From: American Legion Online Update
To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - MST survivor finds hope at SWS town hall
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:40:29 AM

American Legion member, whose pending VA claim has sat for eight months, receives support during System Worth Saving visit to Phoenix.

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MST survivor finds hope at Legion SWS town hall

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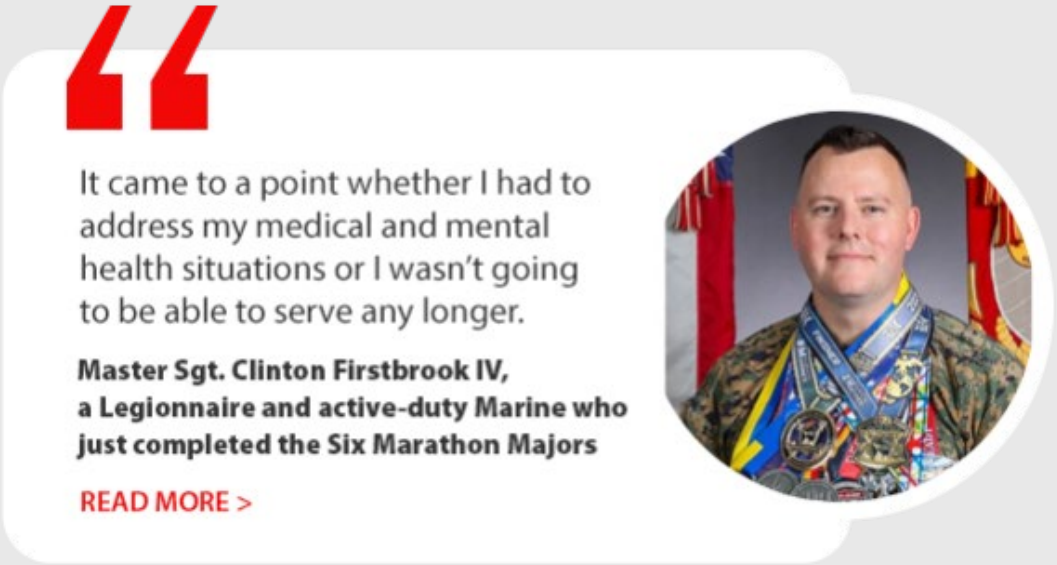

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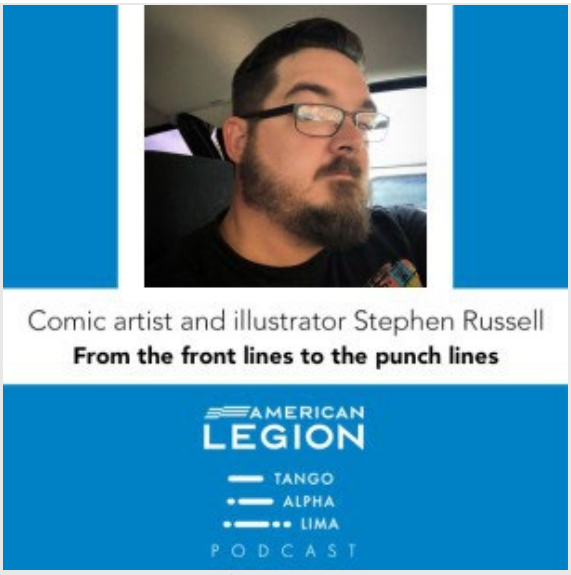

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - "Provocative threats" prompt Russian nuke drills
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 12:02:17 PM

Russia plans to hold drills simulating the use of nuclear weapons, Israel orders Palestinians to leave and DoD budget talks resume are among the top 5 stories from the weekend.

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Meet the new national adjutant
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 1:33:41 PM

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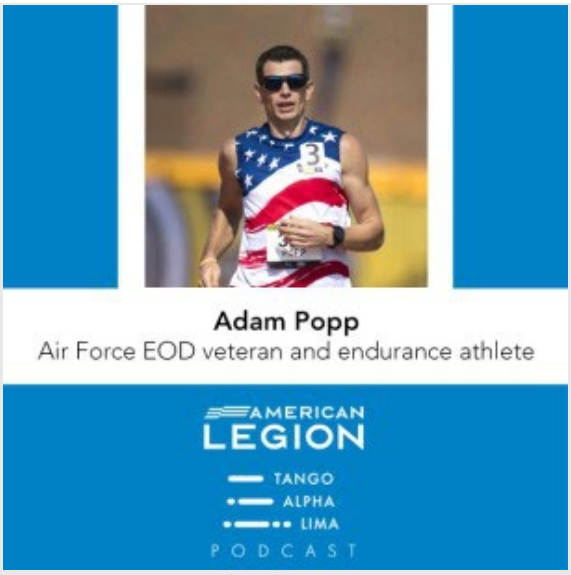

