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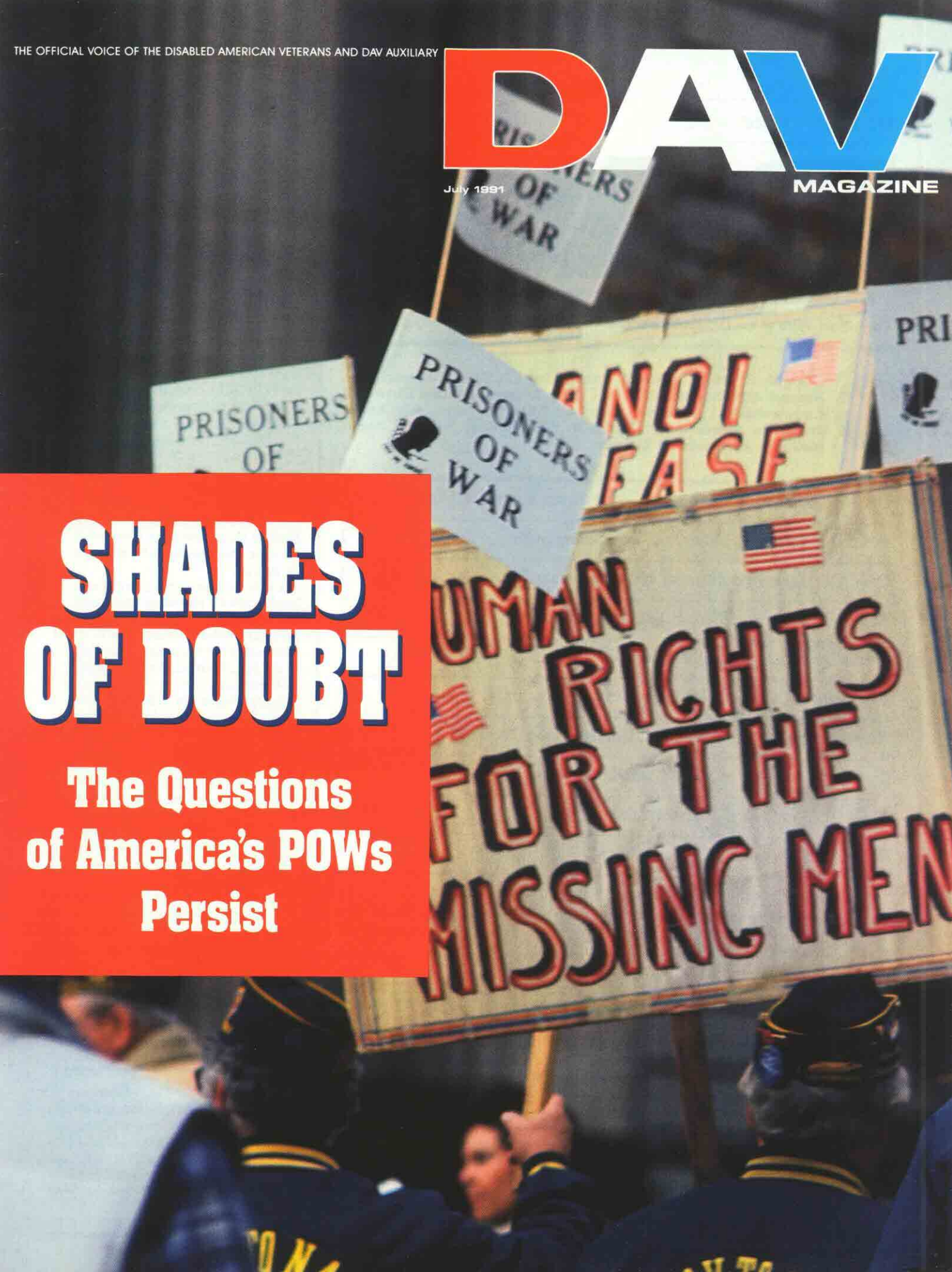
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Choices. Everyday in the nation's capital lawmakers are given the opportunity to make choices that affect citizens across the country, whether it's to go to war in the Middle East or fund highway construction or bail out the savings and loan industry. This issue of *DAV Magazine* examines some of the choices affecting veterans currently being considered in Washington, D.C.

For instance, on the facing page, DAV National Commander Joseph E. Andry questions choices being made by the Defense Department on the POW/MIA issue. Full disclosure is the right choice, he concludes.

In his column on page 3, Executive Director Jesse Brown looks at choices emerging from the "Space vs. Veterans" debate. Will Congressional representatives choose a manned space station or the VA health-care system? Rep. Bernard Sanders raises that same question in his interview with the DAV on pages 16 and 17.

