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Veterans Guardian and Black Veterans Empowerment Council Inc. hold historic first VA disability claims assistant clinic

SHREVEPORT, La., Sept. 23, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Veterans Guardian, a leading provider of VA claim consulting services, and the Black Veterans Empowerment Council Incorporated (BVEC) are announced the completion of the first VA disability claims assistance clinic. This event provided disability claim



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ward getting the support and benefits that the Black veteran community of Shreveport deserves and has historically been denied; this has to stop in the black communities and stop now. Unfortunately, the current resources available to them were not getting the job done. There was much hard work from both teams that went into making this event a success, and we are hopeful of replicating it in other parts of the country," said BVEC President and Chairman Shawn Deadwiler, United States Air Force 12 Year Active Duty Veteran (E-6).

community in Shreveport. We look forward to continuing this partnership and being able to assist many other veterans who may have been overlooked or underserved by the current system," said Veterans Guardian COO, Bill Taylor, LTC (RET) US Army. Both organizations plan on holding additional claims assistance clinics and look forward to delivering results for veterans.

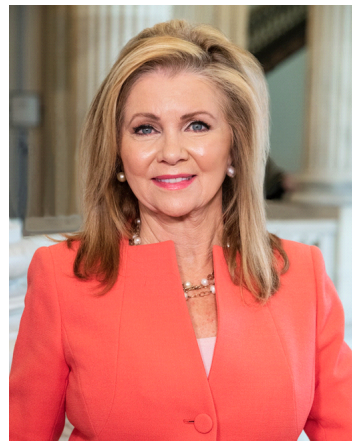
ABOUT VETERANS GUARDIAN Veterans Guardian is a highly respected organization dedicated to assisting veterans in securing the VA benefits they have earned

through their service. With a team of experienced professionals, including veterans themselves, Veterans Guardian provides comprehensive support in navigating the complex VA claims process. The organization prides itself on a high success rate and a deep commitment to improving the quality of life for veterans nationwide.

ABOUT BLACK VETERANS EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL INC. (BVEC)

Black Veterans Empowerment Council (BVEC) is a Maryland-based 501(c)3 non-partisan council of national, state, and local veterans organizations seeking to eliminate long-standing racial and economic inequities suffered by Black veterans throughout the United States. BVEC bridges the knowledge gap between the various Black veteran communities, government, philanthropy, and the private sector and serves as a unified voice to inform stakeholders of the needs of Black Veterans.

Blackburn, Sullivan, colleagues introduce bill to hold VA accountable for financial shortfall



Sen. Marsha Blackburn

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 23, 2024 – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and 12 of their Senate colleagues in introducing the Protecting Regular Order (PRO) for Veterans Act to hold the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accountable for the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA) nearly \$3 billion budget shortfall and the \$12 billion projected shortfall in Fiscal Year 2025 for VA medical care.

Last week during a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing, Senator Blackburn questioned the VA's Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs and Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal on the VA's gross mismanagement of federal funds.

"The VA's budget shortfall that put millions of veterans' benefits at risk is only the agency's latest failure to responsibly manage federal funds under the Biden-Harris administration's leadership, and it proves the VA needs to be subject to greater accountability and oversight," said Senator Blackburn. "This legislation would require the VA to provide regular, in-person budget reports to Congress to ensure they are properly managing taxpayer dollars."

PROTECTING REGULAR ORDER FOR VETERANS ACT

• This legislation would institute a three-year requirement for the VA to submit quarterly in-person budget reports to Congress to give federal legislators the opportunity to ask questions and strengthen oversight and accountability of the VA.

• Earlier this year, a watchdog report found that the VA improperly awarded \$10.8 million in bonuses to senior executives

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Paul Prather was recently sworn in as the new Suburban Prosecutor who will be working out of the Bartlett, Tennessee office. Here, he is shown with Judge Carolyn Wade-Blackett who swore Prather in to his new position.

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