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August Update: Fall In-District Meetings + Legislative Update

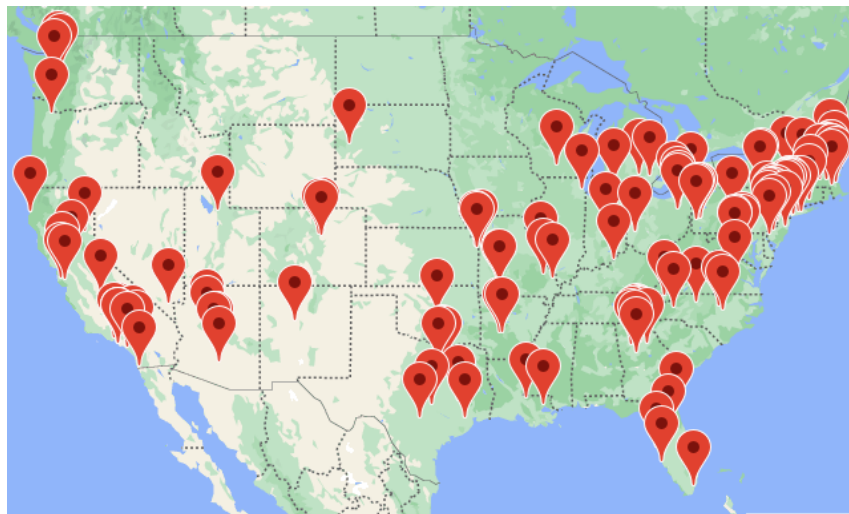
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Register for Fall Congressional Meetings



Over 130 advocates from 32 states have already registered for this year’s in-district congressional meetings with the National Brain Tumor Society. [Register by Aug. 19 to join us for virtual meetings](#) and raise your voice in support of the brain tumor community. Reach out to our team at advocacy@braintumor.org with any questions.

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Legislative Update: President Biden Signs the PACT Act



National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) applauds President Biden for signing the Honoring our PACT Act into law. This important bill includes critical provisions to meet the health care needs of veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits in the course of their service.

According to [recently released data](#) from the Department of Veterans Affairs and National Institutes of Health data, glioblastoma is the third most common cause of cancer-related death in the active-duty population. Among post-9/11 veterans who deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, glioblastoma occurs at a rate 26% higher than that found in the general population. The average age of onset in the active duty and veteran population is decades earlier than for the broader population.

While there is no proven connection between toxic exposures during service and brain tumor diagnoses, the Honoring our PACT Act will expand veterans' access to health care after these exposures and strengthen research so we can better understand any connection that does exist. Among other provisions, it will:

- Add brain cancer as one of 23 new conditions on the VA's list of service presumptions for post-9/11 veterans, which entitles the diagnosed veteran to disability compensation
- Direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct studies on the mental and physical health impacts of toxic exposures, including any potential connection to brain tumors
- Expand VA health care eligibility to post-9/11 veterans, over 3.5 million of whom have had toxic exposures

You can read the [full statement from NBTS CEO David Arons](#), who attended the White House ceremony for the signing of the Honoring Our PACT Act, by following the link below.

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