Choices concerning veterans' health care are also being considered by the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees (see page 4), as well as by a VA Commission looking at the future structure of VA health care (see page 11).

In addition to choices, this month's issue also covers celebrations. The National Victory Celebration for Desert Storm veterans, "The Mother of all Parades," is covered on pages 6 and 7. DAV also celebrates the selections of its 1991 National Commander's Awards on pages 8 and 9, DAV's "Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year" on pages 12 and 13, and its "Helping Hand Award" winner on page 18. Myrtice Vinson celebrates her one year tenure as DAV National Auxiliary Commander with a farewell column on page 15, "The Stairway To Our Future."

Also, make a choice to read your DAV Department and Chapter news, starting on page 22.

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Persistent Shades of Doubt

Joseph E. Andry, National Commander

A few weeks ago, the chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) POW/MIA unit resigned his position and blasted Administration and Pentagon officials because, "The entire issue is being manipulated by unscrupulous people in the government or associated with the government."

Before resigning as Chief of DIA's Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, Army Colonel Millard A. Peck sharply criticized those who'd made his department a "toxic waste dump to bury the whole mess out of sight and mind in a facility with limited access to public scrutiny."

Both in his resignation letter and in a subsequent appearance before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Asian Affairs, Peck said his office was overwhelmed with "busy work" and therefore unable to follow up on reported sightings of Americans in captivity. And the office was subjected to myriad requests from the Interagency Task Force on POWs, the White House, Pentagon, State Department and the National League of Families. Further, he charged, the office had failed to receive Administration backing, even though President Bush has called resolving the POW/MIA issue "the highest national priority."

Peck's charges were quickly dismissed by Administration, Pentagon and League of Families officials. (A Pentagon spokesman said, "there have been seven inquiries into the role of the Pentagon in investigating sightings of MIAs and POWs. Those inquiries essentially have found that we were acting correctly and were fully committed to the process.")

Yet Colonel Peck is a highly decorated veteran of three tours in Vietnam who has spent more than 20 years in the Army. He was tapped to fill a high-profile, politically

sensitive position at DIA. So dismissing him as a crackpot, as some critics have tried to do, hasn't

been so easy.

During a Pentagon briefing that included DAV staff, Deputy Assistant Secretary

"DoD was more interested in manipulating and managing the issue than in finding living POWs listed as missing...as the investigation proceeded, the weight of evidence of failure—a failure of the U.S. Government to meet its sacred trust—became overpowering."

of Defense Carl Ford said the notion that there is a DIA coverup is, "simply outrageous. It ought not be allowed to stand that people can take cheap shots without a shred of evidence."

He acknowledged that the Pentagon has to do a better job communicating and admitted some misjudgements. Then—in an act that belied their self-professed commitment to candor—the Pentagon officials passed out fact sheets and background information over the National League of Families' letterhead, rather than on their

own Department of Defense letterhead, thus ducking another opportunity to go public and speak for themselves. (We were subsequently told the Pentagon position was being reviewed by General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.)

Last fall, I wrote that it was time we remove the cloak of secrecy from our government's efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue. To this end, I urged Congressional passage of a bill that would "direct the heads of federal departments and agencies to disclose information concerning United States personnel classified as prisoners of war or missing in action from World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict."

The recent allegations of Colonel Peck only underscore the importance of full disclosure.

At the same time, the minority staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee released a report based upon reviews of raw intelligence data in DoD files that is sharply critical of the government's actions on the POW/MIA issue. The investigators said their findings suggested that "DoD was more interested in manipulating and managing the issue than in finding living POWs listed as missing...as the investigation proceeded, the weight of evidence of failure—a failure of the U.S. Government to meet its sacred trust—became overpowering."

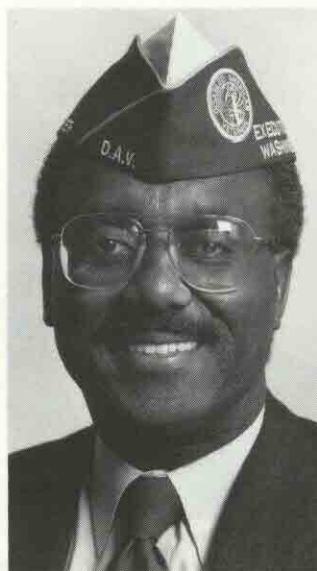
The Pentagon's Ford called the Senate staff report, signed by Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Minority Member Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), "One cheap shot after another," and said it was a report that used "shoddy, unprofessional research techniques."