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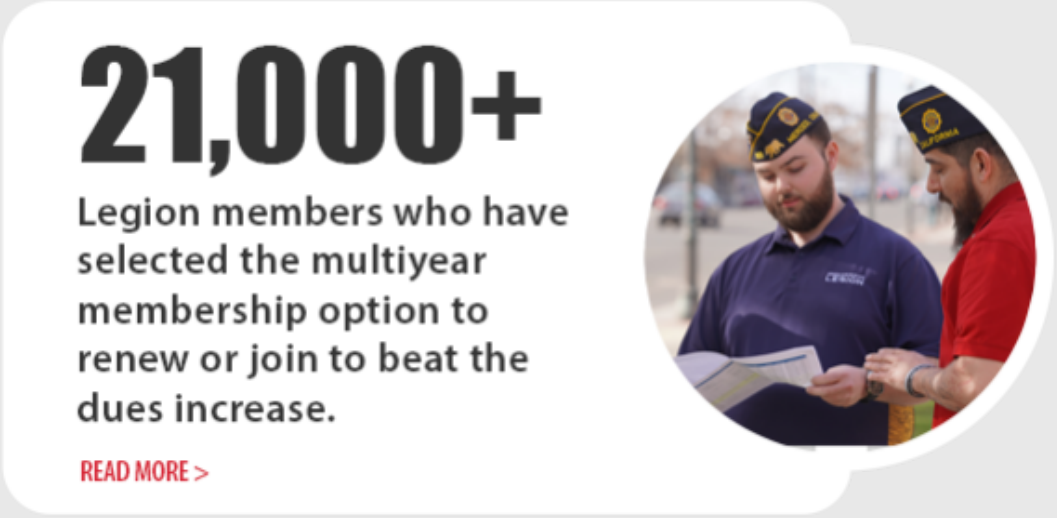

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Artificial intelligence and the future of war
Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:50:10 AM

United States and China competing on AI and its use in weapon systems, Israel batting a regrouped Hamas and “fierce battles” in Ukraine are among the top 5 stories from the weekend.

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U.S. preps preps for flying fighter jets with AI, Blinken warns Israel U.S. has no plans to eliminate militants, Ukraine locked in ‘intense’ battles with advancing Russian forces.

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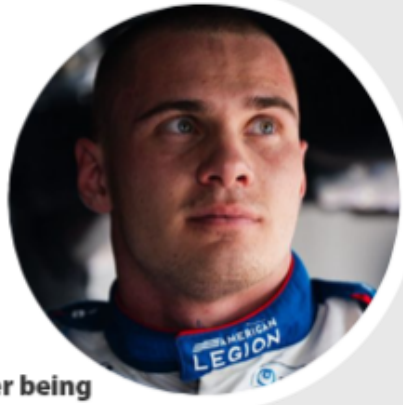

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Military Appreciation Month deals and discounts
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:25:13 AM

Dozens of discounts for veterans and servicemembers for restaurants, retail, attractions and more throughout May and during Memorial Day weekend.

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - An end to marijuana testing?
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 11:26:39 AM

NDAA would bar mandatory cannabis testing for recruits, mystery swirls around Iran president's helicopter crash and a final salute to a hero are among the top 5 stories from the weekend.

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Note to readers: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, next week's Monday Briefing will be sent via email on Tuesday.

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Honoring the heroes on Memorial Day
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:10:59 PM

From California to Maine and multiple states in between, the Legion Family will be ensuring those veterans no longer with us will be honored.

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Legion Family again at center of Memorial Day observances

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To: Library Division
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - 'The cost of freedom'
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:06:06 AM

"Any time that we can gather as free people is worth celebrating, but we should always remember the cost of that freedom," National Commander Daniel Seehafer says as part of Memorial Day Weekend commemorations.

