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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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# Updates & News

## Now Your Health Benefits Offer More Coverage and Easier Appeals

We are excited to share important updates and new changes to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) procedure manual and policy that may make it easier for you to qualify for improved monetary and health care coverage included with the U.S. DOL medical benefits white card that you worked so hard to earn.

**WHAT'S NEW?** Many illnesses that commonly afflict nuclear weapons and uranium workers like you, including COVID, hearing loss, cancers of the bladder and kidneys, and many others, now have reduced barriers to benefits approval. Let us guide you through these impactful revisions in a **U.S. DOL Recent Changes Easy Reference Guide** that we created specifically for you.

**LEARN ABOUT:** The updated COVID filing period; how qualifying exposure for hearing loss has been expanded to any appropriate job category and extended from before 1990 to present day; and how previously denied bladder and kidney cancers may now be covered in addition to many other illnesses that could be affecting your quality of life right now.

Call 866.504.3883, visit the URL below or scan the QR code to request our *U.S. DOL Recent Changes Easy Reference Guide*.

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## A Strong Defense Against the Flu: Get Vaccinated!

The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season.

### WHAT ARE SOME KEY REASONS TO GET A FLU VACCINE?

- ★ Every year, flu vaccination prevents illnesses, medical visits, hospitalizations and deaths.
- ★ While some people who get vaccinated still get sick, flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce the severity of illness.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET A FLU VACCINE EVERY YEAR?

- ★ Flu viruses are constantly changing, so flu vaccines may be updated from one season to the next to protect against the viruses that research suggests will be common during the upcoming flu season.
- ★ Your protection from a flu vaccine declines over time. Yearly vaccination is needed for the best protection.





# Outreach Spotlight



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I started with Professional Case Management (PCM) and Cold War Patriots (CWP) in July of 2020. I've had the privilege of meeting and working with many nuclear weapons workers at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (USEC) in Paducah, Kentucky and at Allied Chemical (Honeywell) in Metropolis, Illinois.

My role is to educate local businesses and our community on the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). A large part of my job is sitting down with workers to provide information and be a resource during the U.S. Department of Labor claims process, assisting every step of the way, and informing workers of the free benefits that they are eligible for.

Some of my family members worked at the Paducah plant and were coworkers to the workers I assist, so this program is near to my heart. Having a background in social work, I have stepped into this role with a great passion for helping others. I have been honored to have already met many of you and heard your stories; it is my primary goal to make a difference in working for you. To those I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events! Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the nuclear weapons and uranium workers for your service to this country.



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I joined the CWP and PCM team in July of 2020. Over the last three years, I have gained a tremendous amount of respect for the women and men that I have met. Working with this community of people has genuinely been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It is my job to assist nuclear weapons workers with their EEOICPA needs. This could be anything from learning about benefits, to filing a claim, to needing in-home care. I proudly serve those that live in East and Middle Tennessee areas. My favorite part about what I do is getting a phone call letting me know that I have helped, and they are approved for their EEOICPA benefits.

I would like to say thank you to all nuclear weapons workers. I am incredibly grateful for the work that you all have done. It has been an honor and privilege to assist those that I have so far, and I hope to help many more in the future.

***Our Outreach team is here to help you! They can answer any questions related to your EEOICPA or RECA claims, Impairments, in-home care benefits and much more.***

**PLEASE CALL OUR OUTREACH HELP CENTER AT 1.877.335.0779 TO BE CONNECTED TO YOUR LOCAL OUTREACH TEAM.**

# Oppenheimer Movie Premiere

The release of *Oppenheimer* this summer presented a unique opportunity for the world to learn about the important work Cold War Patriots members accomplished. The movie, written and directed by Christopher Nolan, based on the 2005 biography *American Prometheus* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, chronicles the career of American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Cold War Patriots was honored to have hosted over 36 private screenings across the country for Cold War Patriot members, PCM clients, and PCM employees. We asked fellow workers their thoughts on the movie and if the movie brought back any memories of this pivotal moment in history. Here's what they shared, in their own words:



“It was excellent. The reservation was exactly as it was said it would be, and everything was ready for us when we arrived. The movie covered a lengthy topic very well and packed a lot of the story into the three hours. Highly recommend that anyone with interest in the history of the Manhattan Project to go see it.”

“Fantastic. I am a volunteer Park Ranger at the Manhattan Project, so the movie was an update on many ideas and themes about Oppenheimer.”

“I did not realize how important Oppenheimer was. I came away with feeling of patriotism and thankful we saved a lot of American lives.”

“It brought up memories of going through the clearances process red badge, yellow badge, and blue badge Q' clearance.”

“Thoroughly enjoyed the movie. Having toured Los Alamos a few years ago, it fleshed out some questions I had.”

“I have been in this industry for over 40 years. It was an honor to serve and protect our great nation. Freedom has a price, and I would like to thank all the Cold War vets for their service and friendship.”

“Seeing the clearance processes and the red, yellow, and badges, brought back memories.”