Again, Ford said, the Pentagon was staffing a reply, which would be made public shortly.

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Choosing Sides

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In dealing with the Congress, we seldom have the opportunity to clearly see how sides are chosen, the debate is waged or the issues resolved. Anyone who's followed the Capitol Hill scene for any time knows it can be maddeningly frustrating for a Congressman or Senator to pledge support for an issue, only to vote against that same issue when the time comes.

Recently, however, a debate was waged on the floor of the House of Representatives that focused attention on the way Congress is funding federal programs these days. Importantly, the issues involved funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs in one corner, with funding for the proposed space station in the other.

Certainly, there were other players in this funding battle. Other social programs jeopardized by space station funding included housing programs for the poor, elderly and homeless; mortgage and loan guarantees for certain categories of Americans; programs to revitalize dead and dying inner-city neighborhoods; funds to support cleanup of the environment and the national disaster relief program. These and other programs in the EPA, HUD and other federal agencies, all were jeopardized by the quest for space station funding.

This month I want to share with you some of the rationale that was heard during that debate. What people are saying to justify jeopardizing VA health-care funding. And why some believe putting up a manned station in space is more important than caring for those Americans most in need of help on earth.

Leading the debate was Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Mich.), chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, which is the subcommittee that divides the federal pie between groups that include the

VA and NASA. Traxler found his subcommittee between a rock and a hard place when the money they were authorized to allocate fell well below the necessary amounts.

"What it really means is that we had to make tough, hard choices," Traxler told his colleagues from the floor of the House. "The subcommittee had to prioritize between funding major new initiatives such as the space station versus funding for other ongoing program requirements both within NASA and the other agencies in the bill. Not fun, not easy.

"But we are not here looking for sympathy.... The choice was made to cancel the space station....

"If we had funded the station, the subcommittee would have had to make drastic cuts in the funding in these areas: VA medical care, environmental programs within EPA, the National Science Foundation and all the wonderful work it does....

"Today, many of the VA hospitals are operating at the margin. They are not delivering, in my judgment, the kind of first-class medical care that our veterans are entitled to. I regret that and so does every member of the subcommittee and of this body, I am sure. They do not have the nurses to staff the wards. They do not have the anesthesiologists to keep the operating rooms going. They do not have enough radiologists to read the X-rays, or laboratory technicians to conduct the tests, to measure the blood samplings. The list goes on and on....

"Our argument is not against NASA. We are not even arguing, as a matter of fact. We are making a hard choice."

The ranking minority member of the same subcommittee, Congressman Bill Green (R-N.Y.), agreed with Traxler, add-

ing that the Space Studies Board of the National Research Council concluded that a scaled-back space

station couldn't support the research projects for which it was designed. "So, given the fact that, after all this time and all this money, the station cannot really perform much in the way of useful purposes, from my point of view it really has to be at the end of the parade as far as this bill is concerned," Green said. "Unfortunately, the money ran out before we could get to the space station. It is as simple as that."

In the meantime, Green added, "We must not forget that we have not totally abolished the work proposed to come from the space station. This bill provides funds to carry out a study of alternate methods of building the station."

That wasn't good enough for the space station's supporters, who invoked a variety of arguments in support of the program. Congressman George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, led the counterattack.

Brown noted that the space station was an international partnership with 11 nations. "In an era of increasing international cooperation," Brown said, "the United States is playing a dangerous game of alienating its friends [by canceling the space station]."

He acknowledged that, "A great nation should provide for its citizens in the most compassionate and substantial manner." But then he said, "In order to provide the continuing social benefits of health care, housing, child care, handicapped services, school lunch programs and hundreds more, we have to have an economic base that can generate growth.... Science and

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DAV Questions Appointment of VA Assistant Inspector General

The DAV has expressed its disappointment with the naming of a Virginia physician to a VA health-care oversight position. Citing the background and credentials of Dr. Alastair M. Connell, DAV Executive Director Jesse Brown questioned whether he meets the criteria for the position of Assistant Inspector General for Health Care Inspections. Brown added that while Connell may be a fine physician, his appointment may jeopardize the independence of the Inspector General's office.

"In order to successfully carry out the legislative intent of this office," said Brown, "the individual selected should have a broad knowledge of veterans' health care as well as an appreciation for maintaining an objective and independent viewpoint."

Brown said the DAV has been informed that Dr. Connell, the former Vice President for Health Sciences at the Medical College of Virginia, is the former boss of Dr. James W. Holsinger, Chief Medical Director of the VA, and the man he is expected to fairly and impartially oversee as Assistant Inspector General for Health Care Review. Dr. Holsinger worked for Connell as an Assistant Vice President for Health Sciences.