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'The cost of freedom'

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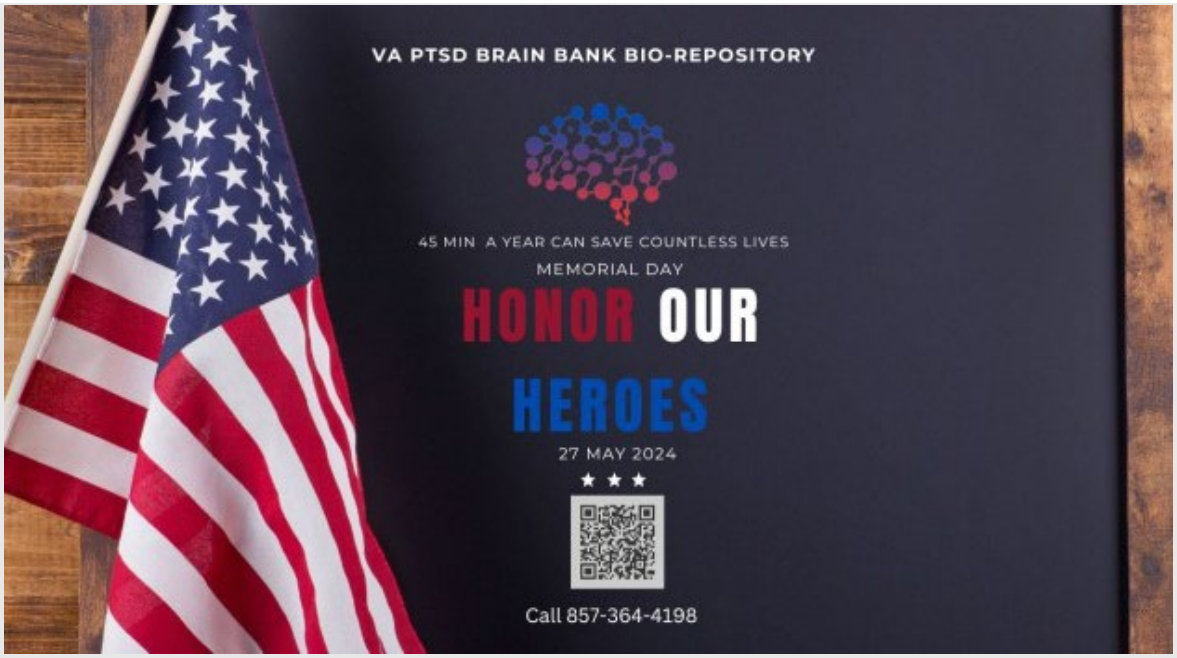

