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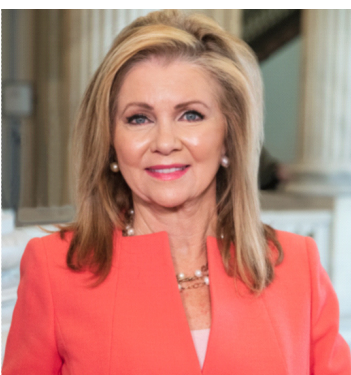
U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty with U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais fight to get veterans what they need in VA Clinic in McMinnville, TN

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 6, 2026 – U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) as well as U.S. Representative Scott DesJarlais (R-Tenn.) sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Under Secretary for Health John Bartrum regarding the transition of services at the VA clinic in McMinnville, Tennessee.

Read the letter below.

Blackburn, Hagerty, and DesJarlais Urge VA to Establish and Communicate Well-Defined Transition Plan to Ensure McMinnville Veterans Receive Care They Need

“We appreciate the Department’s continued efforts to expand access to timely, high-quality care for veterans, including recent steps to strengthen and streamline community care options. We understand the decision to transition services at this facility reflects broader efforts to address



Sen. Marsha Blackburn

staffing challenges and improve the delivery of care. While we are supportive of efforts that expand access and improve quality, including through the Community Care Network, we want to ensure this transition is executed in a way that maintains continuity of care for the veterans who rely on this clinic. As VA transitions veterans to nearby VA facilities or community providers, it will be important to ensure that veterans do not experience gaps in care, delays in



Sen. Bill Hagerty

appointments, or unnecessary travel burdens. While we were disappointed to learn of the clinic’s closure, we were pleased that our staff was able to attend the town hall in McMinnville and hear directly from local veterans about their concerns. Clear communication and a well-defined transition plan will be critical to ensuring veterans understand their options and remain confident in their access to care.”

Blackburn, Hagerty, and DesJarlais



Rep. Scott DesJarlais

lais Request More Information on How VA Will Support Veterans Affected by McMinnville Clinic Closure

“To better understand how the Department is executing this transition and ensuring continuity of care, we respectfully request information on the following: How many veterans are currently assigned to the McMinnville clinic, and what is VA’s plan to ensure each veteran has a confirmed follow-on appointment

with either VA or a community provider prior to any disruption in services? Will VA utilize the External Provider Scheduling system to support veterans affected by this transition in the McMinnville region, and can veterans be given direct access to schedule community care appointments through this system? Does the Community Care Network in this region currently have sufficient capacity to absorb these veterans without increasing wait times, and if not, what steps is VA taking to expand provider participation in the near term? Has VA evaluated the use of Veterans Care Agreements to supplement network capacity in this region, and under what conditions would VA deploy VCAs to ensure timely access to care? Have all affected veterans been directly notified of their care options, and how is VA capturing and responding to concerns raised during the March 20 town hall?”

Blackout Coffee renews corporate partnership at Silver Level with SAF

BELLEVUE, Wash. — April 1, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has announced that Blackout Coffee has renewed their corporate partnership at the Silver level.

“At Blackout Coffee, we don’t apologize for standing up for the Constitution,” said Blackout Coffee CEO and Co-Founder John Santos. “The Second Amendment protects the freedoms that make America exceptional, and the Second Amendment Foundation is on the front lines defending those rights in court. We’re proud to support their mission and the millions of Americans who believe liberty is worth defending.”

Blackout Coffee has been a longstanding advocate of SAF’s mission to defend, secure and restore our Second Amendment freedoms. In addition to sponsoring the annual Gun Rights Policy Conference, Blackout has sold a special SAF roast for more than two years and continues to do-

Pres. Trump, Sec. Hegseth, and Gen. Caine laud miraculous rescue of downed airmen in Iran

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April 6, 2026 - During a White House press conference today, President Donald J. Trump, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, lauded the military's success in a harrowing Easter weekend rescue of two airmen.

The two service members' F-15E

“This has been one of our better Easters, I think, in a lot of different ways [and] I can say, militarily, it's been one of the best,” the president said at the outset of his remarks.

Strike Eagle fighter jet was downed by enemy forces in Iran, April 3, while flying in support of Operation Epic Fury.

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Both service members were successfully recovered in just under 48 hours from when the mission to save them began.

Trump described his decision to launch the operation as "risky" because it could have put the

lives of a significant number of U.S. personnel at risk while trying to rescue the two individuals.

"It's a hard decision to make, but in the U.S. military, we leave no American behind; we don't do it," Trump said.

"Over this Easter weekend, the United States military has once again proved why we possess the greatest fighting force the world has ever known. In two

extraordinary combat search and rescue operations deep inside enemy territory — in Iran — our warriors executed missions of breathtaking skill, courage and precision," Hegseth told the media.

"When our warriors are unleashed — as this president has allowed them to be — they are unstoppable," he continued.

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FedEx St. Jude Championship has ‘Grounds+', a new ticket which includes food & beverage from sports page 1

may bring up to two kids 15 and under for free, with full access to the Grounds+ program, including complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages. Military tickets, in partnership with Big River Steel, will be available at a later date and will also include full access to the Grounds+ program.

Additionally, the tournament will bring back the popular Michelob ULTRA Club, which will offer complimentary beer and seltzers inside the venue along with full access to the Grounds+ food and non-alcoholic beverage selections. The club will be located directly behind the 11th hole and provide an upgraded experience with views of the par-3 island green.

Presale is now open for 2026 FedEx St. Jude Championship tickets, including the new Grounds+ program and Michelob ULTRA Club. To learn more please visit, <https://www.fedex-championship.com/ticketing>

A report from the Memphis Safe Task Force: 46 criminal arrests, 12 illegal guns recovered

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 2, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Wednesday executed 46 criminal arrests and recovered 12 illegal firearms.

Of note:

Christion Douglas, 21, was arrested in the 4200 block of Kenosha Road on a warrant for second-degree homicide stemming from a shooting incident in the 5500 block of Quince Road on April 29, 2025. Officers recovered and AR-15 rifle and a 9 mm pistol during the arrest.

MSTF and Shelby County, in cooperation with FedEx, recovered

approximately **2,000 pounds of marijuana** at the FedEx Memphis hub location.

Ongoing manhunt: The MSTF is asking the public’s help and, along with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, offering a combined reward of up to \$32,500 for information leading to the capture of a man suspected of shooting a Memphis Police Department officer Feb. 27 during a traffic stop.

Danell Maxwell, 40, of Memphis, is wanted for attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault, and employment of a

firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, per an arrest warrant issued Feb. 28. He was added to the Tennessee Most Wanted list the same day.

Maxwell is Black, stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing dark clothing and an orange and green reflective vest. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 7,751 arrests, including 47 for homicide, 848

for controlled substances, 680 for firearms violations, and 99 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 216 were juveniles and 809 were known gang members. The task force has seized 1,271 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

Begun in September 2025, the MSTF is a multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in Memphis. Composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, the task force is focused on arresting violent criminals,

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