"That hardly makes Dr. Connell an individual unencumbered by a personal or professional relationship with Veterans Health Administration (VHA) management," said Brown.

Brown also noted that Dr. Connell is not Board Certified, even though such accreditation is required for the Assistant IG job. A number of other candidates were found to be unqualified because they did not meet

the Board Certification requirement.

In a letter to VA Deputy Secretary Anthony J. Principi, the DAV said, "Were Dr. Connell selected, the objectivity and independence of his office could be constantly challenged. Secondly, some critics could specifically seek to repeatedly disqualify Dr. Connell from any substantive judgments dealing with quality assurance issues based on his known relationship with the

Chief Medical Director and others in VHA top management positions."

Brown noted recent disclosures of the VA Inspector General's failure to quickly investigate unnecessary veterans' deaths at the VA hospital in North Chicago, Ill. (See "Life or Death on the VA's Wards," *DAV Magazine*, May 1991, p. 2.) "The VA, right now, cannot afford to lose any more trust than it already has lost in the wake of the deaths at North Chicago and other VA medical centers. We must ensure that veterans' health care is objectively and vigorously investigated and reviewed by the Inspector General's office," said Brown.



VA Inspector General Stephen Trodden, left, and VA Chief Medical Director James Holsinger, M.D., testify at a recent House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on health care at the North Chicago VA hospital. The role of the IG's office is to independently investigate and review VA health care.

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technology programs generate economic growth by continuously revealing new knowledge that can be applied to develop new products and processes of commercial value in the global marketplace."

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), wasn't buying the "defer-to-the-future" argument. "With 50 cents of every one of our tax dollars now going to pay interest on our national debt, our choices are narrowed. There are ever increasing demands on this committee, and as the decade unfolds, they will be even greater. The space station will consume, if it is to be continued, larger and larger shares of a smaller and smaller pie. Take veterans' care—with the World War II and Korean veterans now coming into the hospital system, we cannot even afford to buy replacement dentures for World War II veterans. We are turning away class B and C veterans at our hospi-

tals. We find ourselves in the incredible situation of not being able to schedule veterans for operations even though there are empty beds in hospitals because we do not have the doctors and nurses to take care of them."

Congressman Ron Packard (R-Calif.), whose district embraces many aerospace industries, said that if the space station were killed, "it would have a major impact upon our trade balance, and certainly would affect jobs."

"We have over 200,000 jobs presently that are based upon our space program, and the space station would certainly cost major jobs."

Congressman Ralph M. Hall (D-Texas), had the novel notion that sick veterans would actually benefit from the space station. "There is a correlation between the Veterans Administration [sic], HUD and this space station," he said. "There is a correlation between them because there are

medical solutions that await us up there. The space station is a solution to a lot of the medical mysteries that lie wasting away in veterans' hospitals."

Others lobbied for a commitment to less-costly unmanned space exploration over the manned space station. That, too, was rejected by the program's proponents.

"The glasses I am wearing came out of the space program," said Congressman Robert S. Walker (R-Penn.). "They are plastic glasses, very lightweight. So they are very comfortable. They have scratch-resistant lenses on them. That is the only way you can have plastic glasses. It comes from having the astronauts having to have shields on the front of the helmet."

Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio) agreed: "I am going to ask the members who do not believe in a manned space program whether they would be willing to get on a commercial airliner and just have

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House Vets' Committee OKs Health Care, Facility Fix-Up Bills

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee has approved legislation designed to increase the quality of health care in the VA's 172 medical facilities, provide more post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment programs and create a pilot program to assist homeless veterans.

The legislation, HR 2280, will now be considered by the full House of Representatives. The Committee also approved a construction resolution authorizing \$553.7 million for building, renovations and various improvements to VA facilities during fiscal year 1992.

One of the major provisions of the bill ensures that quality assurance programs and activities, including the operations of the VA's Medical Inspector and the Office of Quality Assurance in VA's central office, would come under the VA medical care budget and be appropriately funded. This will be accomplished by shifting the funding of these programs and activities to the VA's medical care appropriations account and away from an administrative account known as Medical Administration and Miscellaneous Operating Expenses.

"This legislation addresses a number of meaningful and, we believe, needed improvements in the way the VA deals with the issue of PTSD," said DAV Assistant National Legislative Director for Medical Affairs David W. Gorman. Specifically, the bill requires the VA to spend \$7.4 million to open at least five new specialized inpatient PTSD units, create at least 10 new PTSD clinical treatment teams, and set up at least five outpatient programs for the treatment of veterans suffering with both PTSD and substance abuse.