“This was a very good movie, but I was sad at how Robert Oppenheimer was treated out of jealousy and self-interest. The research was amazing, but the end result was terrifying.”

“It was nice to know some of what the scientists were speaking about because of working at the Paducah site for over 26 years. It's a shame that bureaucracy, politics and corruption impacted uranium workers like it did.”



## 2024 CWP Calendar

As a token of our appreciation, we create a unique wall calendar annually that you can display with pride in your home. The 2024 calendar theme will be classic and collectible American automobiles during the Cold War. This will feature Chevrolet Corvettes, Ford Thunderbirds, Dodge Chargers—and many more!

The 2024 CWP calendars are scheduled to arrive in homes by the end of November 2023. Please keep an eye out for yours!





## JOIN US FOR THE IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL CEREMONY

In 2009, the U.S. Senate first adopted a resolution honoring America's nuclear weapons industry workers. Every year since, the Senate has renewed this resolution designating October 30<sup>th</sup> as a National Day of Remembrance. Since 2009, Cold War Patriots members have gathered to honor the men and women who worked in the U.S. nuclear weapons and uranium industries and recognize those who are no longer with us.

### HONORING OUR **LIVING LEGENDS & FALLEN HEROES**

We invite you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™. This year we will return to our in-person ceremony in select cities. For those unable to attend in-person, we welcome you to attend our virtual ceremony.

#### 2023 CEREMONIES

During both the in-person and virtual ceremonies we will light candles and recite the names of workers who have recently passed. In-person ceremonies will include special performances by local singers and the color guard.

##### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

North Augusta Community Center  
North Augusta, SC

##### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder  
Santa Fe, NM

##### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

Richland Community Center  
Richland, WA

##### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

Beech Park Baptist Church  
Oak Ridge, TN



#### RSVP TO **ATTEND THE CEREMONY**

Whether you plan to attend our in-person or virtual ceremony, please visit [coldwarpatriots.org/2023NDR](https://coldwarpatriots.org/2023NDR) or scan the QR code to fill out the RSVP form. *Forgot to RSVP? No problem, please join us for this special day of recognition.*

We are pleased to offer a genuine leather wallet as a special means of recognition. This American-made wallet can hold up to 20 cards or be used as a coin purse.

**Pick yours up at the in-person ceremony. If you can only attend the virtual ceremony, one can be mailed to your home.\***



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# PCM Client Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Pictured: Ralph (Center), Back row from left to right: Debbie Queen, RN, Regional Director, Bev Carter, RN, Angie Noel, LPN; Middle row from left to right: Connie Sullivan, RN, MSN, Senior Case Manager, Brad Drevno, Chief Operating Officer (on phone), Savana Teeters, RN, Case Manager; Front row from left to right: Amy Rammel, RN, Nurse Administrator, Crystal Moore, RN, Senior Case Manager.

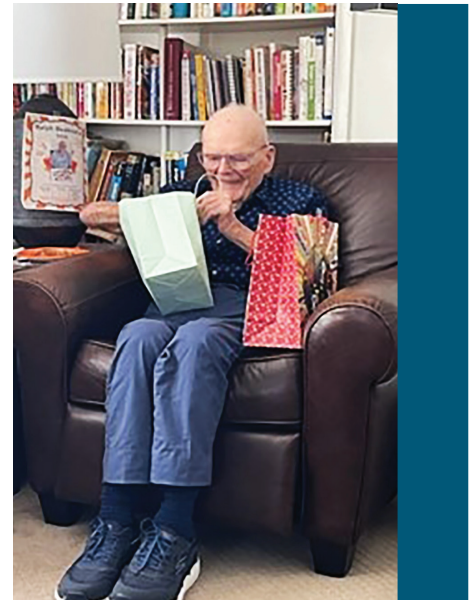
Professional Case Management’s (PCM) long-time client, Ralph, reached his 100-year milestone on July 22, 2023! Regional Director Debbie Queen and several members of the Ohio Administration and Case Management Team joined the party to celebrate with him and his family.

Ralph became a PCM client in 2010, after working as a mechanical engineer at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant for 40 years. The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant located in Piketon, Ohio, began operations in 1954 as part of a U.S. government expansion program to produce highly enriched uranium to fuel military reactors and nuclear weapons production.

Ralph loved his job, and still enjoys telling stories about the friends he made and experiences he had while

working at the plant. He was a proud member of the Air Force and served his country during WWII at Pearl Harbor and then Japan. He is the oldest living veteran in Pike County, Ohio.

Ralph made an impact on his PCM nurses just as they made an impact on him through the years. Ralph and his family attribute the wonderful quality of life he experiences to the nursing care he receives. He loves to read and swim at the YMCA. He has a wonderful sense of humor and loves sweets! His life is full, and he is very thankful to be celebrating his 100th year with his family and PCM!



