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VPPPA wishes you a **happy & safe** holiday season!

Stay Tuned For A Very Special Opportunity

The Winter 2020 issue of the *Leader* magazine will focus on the important topic of mental health. We are so excited to announce that the sales of the Winter 2020 issue of the *Leader* magazine will raise money to support the mental health charity, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). **Stay tuned for more information about buying copies of this standalone issue of the *Leader*, we will be sharing purchasing details in the weeks to come.**

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. They are dedicated

to improving the lives of millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI strives to create a better tomorrow—a tomorrow where all people affected by mental illness can experience hope, recovery and wellness in a world free of stigma.

How will this work?

- VPPPA will match each copy donation, up to \$5,000.
- The Winter issue will be sold as a separate standalone issue for \$5.
- All profits generated from the individual sale of each copy of the Winter 2020 *Leader* will go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- This campaign does not draw donations from existing subscriptions to the *Leader* or complimentary issues provided to VPPPA members.
- The special \$5 rate for this issue does not require an individual to subscribe for the full year of the *Leader*. If an individual would like to subscribe for the full year, they can pay the standard \$25 for the full year/ four-issue subscription.

Thank you for the support and for helping us give back to this great organization!

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Healthcare Workplace Violence Bill

Violence against healthcare workers is more common than we realize. Legislation is in the works to advocate for employees working in these situations. In an EHS Daily Advisor article, author Guy Burdick explains, "A bill mandating a federal workplace violence prevention standard for healthcare and social services passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill, the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 1309), would require OSHA to establish an interim standard within one year, a proposed standard within two years, and a final standard within four years. The standard called for in the bill would require employers to establish comprehensive workplace violence prevention plans to protect healthcare and social services workers."

For more details about this bill and the workers it will protect, you can check out the full article, [here](#).

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2020 Member of the Month Nominations Open

We love our VPPPA members and want to highlight them in every way that we can. Have you, or a colleague, gone above and beyond at work? Nominate them to be a VPPPA Member of the Month. Email membership@vpppa.org to get more information or to submit someone's name for consideration.

The [December Member of the Month](#) is Rob Deery. Congratulations!

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Submit A Workshop Proposal for the 2020 Safety+ Symposium

The 2020 Safety+ Symposium will be hosted at the World Center Marriott in Orlando, FL, August 25-27. Have you ever wanted to share your knowledge or best practices with other safety professionals? Consider submitting a proposal for the safety event of the year.

For more information regarding presentation guidelines, deadlines and the submission process [click here](#).

Important Dates:

- Deadline to submit: Friday, February 14, 2020

- Notification of acceptance: Friday, March 13, 2020
- Deadline for accepting speaking role: Friday, April 3, 2020

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Send VPPPA Your Site's Job Openings

If you are looking for a new job opportunity in the safety and health industry, keep an eye on the VPPPA website and our social media pages regularly. Member sites are always sending us openings.

Currently, we have a few posts listed:

- [Safety Coordinator at Covanta](#)
- [Safety Manager at Covanta](#)
- [Aviation Safety and Compliance Director at Eulen](#)

We are always interested in helping VPPPA member sites in any way we can, so please send job postings to communications@vpppa.org for us to share.

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All You Need to Know About OSHA VPP - The Podcast

If your site, or another you know of, is pursuing VPP Star status, check out this podcast overview by our friend, Blaine Hoffmann, at The SafetyPro Podcast.

[Episode 85: All You Need to Know About OSHA VPP](#)

In addition, a new episode of the OSHA 30/30 webinar series was released yesterday. You can check out all of their previous episodes, [here](#).

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OSHA Updates

OSHA is up for a \$24 million funding increase as part of a federal budget agreement that passed in the House of Representatives yesterday, December 18. One of the two fiscal year 2020 appropriations packages ([H.R. 1865](#)) allocates \$581.8 million for the agency. The bill would consolidate the Mine Safety and Health Administration's enforcement of coal and metal/nonmetal mines into "Mine Safety and Health Enforcement." These two types of enforcement had a combined budget of \$254.5 million in FY 2019, and together would receive \$260.5 million in FY 2020.

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Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

In case you didn't hear, the *Leader* magazine is now offered in Spanish. We are always looking for people to help us translate. If you are interested, please email communications@vpppa.org.

Instagram

VPPPA has an Instagram! Follow us [@VPPPA_Inc](#) for fun updates.

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.

Member of the Month

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website? If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please email membership@vpppa.org.

The November Member of the Month is Rob Deery. You can read about Rob, [here](#).

Congratulations, Rob!



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