Also, HR 2280 authorizes up to \$6 million to help the VA meet a new requirement of establishing a pilot research program in the areas of mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse, or neurologic, psychiatric and geriatric rehabilitation to improve clinical care in VA medical facilities. VA Chief Medical Director Dr. James Holsinger opposed this program during his April testimony before the Committee on the grounds that the VA, not Congress, should decide what research to pursue.

The committee also authorized \$300,000 to create a pilot homeless-veterans assistance program. This program would permit the VA to sign agreements with public or nonprofit groups to provide outreach services through the use of vans or other means of transportation, provide medical and rehabilitative services and offer transitional housing to homeless veterans. These new services, however, can only be provided if the groups pay at least 25 percent of the cost of such services.

The legislation would also:

- authorize fee-basis care for veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected condition;
- provide \$3.3 million to expand outreach and community-based residential care programs for homeless, chronically mentally ill veterans;
- authorize outpatient dental treatment to veterans receiving VA care or medical services and to prepare a patient for hospital admission when "medically necessary";
- raise the limits on home structural al-

teration grants from \$600 to \$1,200 for certain non-service-connected veterans and from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for certain service-connected veterans;

• increase from \$500 to \$1,000 the threshold above which proposed fee-basis dental care must be subject to a second opinion;

• require the VA to prescribe standards, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, to assure the quality of performance of VA laboratories and report to the committee on those standards;

• expand VA's authority to establish child care centers; and

• authorize the VA and community health-care facilities to share the cost and use of major new medical equipment.

Senate Considers Volunteer Mileage Deduction, Vets' Bills

A variety of actions taken by the Senate in late May and early June have brought veterans' programs to the forefront.

Two bills were introduced in the Senate that have companion measures in the House. The first would increase the charitable standard mileage deduction for volunteer drivers, while the second bill would award interim disability compensation payments to veterans awaiting decisions on their claims.

Also, the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee held hearings to consider a number of proposals that affect programs and services for disabled veterans.

Here's a rundown on this recent Senate action:

MILEAGE DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Sen. Thomas Daschle (D-S.D.) introduced a bill that would increase the charitable standard mileage deduction from 12¢ to 16¢. The deduction would apply to volunteers who use their personal automobiles in the performance of charitable activities.

Daschle's measure, S.1190, would also give the Secretary of the Treasury authority to make subsequent increases in the charitable mileage deduction.

In April, *DAV Magazine* reported that a similar bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Thomas J. Downey (D-N.Y.). Downey's measure differs from Daschle's bill in that it would index future increases in the deduction to changes in the consumer price index, rather than authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make the adjustments.

In a letter praising Senator Daschle's re-

cent action, DAV National Commander Joseph E. Andry wrote that it will not only help volunteers in their charitable endeavor, but that there are also, "untold millions of dollars at the federal, state and local levels saved through this nationwide application of a self-help philosophy."

"No matter which way it is approached—as being justified in terms of assisting charitable volunteers or as prudent fiscal decision-making—favorable action on your legislation makes all the sense in the world," said Andry.

BREAKING THROUGH THE LOGJAM OF PENDING VA CLAIMS

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) has introduced a bill that would fight the growing backlog of pending VA disability claims at the VA. The measure would force the VA to make interim payments to a veteran whose claim for compensation, pensions or disability payments is not decided within 180 days.

Mikulski noted that many veterans have been forced to wait more than six months in many cases to have a disability claim decided by the VA. The VA's average monthly backlog is about 390,000 claims.

"Forcing America's brave veterans to wait up to six months for action on disability claims is inexcusable and inhumane," she said.

The bill would also require the VA to contract for vocational rehabilitation and counseling services for a veteran if the VA does not provide care within 60 days of receiving an application.

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Solutions to Unfair DIC Formula Scrutinized by House Panel

Most everyone agrees the current formula by which Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is paid to surviving spouses of certain deceased disabled veterans is unfair. But finding a fair DIC formula continues to stymie legislators who must also keep a lid on costs.

During a recent hearing of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension & Insurance, members scrutinized the existing DIC formula, two proposed alternative formulas and heard why none of them precisely addressed the "degree of service-connected disability at time of death and the effect that this has had on family income and achieved lifestyle."

To correct that, DAV National Legislative Director John F. Heilman described a DIC formula that "would rest upon a foundation of uniformity and fairness, allow for recognition of disability and service, and provide payments that are not widely disparate or discriminating to the vast majority of DIC recipients."