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*Empathy and compassion are essential to our work with PCM clients and CWP members. We work closely with you to meet your healthcare needs and exceed your expectations. We will always act in your best interest and respect your dignity. Thank you, Ralph, for sharing your story with us, we wish you a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we look forward to your 101<sup>st</sup>!*

# PCM Nurse Navigator Spotlight



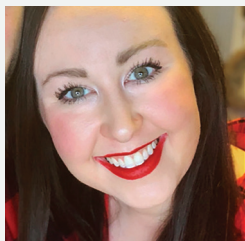
## **MELANIE LORTIE, BSN, RN**

I am originally from Chicago, Illinois and have been a nurse since 2008. At PCM, I have grown into many roles starting as a Case Manager, then a Senior Case Manager and now a Nurse Navigator. Prior to PCM, I spent my entire nursing career in hospitals with cardio-thoracic and oncology patients and as a float nurse, a small pool of nurses that can go to any adult medical, surgical, psychiatric and emergency department. I learned so much, and I love sharing my nursing knowledge with my patients and co-workers at PCM. I have been working with the population of nuclear weapons and uranium workers for 4 years. If a patient needs care I will exhaust every possibility to get them the care that they need. Many of the patients and family members have stayed in touch or passed along my information to help more workers.



## **KATIE ROSENHAGEN, BSN, RN**

I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and never knew much about Rocky Flats, or the numerous other nuclear weapons and uranium plants, until I joined PCM in 2021. Since then, I have learned so much and completely fallen in love with our patient population. I have a deep respect for our nuclear weapons and uranium workers and the way they bravely served our country. I feel honored to hear firsthand their stories and wisdom while also helping them navigate the challenging EEOICPA program. I am committed to helping these patients receive the much-deserved home care services they are eligible for.



## **ASHLEY SOTO, RN**

I have been a Nurse Navigator in Tennessee for 5 years. In my position, I am responsible for meeting with those who are interested in home health benefits and getting them started! My dad is a former nuclear weapons worker which makes this position even more meaningful to me. Before working at PCM, I worked as an oncology nurse and a pharmacy technician, where I had the pleasure to work with many Cold War Patriots members. At PCM, I love being able to provide care for our special patient population and feel a great honor to serve them! I treasure all the stories I have heard and will never forget them! I love my Tennessee Vols, Go Rocky Top!

**Our mission is to bring you hope, healing and the highest level of quality care—all in the comfort of your home. As a client of PCM, you will be partnered with a dedicated care team including a Registered Nurse Regional Director, Registered Nurse Case Manager, and our resource staff (available 24/7).**

**CALL US TODAY AT 1.877.335.0779 TO SPEAK WITH AN OUTREACH SPECIALIST AND BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY OF CARE WITH PCM.**

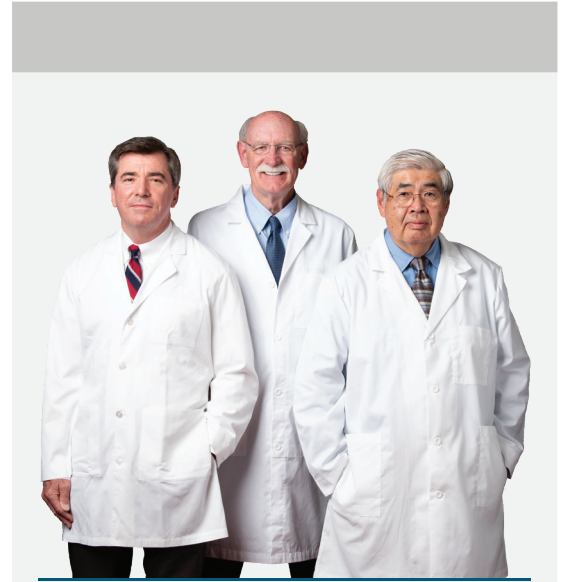


# IMPAIRMENTS CORNER

**Do you remember when you last had an Impairment Evaluation, to rate your covered conditions?**

Generally, you can have an Impairment Evaluation every two years. But who can keep track of such things? Well, once we have spoken with you and have a sense of the last impairment date, we will keep track for you! We will call you to begin the process when appropriate. And if you've already used our services, your last impairment date is already in our state-of-the-art tracking system. It is one less thing you need to remember! Rest assured, you'll be evaluated by one of our three Impairment Physicians—each has more than 18 years of experience conducting these assessments. You're in good hands.

What about all the paperwork, forms and medical records? We have you covered there, too. Our specialized team will guide you every step of the way. You'll feel confident that experts will assist you and make it simple and streamlined. We will send you the forms, show you where to sign, and we will also collect medical records from your providers. If you need testing, such as a hearing test or chest x-rays for your condition to be assessed, we can order those for you.



**Dr. Lakatosh, Dr. Walton and Dr. Soo Hoo** provide Impairment Evaluations, including an in-depth conversation with you.

***Can PCM Impairments help keep you organized?***

**We are certain you will have a great experience with PCM Impairments. You have a choice in Impairment providers, so why not choose the best?**

**LET US GET YOU ON THE RIGHT TRACK TODAY!  
CALL US AT 866.578.2580.**