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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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## Former EEOICPA Ombudsman Joins Cold War Patriots in Advocacy and Education



Tim Lerew (left) and Malcolm Nelson (right) on Capitol Hill.

Cold War Patriots, a division of Professional Case Management, is joining forces with Malcolm Nelson, retired Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) Ombudsman, to educate and advocate for nuclear weapons and uranium workers. Mr. Nelson served as the U.S. Department of Labor's Ombudsman for 14 years, retiring in December of 2020. As Ombudsman, Mr. Nelson acted as an EEOICPA expert, carefully listening to and responding to concerns and questions from workers about their individual EEOICPA claims. For many years, Mr. Nelson or representatives from the Ombudsman's office dedicatedly attended our Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™ ceremonies. In October of 2023, he visited Capitol Hill with Tim Lerew, Official Spokesperson for CWP, to advocate for the strengthening of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). Mr. Nelson and Mr. Lerew

(pictured above), visited numerous lawmakers to encourage them to support amendment S.1058 to the National Defense Authorization Act, thereby extending RECA eligibility to previously excluded Americans who were exposed to atomic weapons program testing and related exposures to radiation associated with America's weapons testing. They attended a number of important face-to-face meetings with a wide range of government officials who can directly influence how the amendment fares in negotiations later this year.

Through those meetings, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Lerew held discussions with staff on the House Judiciary Committee, the House Armed Services Committee, and staff of several members of Congress with roles in the House and Senate Conference Committee working on the final version of the RECA legislation. Pictured below is one such staffer, James Lesinski, who is Senior Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee which has jurisdiction over RECA.

Of their efforts to encourage legislators and advocate for expansion, Mr. Lerew said, "Malcolm is a great asset to both me and Kevin Davis, a local lobbyist from the Union of Concerned Scientists who arranges many of the RECA Working Group's visits to Capitol Hill." Mr. Lerew, Mr. Nelson and the RECA Working Groups proudly represented Cold War Patriots members, families and communities in sharing how expanding RECA can improve lives in downwind communities as well as those of uranium workers.

Mr. Nelson's impact does not stop with advocacy. He will also be sharing his insights on EEOICPA in a series of blog articles appearing on the Cold War Patriots website. Visit [www.coldwarpatriots.org](http://www.coldwarpatriots.org), for more from **Malcolm Nelson**.



Malcolm Nelson (left), James Lesinski (middle) and Tim Lerew (right).

# Did You Receive Your 2024 Cold War Patriots Calendar?

We hope you enjoy this year's theme of *Classic & Collectible Cars*, featuring customized cars from Cold War Patriots members like you. If you did not receive a 2024 calendar or want to make sure a nuclear weapons or uranium worker you know receives one, call our Outreach Help Center at **877.335.0779** or email us at [info@coldwarpatriots.org](mailto:info@coldwarpatriots.org).

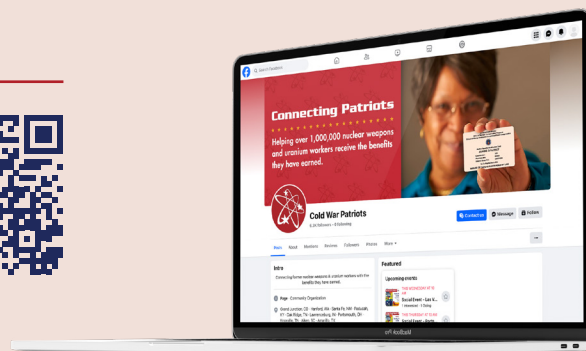


## Cold War Patriots Outreach Help Center

We're here to support your in-home health care journey year-round. The Cold War Patriots (CWP) Outreach Help Center assists nuclear weapons and uranium workers with navigating programs related to EEOICPA and RECA. Many Outreach Help Center representatives are former workers themselves and personally understand the issues that you may face. The CWP Outreach Help Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm MST. Please call **877.335.0779** or email us at [info@coldwarpatriots.org](mailto:info@coldwarpatriots.org).

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# Outreach Spotlight



## NIKKI CLARK

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I have been with Professional Case Management (PCM) and Cold War Patriots since 2017. My priority is the nuclear weapons worker, and my favorite part of my job is meeting with workers and asking them, "How can I help you?" I lost both parents to cancer and can empathize with the workers and their families as they are going through hard times. My drive and passion shine through in going above and beyond to help workers navigate the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP), which includes helping the worker get approved for a U.S. Department of Labor medical benefits white card and providing them with in-home health care.