To accomplish this, Heilman said, the DIC payment formula should include three basic principles:

- To achieve fundamental fairness, the DIC payment formula should have as a basic component the extension of a single, uniform rate for all beneficiaries.

- In recognition of the negative economic impact caused by severe service-connected disability, the DIC formula should contain a "severity of disability at time of death" factor.

- In recognition of the privation associated with military life, the DIC formula should contain a "length of service" factor.

Adding dollar figures to the principles he described, Heilman suggested an appropriate

payment formula might include:

- \$700 per month for a uniform rate amount extended to all beneficiaries; and

What's needed is a DIC formula that would rest upon a foundation of uniformity and fairness, allow for recognition of disability and service, and provide payments that are not widely disparate or discriminating to the vast majority of DIC recipients.

- \$50 to \$250 per month additional in cases where the deceased veteran was permanently and totally disabled from service-connected causes at time of death, provided in increments of \$50, based upon the length of time the total disability existed (with an additional amount for catastrophically disabled veterans); or

- \$35 to \$175 per month additional, based upon length of active military serv

ice, in increments of \$35, for up to 20 or more years of service.

Today, DIC rates are paid based upon the military rank of a service member at time of death, if death occurred while on active duty, or, if death occurred post-service, upon the military rank of the veteran at time of discharge. The formula allows for 23 separate DIC pay rates that range from a low of \$594 per month for the surviving spouse of a private, pay grade E-1, to a high of \$1,524 per month for the surviving spouse of a four-star General or Admiral, pay grade O-10.

The Administration, in its fiscal year 1992 VA budget request, proposes to scrap the rank-based formula, replacing it with a flat uniform payment set at the current enlisted E-6 payment (currently \$701 per month).

Another proposal, contained in H.R. 2252, would also scrap the existing system and replace it with a \$700 monthly payment to all beneficiaries, and allow for additional dollar amounts based upon military rank and length of service. As Heilman pointed out, this formula does not address the issue of the member's degree of service-connected disability at time of death.

Heilman emphasized that any new formula must not be enacted at the expense of existing DIC recipients. "Those who would be favorably affected would receive the higher payments, while those who would not be favorably affected should be able to retain their existing level of payment," Heilman said.

He concluded by saying the DAV "realizes that other veteran, military and survivor service organizations have proposals and suggestions of their own as to how program modifications should be achieved. However, we do believe that our proposal is one that is fundamentally fair and that it would provide the greatest number of present and future DIC recipients with an equitable distribution of payments."

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Well who's right here? And who's wrong? Is there a cover-up being orchestrated by (in Peck's words) "Policy people manipulating the affair (who) have maintained their distance and remained hidden in the shadows?"

Where do the Vietnamese stand on all this? Last month, we reported the U.S. government had announced it would open an office in Hanoi to handle the accounting of American POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam War. Further, the United States had offered Vietnam \$1 million in aid to pay for artificial limbs.

Now the opening of that office has been delayed, and Pentagon officials caution that once it does open, it's only scheduled to operate for a 3-month trial period. "We're prepared to carry on if our chain

isn't jerked up by Vietnam," one DoD official said.

A National Security Council official cautioned that, "The Vietnamese have not been as forthcoming as they can be. They're looking for unconditional normalization of relations, while we have put very precise conditions on the matter."

Subsequently, Vietnam rejected U.S. conditions for normalizing diplomatic relations, which may represent still another setback in efforts to open up communications between the two countries on the POW/MIA issue.

None of this leaves us with any clear picture on where this nation stands in its efforts to resolve the matter. Despite President Bush's decree that returning our prisoner's of war and accounting for our missing in action has "the highest national

priority," persistent shades of doubt endure.

I say it again: full disclosure will remove that doubt once and for all. A bill in the House, H.R. 1147, would require the Pentagon to open its records. Sponsored by Rep. John Miller (R-Wash.), it has collected 121 cosponsors—a bipartisan collection of 56 Democrats and 65 Republicans.

In the Senate, Senator Richard Bryan (D-Nev.) has introduced a similar bill.

I am not so much concerned with *who* is right: Colonel Peck or Assistant Secretary Ford or any one of the countless other voices in the debate. I am only concerned with *what* is right. More than a quarter of a century after the end of the Vietnam War, full disclosure is the right thing to do.

That's the only way the issue will be resolved. And it must be resolved.

The Nation Celebrates Its Desert Storm Veterans

Washington gala includes picnics, fireworks and General Schwarzkopf leading "the mother of all parades."

More than a million people turned out to officially welcome home America's Persian Gulf troops during the National Victory Celebration, June 8, in Washington, D.C. The celebration, which the DAV helped sponsor through the Desert Storm Homecoming Foundation, was "very exciting and a splendid example of the American people's gratitude to our troops for a job well done," said DAV Executive Director Jesse Brown.

