognized and properly cared for by the medical teams.

Over the last seven years my patriotism has been bolstered by my relationships with the workers I serve. I come from a family steeped in serving our country. My Grandfather was on horseback in WWI, my father served in the Korean War, my Uncle who was a colonel who survived capture as a prisoner of war, and those nearest to me serving in diplomatic and protection roles. The respect and admiration I have for the generations of Cold War Patriots is beyond measure. I am often told by my friends who hear me on the phone with a worker that they are lucky to have me. The truth is though I am the lucky one, as I get to know and care for you!



Professional Case Management

Helping Nuclear & Uranium Workers Live at Home

Your Everyday Patriots

This quarter's Everyday Patriots are Billy Bob, Lloyd, and Bobby. Together these three patriots' experience as nuclear weapons and uranium workers totals 93 years and counting! They've held a variety of jobs, including: Pipefitter, Component Assembler, Division Officer for Environmental Safety, Health and Radiological, Labor and Drilling Assistant, and "too many positions over 40 years to list!"



Billy Bob

Billy Bob has worked at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant since 1979; he is still working and is an active member of the Pipefitters Union. Billy Bob is very active in his community and works as an instructor for the United Steel Workers.



Lloyd

Lloyd worked in Oak Ridge for 40 years, three months, and one day. He has one of the largest memorabilia collections from the Manhattan Project, over 50 people have donated to it. For 52 years he has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America.



Bobby

Bobby started his career as a uranium miner straight out of high school. After 11 years as a uranium miner, he went on to teach elementary school students for almost 50 years, incorporating Cold War history whenever he had the chance.

Cold War Patriots is proud to tell these stories. To learn more about this year's Everyday Patriots, 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 Calendar ★

As a token of our appreciation, we create a unique wall calendar annually that you can display with pride in your home. The 2022 calendar theme will be nostalgic imagery during the Cold War period. This will be anything from pop culture, events, movies, leisure and lifestyle, music, holidays, fashion, and architecture.

2022 calendars are scheduled to arrive in homes the end of November 2021. Please keep an eye out for yours!





★ FRIDAY ★
OCT. 29th

**A NATIONWIDE
VIRTUAL CEREMONY**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

This year, we are pleased to offer a commemorative Cold War Patriots leather coaster set as a special means of recognition to the living legends and fallen heroes who protected our nation.



HONORING OUR LIVING LEGENDS & FALLEN HEROES

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™; a ceremony held to honor the men and women who worked in the U.S. nuclear weapons and uranium industries and to recognize those who are no longer with us. As a nuclear weapons or uranium worker, you are invited to be recognized as a living legend and to help us remember our fallen heroes.

REGISTER TO VIEW THE VIRTUAL CEREMONY

We want to keep our Cold War Patriots safe, so the 13th Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™ will be a **virtual** ceremony that you can watch from your home. Registration is easy, you can either:

- ★ Visit coldwarpatriots.org/NDR and fill out the registration form, **OR**
- ★ Call our Outreach Help Center at **866.311.5760** to fill out the registration form over the phone

You will then **receive an email** with instructions on how to view the ceremony on your computer or smart phone. For more ceremony details, including how to submit the name of a loved one to be honored, visit coldwarpatriots.org/NDR. If you have any additional questions, please call **866.311.5760** or email events@coldwarpatriots.org.



To receive yours by mail, register to view the virtual 13th Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™ ceremony.



Ask the Cold War Patriots Outreach Help Center



I think I have an illness that may be from my exposure at work due to radioactive or toxic substances. I haven't filed an EEOICPA or RECA claim before, what do I do?

We are sorry to hear this. **Please call our Outreach Help Center at 877.355.0799**, we can talk you through what paperwork related to your illness and work history you need to collect before reaching out to the U.S. DOL Resource Center. We have helped thousands of workers like you receive the care they have earned and look forward to assisting you.

I filed a claim in the past and was denied. What can I do to reapply for benefits?

Yes, you can re-open or appeal a denied claim. There are many reasons a denied claim can be approved, including new Special Exposure Cohorts, changes to your health, and new qualifying illnesses. You may want to consider retaining an advocate to review your denied claim, they can provide recommendations and next steps. Cold War Patriots can connect you with an advocate who can provide recommendations and next steps. **Call us today at 877.355.0799.**

What if I am widowed and my spouse worked at a U.S. DOE facility or uranium site?

We are sorry to hear about your loss. Surviving spouses can receive monetary compensation for their loved ones, the amount will vary but can range from \$125,000 to \$325,000 or more. We recommend you reach out directly to the U.S. DOL Resource Center to gain a better understanding of the amount available to you and how to file a claim. You can visit coldwarpatriots.org or call us to find which U.S. DOL Resource Center you should contact.



Meet an Outreach Help Center Representative

My name is Bob and I have worked in the Cold War Patriots Outreach Help Center for over 8 years. My background working at Rocky Flats in Colorado for 29 years has allowed me to better serve our nuclear weapons and uranium workers. I was a Union Lab Tech for eight years where I learned instrumentation analysis in the General Lab. That is where I was exposed to Beryllium that ultimately led to me receiving the U.S. Department of Labor white medical benefits card for Chronic Beryllium Disease.



I later went on to work in the Metrology Lab and Chemistry Standards Lab, that type of work took me all over the plant site where I met a lot of people who I talk to today to offer information on how to navigate filing an Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) claim, receiving impairment ratings, medical screenings, and in-home care through Professional Case Management (PCM). I feel secure with the knowledge that PCM is there to offer help to us nuclear weapons and uranium workers. PCM lives by their motto, “One Team, One Mission!”

I have talked to men and women who have had amazing stories to tell, including loading the atomic bomb onto B-29 bombers and witnessing the testing of atomic bombs at the Nevada Test Site. I often used to joke when I had these conversations with these folks, “you ought to write a book about your experiences and please send me a copy.” I have received a total of four books from these people so far!

The Outreach Help Center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 7pm ET.

Give us a call at 877.335.0779 or email us at info@coldwar patriots.org.



Flu Shots

Get One This Season!



Most adults fall into one of three categories, either they get their flu shot annually, they never get one, or they do so sporadically.

Medical experts agree, this year is the year to get a flu vaccine, and the timing for getting it is right now! The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that adults get a flu vaccine by at least the end of October. Once received, it takes on average two weeks for the vaccine to become effective. So, now is the time to get your flu shot.

“Looking back on the years I worked in a hospital, I cannot help but wonder how much illness and suffering could have been prevented by something as simple as a flu shot. It was common for me to be called to the ER to care for a patient with COPD or other respiratory illnesses who already had compromised lungs that were further challenged by the flu. Patients would be extremely short of breath and have low oxygen levels in their blood. Fortunately, many patients recovered after a few days of intensive respiratory treatments and medications. But honestly, a scare like that and a few days in the hospital could have been avoided in most cases by having a flu shot. It not only protects you, but those around you. It also helps our health care workers if you can avoid a visit to the doctor’s office or hospital. Lastly, with COVID-19 still a risk, you do not want to take the chance of having both COVID-19 and the flu at the same time. Please, talk to your health care provider about getting your flu shot today!”

*Kelly Garber, Professional Case Management
Certified Respiratory Therapist*

