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Information of interest and importance to Anesthesiologist Assistants and AA Students

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The Anesthesia Record: 'Membership Matters' issue

Go to www.anesthetist.org to find the information rich Fourth Quarter edition of The Anesthesia Record, your professional journal. From charitable giving by CAAs and SAAs at the local level to broader global initiatives, anesthesiologist assistants are leading in community service and world health.

Learn how you can impact what's happening in the Veteran's administration by taking action to support the Anesthesia Care Team. Read how one CAA is helping to make life better for Oregon veterans who suffer from depression.

AAAA has added a major staffer who will stand alongside AAAA leaders and state AA academies to help promote licensure expansion and practice issue resolution.

[It's all in this latest issue of the newsletter produced for you.](#)

VA Comment Period: Unprecedented opportunity for VA/AA Career Promotion

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a final rule that includes a specific exclusion of nurse anesthetists from the full practice authority model of care. The final rule effectively preserves VA's current physician-led, team-based model of care for anesthesia that our nation's Veterans have earned and deserve.

As part of this final rule, VA is in the middle of a 30-day comment period "on the question of whether there are current anesthesia care access issues" including "potential future anesthesia care access issues." This information is being collected for "future rulemaking" and will not change this final rule.

For AAAA Fellows and Students, the current public comment period provides an unprecedented opportunity to promote AA career expansion in the VA.

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