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VA Enrollment Up for Returning Vets

By the American Legion

Jacob Gadd, deputy director for Healthcare for The American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, recently received an update from the Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Public Health's Environmental Epidemiology Service on the numbers of transitioning veterans that have enrolled in VA for health care.

Since 2002 through the second quarter of fiscal 2011, 1,318,510 Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation New Dawn (OND) veterans have left active duty and become eligible for VA health care. Of these, 683,521 (52 percent) have obtained VA health care since fiscal 2002. Of the cumulative total of 683,521 OEF/OIF/OND veterans who utilized VA health care between fiscal 2002 and the second quarter of Fiscal 2011, 431,453 veterans accessed this care from April 2010 to April 2011.

The increase of enrolled veterans can be attributed to several factors, including the ability to submit VA Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits," online without a signature requirement for processing at the Health Eligibility Center in Atlanta. Another factor is the five-year combat veteran rule. Veterans, including activated reservists and members of the National Guard, are eligible for Combat Veteran Eligibility if they served on active duty in a theater of operations after Nov. 11, 1998, and have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. Under the Combat Veteran authority, cost-free care and medications are provided to veterans for conditions potentially related to combat services.

The Veterans Health Administration is responsible for more than 1,300 sites of VA-related health-care facilities, including 153 VA medical centers, 965 ambulatory care and community based outpatient clinics, and 278 readjustment counseling (Vet) Centers across the country. Veterans have to enroll for VHA health care and based on their eligibility status are assigned to one of VA's eight priority groups. If veterans have a Veterans Benefits Administration service-connected disability of 50 percent or more or need care for a compensable disability, they are eligible for cost-free medical care for those conditions.



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From the Commander

By Cmdr Louis LaCroix



Legionnaires:

Wow! August is half over already, where does the time go? I want to start by saying congratulations to all the 26 Club winners. Dave has done a great job as usual. All 250 tickets were sold for a successful fundraiser. Let's look forward to the months ahead and the things we have going on. I hope that there is as much enthusiasm in helping out as was shown in selling the 26 club tickets. For the rest of August we have the National convention coming up on August 26th thru September 1st. It is being held in Minneapolis, MN. I was hoping that more members would be able to come besides the regular three of us.

As of August 11, 2011 Post 6 is first in 8th district with 55.53% paid membership. Let's keep this going and try for the coveted 100% by December 31, 2011. I know that you can do this. Please, if you haven't done so yet, get those dues in ASAP. Thus far in the 2011/2012 year we have helped 2 veterans in need. Our Veterans Assistance funds are getting low and we have the Bowling for Veterans coming up in November and "I helped a Veteran" fund raiser going on the whole month of November. Like I said in our last meeting please come out and support these important fundraisers. If you can help out at the Harvest Fest on September 17th and help get the word out about the great things Post 6 does for the Veterans and the community in general. If you can't stand we will supply chairs. All you have to do is talk to people about us and what we do. The Auxiliary will be selling homemade pies as usual. Don't forget about the 10th anniversary of the attack on 9/11. We have been asked to supply a Color Guard of the event at Pfiffner Park on September 11, 2011 from 1 to 2 PM. I know that I will be asking a lot when I ask for a good showing from our Post to show up but please come down and honor those who died in the terror attacks in New York, Washington, DC. and Pennsylvania. Let us never forget them.

For God and Country.

Junior News

Some of our Juniors attended National Convention. It was a fun and educational time. A Back to School Picnic is being planned for September 9th at 6:30 pm at Mead Park. It will be a fun time with a short informational meeting to plan our activities and projects for the coming year. More information will be sent by email or regular mail so watch for more information.

Sign up a new member and receive a chance for prizes in the drawing being held in the spring. You get one entry for each member you sign up. Your friends will love the being a part of the Juniors and you have a chance to win great things.

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Message from the President

By Lorrie Barber

There are some big things coming up in the month of September. First a fun day at Department Headquarters in Portage. Saturday Sept 10th from 9-3P Legion Family Membership Rally and the 10th Anniversary of Dept. Headquarters in Portage. Food, activities for the kids, membership drive prizes, bake sale, and a used book drive. If you haven't seen headquarters, it is just a nice drive and worth a visit. Next, we have the Doyzinki Festival, downtown Stevens Point Sept. 17th from 10-4. The American Legion Family will have a booth and the Auxiliary will be selling pies (whole and by the slice). Here is your chance to help.. We need lots of pies. (None requiring refrigeration please). They can be dropped off at the booth on Saturday or at my house prior to Saturday. I can even pick them up. Give me a call 715 343-1947. Last we have Department Fall Forum on Friday and Saturday September 23/24. It is being held at Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. This is a great way to learn all about the Auxiliary and get all of your questions answered. Hope you can make it.

There are also some functions you should mark on your calendar for the next couple of months. October 29th is the Joint 8th District Fall Conference in Wautoma, The County Council Meeting will be held in Almond in October, the Legion will have Veterans Appreciation Month in November with donation Cards in local businesses, "Bowling for Veterans" being held on November 12th at Point Bowl to raise Monies for the Veterans Assistance Fund and Freedom Feast being put on by Graffiti's as an Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner for all Veterans and their families on Thanksgiving Day. There is a lot going on and I hope you can all participate in some way.