The events began with an emotional memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery to honor the 378 service men and women who died during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. "America grew out of brave men's dreams of a commonwealth of freedom, of virtue...We dared to risk our most precious assets—our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our husbands and wives, the finest troops any country has ever had," President George Bush said at the memori-

al ceremony.

The memorial ceremony was followed by "the mother of all parades" as Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf led 8,800 troops from all branches of the military down Constitution Avenue to be reviewed by the President and a cheering throng of 800,000. As M1A1 tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and Patriot missile launchers rumbled through the streets, the sky was filled with Stealth and B-52 bombers, Apache helicopters, and F-16 fighter jets, all part of a flyover of 83 aircraft.

A picnic on the Elipse for the troops and their families was followed that evening by a USO-sponsored show that featured television actor Kevin Dobson, singers Barbara Mandrell and Regina Belle, and boxer Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns. The grand finale of the celebration was a stunning fireworks display that was described by news reports as "the best ever in the Nation's Capitol."



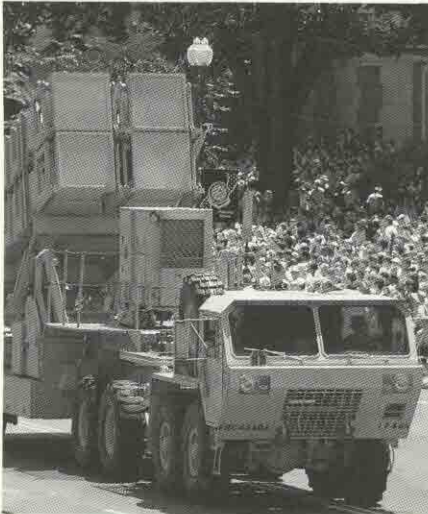
Part of the more than 8,800 troops who participated in the parade march down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. After the

parade, more than 26,000 military men and women and their families would enjoy a picnic with all the trimmings.



"The celebration was a splendid example of the American people's gratitude to our troops for a job well done."

Jesse Brown,
Executive Director,
DAV Washington Headquarters

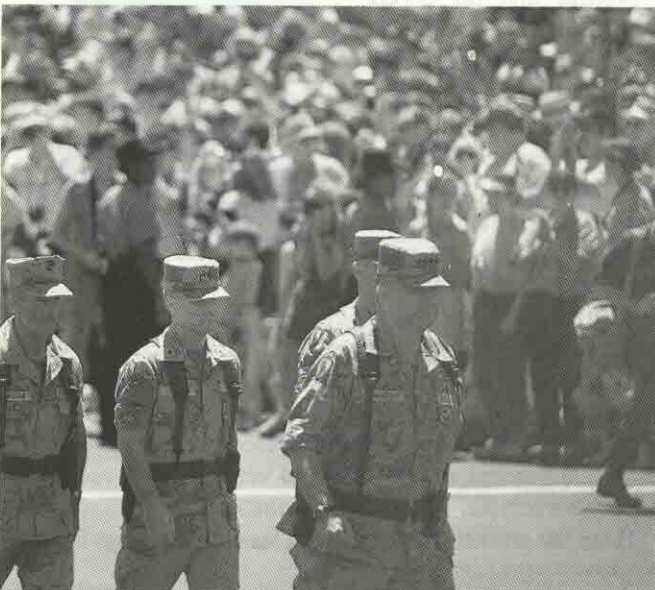


Above left, Helicopters fly over the Washington Monument, part of the 83-aircraft flyover that was one of the parade highlights.

Left, the parade gave many Americans their first glimpse at one of the military hardware superstars of Operation Desert Storm. Here a Patriot Missile on a mobile launcher passes in review.

Lower left, the parade was led by Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf as Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, shown here moving toward the Presidential Reviewing Stand.

Lower right, in a scene reminiscent of a war fought 50 years ago, an M1 tank crewman flashes the "V" for victory sign.



1991 DAV NATIONAL COMMANDER'S

This year's winners of the annual DAV National Commander's Awards demonstrate that service to disabled veterans and their families is a nationwide effort. "The winners in each category were particularly difficult to select this year," said DAV National Employment Director Ronald W. Drach, whose department oversees the annual selection process. "Those finally chosen were truly representative of the finest individuals and firms working to make life better for this nation's disabled vets."

The winners this year are:

Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) of the Year—Charlie Brown of Missoula, Montana.

Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year—Lawrence J. Haas of Vineland, New Jersey.