It is such an honor to talk and work with many workers who have dedicated their lives to keeping our country safe. I love interacting with each worker that I encounter and hope that what I do touches their lives. My goal is to improve their quality of life, be a resource for their needs, and provide workers with the highest quality of service and health care they have earned.

A large part of my role is to teach health care providers, such as hospitals and specialists (oncology, pulmonology, nephrology, neurology, and audiology), and trade union halls about EEOICP and its benefits that are written in legislation, and educate them on the various levels of care that PCM has to offer. I am recognized in my community as a point of contact for EEOICP benefit navigation for workers.

I am honored to work and advocate for workers and help them get what they have earned and are entitled to. I look forward to helping many more nuclear weapons workers in the years to come!



## DAVID WOOD

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I joined Professional Case Management (PCM) and Cold War Patriots (CWP) in 2023 to handle outreach across Western Colorado, Utah, and the Four Corners areas of New Mexico and Arizona. With so much natural beauty and history in this area, I am proud to call it my home. I have a background in health care and advocating for individuals and the services they need. I see it as an honor and I'm

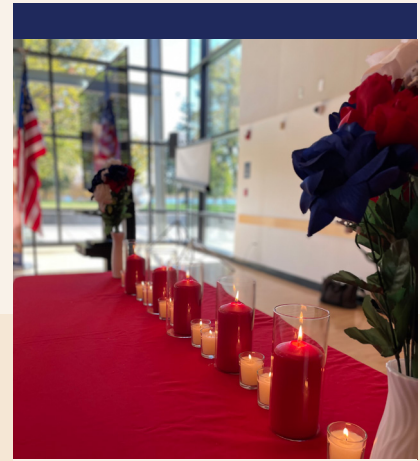
passionate about it! Here at PCM and CWP, I'm extremely grateful to be part of a team that works so hard for the uranium and nuclear weapons workers who have made such huge sacrifices for our country.

The most important thing to me is to identify how I can best serve each worker and find the benefits available to them. A big priority is also to continually educate health care professionals on the RECA and EEOICPA benefits, so together we can make sure that those who are eligible receive the monetary, medical, and in-home health care benefits they deserve. These programs continue to evolve, and so informing both workers and health care professionals is essential.

I want to wish a sincere thank you to all uranium and nuclear weapons workers for your patriotism and service! I am here to help you, and I look forward to it.



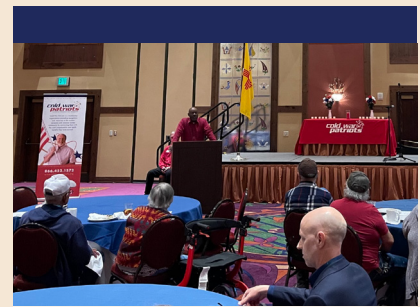
Thank you to all the Cold War Patriots members, their families and friends who joined us at this year's 15<sup>th</sup> Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™ events, both in-person and virtually. In 2009, we held the first official National Day of Remembrance, and we were honored to be with you at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual observance.



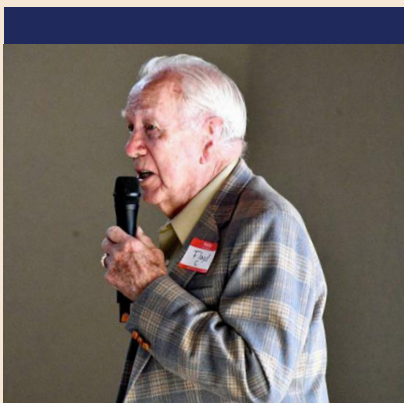
15 Remembrance Candles in Richland, WA

## OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

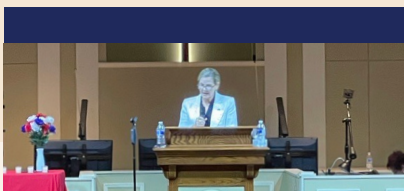
Since 2009, Cold War Patriots and Professional Case Management has advocated for the United States Senate to introduce and pass an official resolution honoring the men and women who served our nation in building and maintaining our nuclear defense. At Cold War Patriots, it is our mission to provide recognition and resources to the nuclear weapons and uranium worker community. We are proud to be the only organization to have hosted events every year since 2009 and to be working directly with the Senate to ensure its resolution passes.



Curtis Johnson, from the U.S. DOL Office of the Ombudsman, in Santa Fe, NM



Floyd, a Former SRS Worker, shares his story in North Augusta, SC



Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank speaking in Oak Ridge, TN

## HONORING OUR LIVING LEGENDS AND FALLEN HEROES

At this year's Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™ events, we heard from workers, advocates, local dignitaries, the U.S. Department of Labor Ombudsman's Office, representatives for Senators and House members and paid tribute to those who worked in the nuclear weapons and uranium industries. Local singers performed the national anthem and remembrance songs. The names of our Fallen Heroes were read, while fifteen candles were lit in their honor. Each one of these heroes was a light that illuminated not only the lives of their loved ones and co-workers, but their work and light also lit our nation and those our nation protects, with the precious light of freedom and liberty.