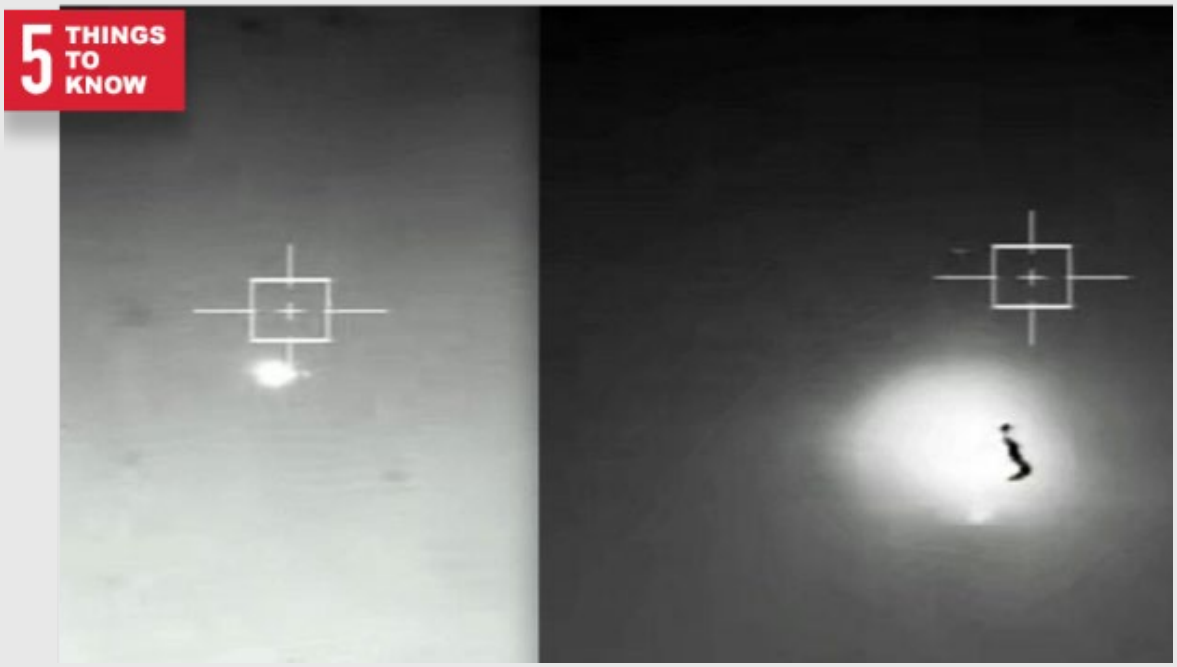

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - The Legion's role in immigration reform
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024 12:28:30 PM

American Legion representatives conduct multiple border visits for first-hand look at the issue, and call on Congress to address the problem.

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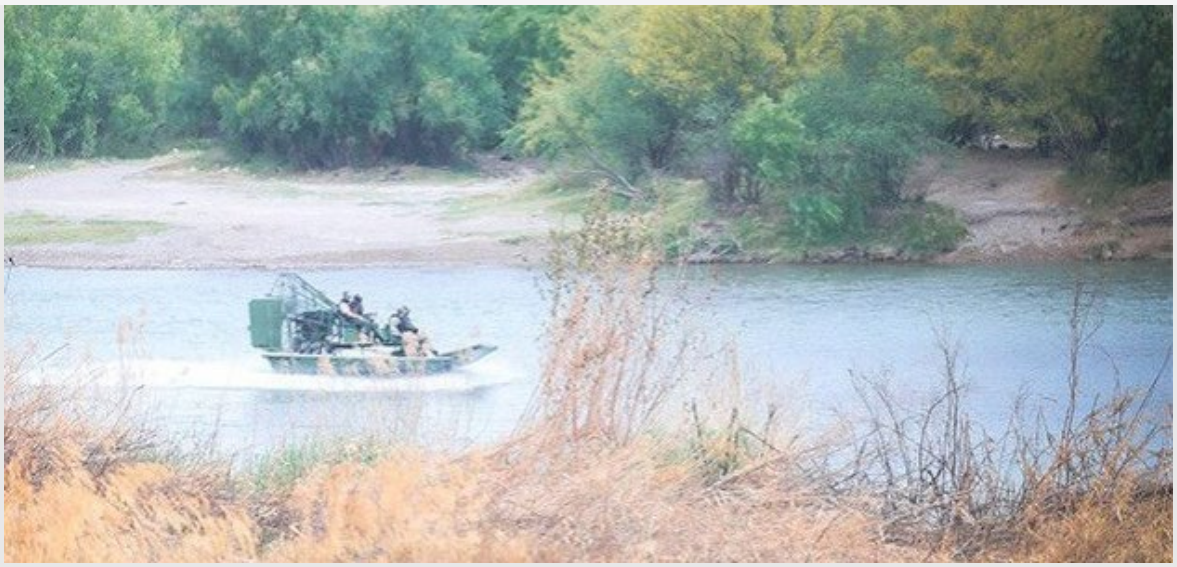

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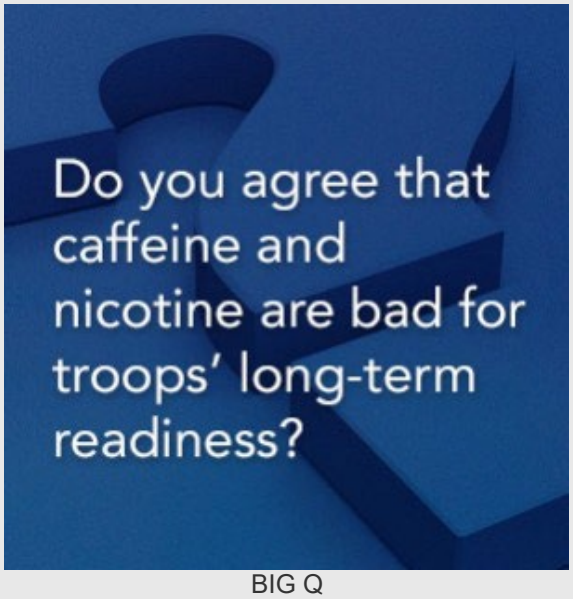

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