



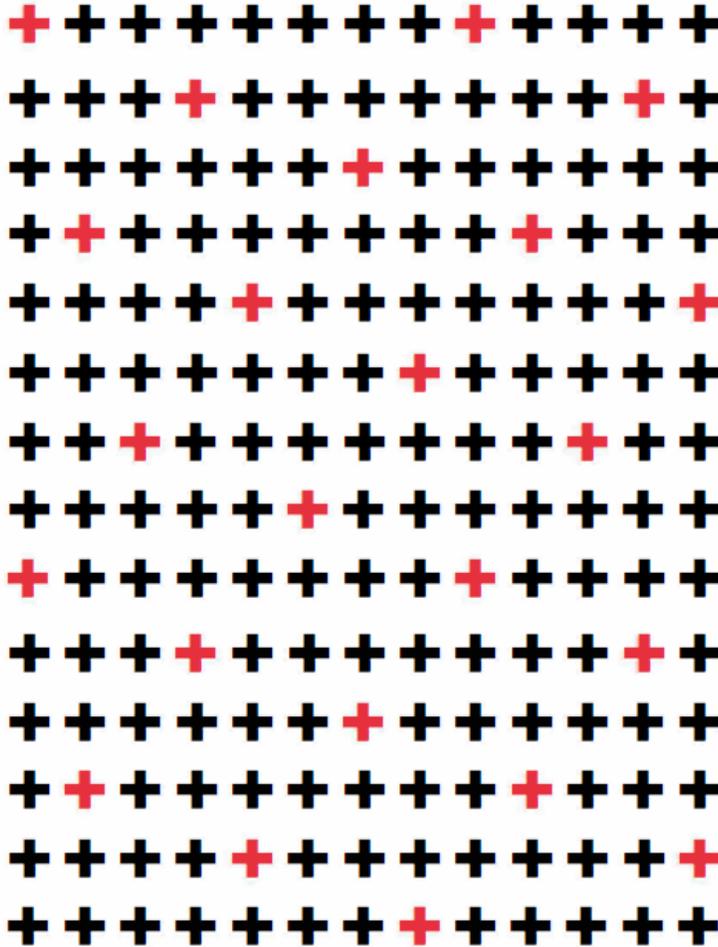
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World AIDS Day is December 1st.  
Register your event at [WorldAIDSDayNW.org](http://WorldAIDSDayNW.org)  
and let folks know what you are planning



1.2 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE US ARE LIVING WITH HIV.  
1 IN 8 OF THEM DON'T KNOW IT.

**Start Talking**

WORLD AIDS DAY 12.1.16 [worldAIDSDayNW.org](http://worldAIDSDayNW.org)

**Next Meeting**  
November 11th  
800 NE Oregon, Rm  
1D  
  
Agency updates  
from CAP  
Housing and  
Quest Center for  
Integrative Health

*"...valor and sacrifice are no more limited by sexual orientation than they are by race or by gender or by religion or by creed."*

President Barack Obama  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Please join us to celebrate the five year anniversary of the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell and the repeal of the Department of Defense's ban on allowing transgender servicemembers from openly serving their country. We will be hosting a celebration at the Q-Center the evening of Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7p-9p. Invited guests include Gov. Kate Brown, Sen. Sara Gelser, and others. Come help us mark this momentous occasion. Light refreshments will be served.

- **What:** LGBTQ Veterans Day Event
- **Where:** Portland's Q-Center 4115 N. Mississippi Ave
- **When:** Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7pm-9pm  
(Informal meet and greet 6:30p-7p)

For more information you can contact Nathaniel Boehme, ODVA's LGBTQ Veterans Coordinator at [nathaniel.boehme@state.or.us](mailto:nathaniel.boehme@state.or.us)



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# SUPPORTING OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



Every Veterans Day, the nation honors the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our country and the freedoms we cherish. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the support they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

The Wounded Warriors website has answers to many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those available from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is available to military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Learn more by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

With over 80 years of experience and compassionate service, Social Security is proud to support our veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits, today and tomorrow.

## While Shopping Online VISIT SOCIAL SECURITY

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



“Black Friday” is the busiest shopping day of the year, with people lining up at midnight for deals as they begin the busy holiday shopping season. More people than ever are taking advantage of online holiday deals. “Cyber Monday” is the day internet-savvy people search for deals, all online.

You’re smart, and you probably already know there’s more than one way to find value on the internet. For example, Social Security offers many online services to the public — and they’re free and secure! Doing business online with Social Security will also save time. The feeling of instant gratification is like clicking submit on that online shopping cart.

Here are some of the most popular online services you’ll find at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Each site is safe and secure.

Need a replacement Social Security card? You may be able to request your replacement card without visiting a local Social Security office. Still working and wondering what future Social Security benefits you might receive? The online *Social Security Statement* is a smart service that is a hit with the millions of people who’ve used it. Your online *Statement* provides you with a record of your past earnings along with projected earnings for future years to give you estimates of future Social Security benefits. Do you already get Social Security benefits? You can use your online account to manage your benefits, such as starting or changing Direct Deposit, getting an instant proof of benefits letter, and much more. Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

The *Retirement Estimator* is another easy way to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits. Just enter some basic information and the *Estimator* will use information on your Social Security record, along with what you input, to give you a benefit estimate on the spot. You can even experiment with different scenarios, such as changing your future earnings and retirement date. Check it out in English at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) or in Spanish at [www.segurosocial.gov/calculador](http://www.segurosocial.gov/calculador).

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The online *Retirement Application* is the most convenient way to apply for Social Security retirement benefits. You can apply from the comfort of your home — it's convenient and secure. In fact, you can apply online in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, after you submit the application electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and, usually, no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed. When you're ready to retire, apply at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline).

*Business Services Online* is our one-stop shop for small business owners. The site allows organizations and authorized people to conduct business with and submit confidential information to Social Security. Employers can use it to file W-2s for their employees the fast, convenient, and paperless way — online. Visit *Business Services Online* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/bsa](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/bsa).

Social Security's online services continually receive the highest customer satisfaction ratings in both the public and private sectors. Each site uses the highest security to keep your information safe. Learn more about all you can do online at Social Security on Cyber Monday, or any day, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online services).

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GET TESTED.**

WORLD AIDS DAY  
**12.1.16**

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