



IG REPORT: VETERANS WAITED AN AVERAGE OF 115 DAYS AT PHOENIX FACILITY



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A new interim report from the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs confirms that veterans are being forced to wait an average of 115 days for care in a Phoenix Veterans Health Care facility – confirming media reports of a scandal in the department.

According to the report, 1,700 veterans who sought care were excluded from the electronic waiting list – hiding the average wait time for patients served by the facility.

The report also notes that more than 3,000 military veterans are waiting for an appointment with a primary care physician in the Phoenix Veterans Affairs system.

A statistical sample review of 226 veterans showed that they waited on average 115 days for their first primary care appointments. About 84 percent were discovered waiting more than 14 days – the required waiting limit set by Veterans Affairs for care.

The preliminary report confirms the allegations of delayed care but cautions that a full investigation is needed before the office can conclude that 40 veterans died as a result of their delayed care at the Phoenix facility.

The final report is expected to be released in August.

The report also notes that during the investigation the IG office received numerous allegations of sexual harassment and bullying behavior from mid- and senior-level managers.

Griffin recommends that the Department of Veterans Affairs further investigate the allegations in the department as well as offer immediate care to veterans still waiting for their first appointments.

Read the full report [here](http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-14-02603-178.pdf). (<http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-14-02603-178.pdf>)

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Suddenly McCain and his sidekick Flake appear with several bills to fix the problems. How convenient. Where have then been the last 10 years? McCain in his news conference said his staff had dealt with over 2,000 VA issues already this year, and he did NOTHING until to this recent scandal broke.

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McCain claimed that Congress did everything it could to help Vets. They gave them all the money they asked for. He claimed they had no reason not to believe the VA claims that wait times were no more than 14 days.

How many other departments are LYING to Congress?

"Trust but verify" - R. Reagan

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I have to say McCain can be a jerk but he should go on this one. The books have been cooked all throughout the military system and than in different area's than appointment scheduling..no one wanted to schedule appts because dealing with the opening being taken with the burocracy of cooking the books, pulling of rank, threats of gs/salaried individuals to get their bonus so they could buy their new pool for their fancy houses..its bad

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They are all LYING... To Congress and the American People!

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There is no possible way that McCain didn't know of the horrors that were going on with the Phoenix VA. You can take it to the bank that at least some of those being treated so badly would have called his office to ask for some kind of help. Isn't McCain supposed to be some kind of military hero who so loves our military members. Maybe that only applies to those he is constantly wanting to send to every country that has a problem.

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McCain has had 30 years to do something about illegal immigration in Arizona.

He failed there too

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One of the bills these two goons are talking about is a bill to give the VA power to fire people.

IS THIS FOR REAL? Does it really take an act of Congress to fire a government worker?

THAT MUST CHANGE! End all public unions NOW.

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