A special thanks to Ginger Groshek and everyone that helped with the Brat Fries at Trig's. It takes a lot of work and dedication to make these fund raisers a success.

Even though you can't make it to a meeting, you can still help the Auxiliary remain the largest Women's Patriotic Service Organization in the world and honor the Veteran that gave you the eligibility to join.. Get your membership dues in and sign up a new member. Each new member that you sign up will get you a chance in the drawing for great prizes at the 8th District Spring Conference. Membership applications are available online or by giving me a call.

Hail And Farewell

Post 6 would like to welcome the following new members:

Cathy Newby, US Army veteran.

Gary Laskowski, US Air Force veteran and Vietnam veteran.

Jack Goetz, US Marine veteran and Vietnam veteran.

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Upcoming Events & Information: September, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Executive Mtg	7	8	9 Junior Mtg	10 Legion Rally
11 9/11 Anniversary	12 40 & 8 Mtg	13	14 Post Mtg Aux Mtg	15	16	17 Harvest Fest
18	19	20	21	22	23 Fall Forum	24 Fall Forum
25	26	27	28	29	30	

WANTED: Dedicated, organized Legionnaire to do a phone survey for American Legion Post 6. Contact Dennis Kaminski 715-341-2276.

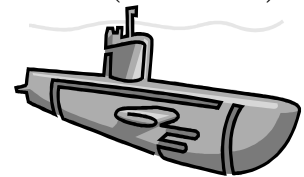
WANTED: We need Legion members to attend funeral rituals at the funeral homes for deceased Legion members and/or Veterans. A good attendance makes a good impression for our Post. We may someday be there for you.

Due to US Postal Service Regulations we are no longer able to show addresses and phone numbers for our newsletter sponsors. As we transition to information that meets US Postal Service Regulations we are asking that you find our sponsors in the phone book and online and support them as they support the Post and the American Legion/Auxiliary family.

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Member Post 6

Honor Guard Commander Needed

Post 6 is looking for a new Commander to lead our Honor Guard for the coming years. After years of faithful and selfless service Cecil Coats has decided to retire.

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Legion Supports Wounded Vets Jobs

By the American Legion

American Legion National Commander Jimmie L. Foster wrote a letter July 22 to Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Texas, supporting his "Wounded Veteran Job Security Act" draft legislation.

If passed, the bill would prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal by employers against veterans who must temporarily leave their jobs to receive treatment for service-connected illnesses, injuries and disabilities. The measure would further strengthen provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Passed by Congress in 1994, USERRA protects the rights of servicemembers to be reemployed after returning from active duty, including reserve or National Guard members.

"It was the intent of Congress by enacting USERRA," Foster wrote in his letter, "that no veteran be denied employment, reemployment, advancement or discrimination in employment for serving their country."

"Servicemembers who honorably defend their country depend on USERRA to protect their civilian jobs when they are activated and sent to war. This amendment to USERRA will enhance that protection."

Joe Sharpe, the Legion's Economic Division director, said that Doggett's proposed bill addresses an inequity that has long existed in the work force. "We need this protection for our disabled veterans, to make sure they aren't being treated unfairly by their employers. These men and women have sacrificed enough already for their country. They don't need to be harassed in the work place for making those sacrifices."

Doggett's bill has yet to be introduced in the House of Representatives for consideration.

40 & 8 Voiture 831

By Chef Dave Strelke

Attention Voyageurs of 831,

We had 14 Voyageurs at our August Promenade. Two new members, John Adamski and Dave Firkus. Welcome Aboard. My Van serves as a bus so call me I will pick you up and bring you home if you have trouble driving. Always remember that Voyageurs are like good Wine; they improve with age. \$20 a yr gets you 12 get-togethers for fun and business.

Join us every second Monday at the Olympian Restaurant, in Sept that will be the 12th; social hour is at 6:pm and dinner at 7:pm We are open to any Veteran.

Lookouts Below, Dive Dive - Chef Dave Strelke





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26 Club Winners Announced

First I want to thank all the people that helped to make the 26 Club Fund Raiser another huge success. By you buying tickets we can support and fund youth and veterans organizations throughout the year.

And a big thank you to all the Men and Women that sold the tickets this year. If you didn't get a call to buy this year you can next year.

Here are the \$100 Winners TRICIA NIEMCZYK, FERN LASKOWSKI, EUNICE BAUMANN, MIKE&PEEWEE, MIKE&PEEWEE, OUR CATS(TOM OKRAY), MARY ZIOLKOWSKI, ALLEN ZORN, SUZANNE RATHE (TWO TIME WINNER), BOB MOSS, HENRY KORGOR, LOU MOLPSKE, PAM SCHLICE, PHIL DUSTIN, MIKE WITCRAFT, JIM KAMINSKI, JUDI POLUM, BILL MATRE, PAUL ADAMSKI, ANNETTE FLUGAUR, PAM SMITH, HAROLD SMITH, MIKE GROSKOPP.

THE \$350 WINNER WAS DAVE BANNACH.

THE \$600 WINNER WAS JEAN HELMINSKI.

Congratulations to all the Winners in my book all of you that took part in the Fund Raiser are Winners. Look for me again to call and ask you next year.