*May we all meet again next year for the 16<sup>th</sup> Official Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance™.*

# In-Home Care Under the EEOICP: Six Great Reasons Why In-Home Care Makes Sense

1

Unlike Medicare, there is no requirement to be “home-bound” for Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program (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 care 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.



*"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!"*

— James, Sandia National Labs worker in Albuquerque, NM, and his wife, Terry (pictured left).

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



## PCM Nurse Educator Spotlight



### BEVERLY CARTER, RN

I've been a nurse for 28 years and have worked with Professional Case Management (PCM) in Ohio for 14 years. I started as a field nurse and have since worked as a Case Manager, Senior Case Manager, and now Nurse Educator, my current role. I've always had a passion for helping others learn, and at PCM, I have been able to use that passion as I guide others in how to perform their roles at PCM. I am grateful for both my Ohio and Quality team.

So many in my community have adverse health effects related to our atomic facility. I have multiple family members and friends who currently work at our local nuclear weapons facility, including my husband. I've been married to my husband Bryan for 28 years and have two daughters. Abigail is 22 and in her fourth year of pharmacy school. Ashley is 21 and in her third year of college in nursing.

Providing in-home care to those who are sick because of their work and helping them remain at home with their families is important work, and I'm honored to be able to help them.



### CHARLOTTE "CJ" FOLMAR, RN

I have lived in Dolores, CO my entire life and have raised my family here, and all my family members remain in this area. I have been a nurse for 33 years and worked in a variety of areas of the health care system. I have been working for PCM for nearly 15 years, and I must say this is the most rewarding job to date. My current role in PCM is a Nurse Educator, and I work with an amazing team!

My father was a uranium worker, so this job is near and dear to my heart. Helping the community is what I love the most. In 1984 I started the K-9 Search & Rescue Team in my area. I am the Training Director for that organization, and I continue to volunteer there. Giving back to the community is so important.



# IMPAIRMENTS CORNER

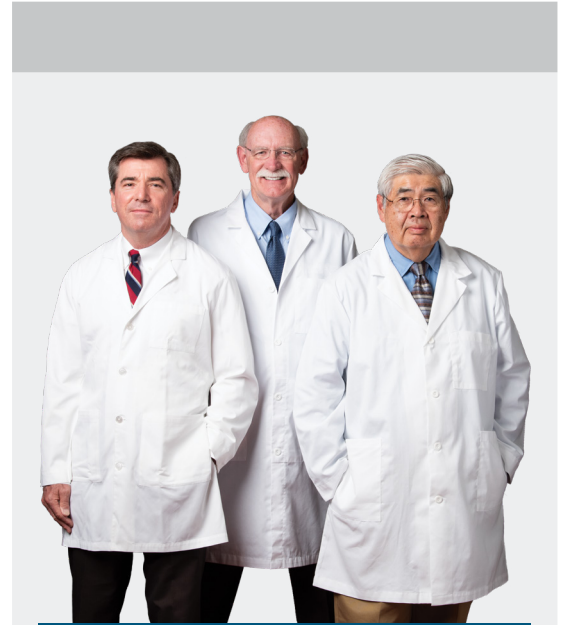
## Are You Making the Most of Your Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Benefits?

In 2023, PCM Impairments hosted Doc Talk events around the country, where workers were invited to hear directly from an Impairment Doctor about the importance of receiving a free Impairment Evaluation. Throughout the year PCM Impairments Doctors also travel the country to visit directly with workers and meet with key partners. During these visits, it is surprising to hear how many people with a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) medical benefits white card have never had an Impairment Evaluation. Some have just never heard about this benefit. Others have said they don't feel able to navigate the paperwork needed to get authorized or find a doctor with the necessary credentials. That is why PCM Impairments was founded! **We can:**

- Prepare and send you the forms needed to get an authorization.
- Answer any questions you may have.
- Submit the forms to the U.S. DOL on your behalf.
- Collect your medical records.
- Make your appointment with one of our compassionate and knowledgeable Impairment Doctors.

For each 1% of whole-body impairment, you could receive \$2,500. For example, if you are determined to have 20% impairment, you would receive \$50,000 after the U.S. DOL reviews and approves your claim. Our experienced Impairments professionals are waiting to answer your questions and assist you today.

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



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