

About Us


Burn Pits 360 was founded in honor of Army Captain Le Roy Torres, who served in the U.S. Army for 23 years (7 years – Active, 16 Years – Reserve). He deployed to Balad, Iraq from 2007-2008. Captain Torres also served the State of Texas as a State Trooper for 14 years. Torres suffers from complications from illnesses that began after he was exposed to toxic fumes during service in post-9/11 Iraq. Le Roy was subsequently diagnosed with Constrictive Bronchiolitis and Toxic Brain Injury. After experiencing delay, denial of benefits, and ineffective treatment from his physicians, Le Roy alongside his wife, Rosie, founded Burn Pits 360.

Burn Pits 360 seeks to ensure that no other service member or Veteran suffers his fate and to ensure that we would make the invisible visible. One of the greatest disservices to those who served is to become invisible." Over the years, Rosie and Le Roy established an independent Veterans exposure registry where thousands of war heroes and their families reported the same suffering and denial of health care and benefits. Le Roy and Rosie combined bring over 40 years of experience working with Veterans and active duty service members and families. Rosie worked for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for 23 years. Together they co-founded Burn Pits 360.

What is a burn pit?


During the OEF and OIF wars, government contractors burned up to 227 metric tons of hazardous waste at forward operating bases using jet fuel in large ground pits. Items burned included: batteries, medical waste, amputated body parts, plastics, ammunition, human waste, animal carcasses, rubber, chemicals, & more. Exposure to these toxins, have caused a traumatic impact on the lives of our service members and their families. Some of the devastating health conditions suffered by Veterans exposed include: neurological disorders, pulmonary diseases, rare forms of cancer, and many unexplained symptoms. There have been thousands of deaths resulting from the invisible wounds of war.

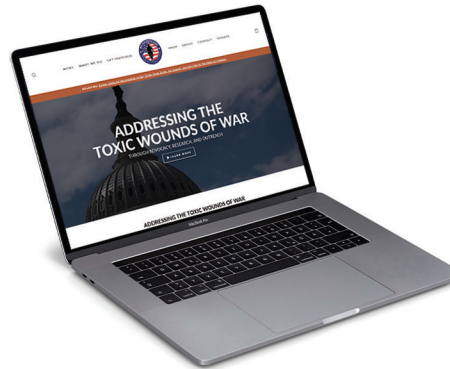
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The PACT Act

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps provide generations of Veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. The Act first expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and also expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

Veterans and survivors can file claims for all conditions outlined in The PACT Act immediately.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

- Brain Cancer
- Glioblastoma
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Head cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Melanoma
- Asthma (diagnosed after service)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- High blood pressure (hypertension).

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Warrior Support Center

Our Warrior Support Center in Robstown, Texas is our flagship Veteran community support program to assist and support Veterans and their families in their own community.

The Robstown, Texas center is open to all Coastal Bend and surrounding area warrior families, and offers a multitude of services and peers support including computer access, food pantry, employment training, support for filing VA and state/county services including state assistance and food stamps. Inspired by military USOs, our Warrior Support Center offers a "home away from home" for Veterans and their families where they can get immediate support, information, and assistance from Veteran and local county services in a private setting. At the center, state and county services can come directly to Veterans in order to save time, gas money, and offer privacy.

Funded entirely by the donors of Burn Pits 360, the center is not supported by the VA, county, or state grants and is able to flexibly cover the needs of an individual community. The center serves to bridge the gap between VA, DoD, and community services so that every Veteran and their family is supported and informed about Veteran related topics.



Our Warrior Hope Network program is a network of resources to provide effective alternative treatment options not available by the VA and DoD. By connecting our nation's heroes to funding grants and scholarships, we can create easier pathways to healing for Veterans and their families.

Through the network, we provide medical equipment and funding grants for various medical treatments including but not limited to oxygen chambers and concentrators, hyperbaric chambers, stem cell therapy, infrared sauna, and air purifiers.

Registry

Burn Pits 360 established our own voluntary independent registry to monitor the health of war fighters exposed to deployment related toxic exposures such as burn pits. The Burn Pits 360 registry allows eligible Veterans and active service members to document their exposures, report health concerns, update information on changes to comorbidities through an online questionnaire that allows us to access information about the health, legal, or social service needs of registrants and thus follow up with individuals to provide critical resources, referrals, or direct care.

While the PACT Act has passed, veterans and service members exposed to burn pits have immediate needs. And failure to connect to a provider or advocate and obtain vital information bridging the gap between unmet needs and service delivery access can leave warriors frustrated, isolated, and with a continued loss in quality of life and potentially premature death.



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