Large Employer of the Year (200 or more employees)—Consolidated Services, Inc., of Smithville, Tennessee.

Small Employer of the Year (fewer than 200 employees)—All Veterans Auto Parts, Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona.

The winners of the National Commander's Awards will be presented their citations during the DAV's 70th National Convention in New Orleans, La., July 27 to August 1, 1991, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

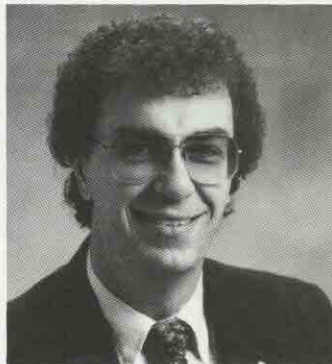
DISABLED VETERAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Charlie Brown of the Missoula, Mont., Job Service is described by his various supporters as "an outstanding champion for disabled veterans." They add that he uses "an aggressive approach to improve veterans' rights and access to employment."

Brown is a life member of DAV Chapter 5 in Missoula and a man whose activities embrace a broad spectrum of community service and involvement.

But for a DVOP, the proof is in the numbers—the numbers of veterans provided employment services through the DVOP's office. That's where Brown really shines. The Missoula Job Service, where Brown works, has exceeded all veteran performance standards for six of the last eight years.

Office statistics reveal that more than 1,600 veteran placement transactions were accomplished, with almost 600 veterans obtaining employment, a much higher placement rate in the area than for non-veterans.



Brown also placed 22 percent of participants in the Job Training Partnership Act programs, placed six Chapter 31 positions in Missoula and assisted 23 veterans who returned to college using the Montana fee waiver for war period veterans (a two-thirds cost savings).

Brown's nominators cited a long list of awards and citations presented to Brown, and also noted that "A major factor for the Job Service office's success is Charlie's commitment to serve veterans. Whether the need is in the area of placement, individual job development, training, counseling or referral to other agencies, he works to ensure veterans seeking services get maximum opportunities in the Missoula labor market. Charlie developed radio public service announcements about the advantages of hiring veterans and encouraged veterans and employers to use the job service."

"Through his words and actions, Charlie Brown has proven both his professional and personal dedication to promoting veterans' causes, especially disabled veterans. He does not limit his influence to local arenas. He offers himself to state and national service regularly. His caring attitude inspires other workers and veteran clients to be the best they can be."

LOCAL VETS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE

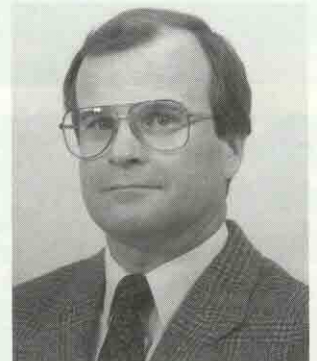
This year's LVER award recipient, Lawrence J. Haas, "is one of those rare individuals who grasps things readily and proceeds full-steam ahead," his nominators said.

Haas is the lead LVER in the Vineland, N.J., office and its three satellite operations in Bridgeton, Millville and Salem.

Noting that no DVOP has been assigned to the area for the last two years, his supervisor said Haas has stepped in to fill much of those responsibilities as well as his own duties. Add to that excellent placement statistics for the office and you have "quite an accomplishment in view of the fact that the Vineland Employment Service office is located in one of the most depressed counties in the state, Cumberland County. This excellent placement record can be largely attributed to Larry's ability and conscientiousness."

"This office has exceeded its placement goals by more than 400 percent, and all disabled veterans have received a reportable service. This can be attributed to Larry's efforts."

Haas has worked in the veteran services program for nine



AWARD WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

years, with the last eight as an assigned LVER.

"His judgement and general leadership qualities are exceptional," his boss said.

Apparently, the DAV judges agreed, naming him this year's top LVER.

LARGE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

When Consolidated Services, Inc., of Smithville, Tenn., received a federal contract to feed military personnel at Fort Benning, Ga., the company immediately made contact with the Georgia Department of Labor. Ed Myers of that office tells this story:

"One of the first questions they put to me was, 'How many qualified Vietnam Era and disabled veterans will we be able to register for employment?' That told me Consolidated Services was a company that was concerned about the veterans in our community."

That, too, is but one reason why the firm was selected as 1991's Large Employer of the Year.

Currently, more than 14 percent of Consolidated's work force are disabled veterans. But those numbers only tell part of the story.

M. Douglas Hodges, chief executive of the firm and a veteran, said that company policy is simply to hire the best qualified person for the job. In many cases, as statistics prove, the best qualified person for the job is the veteran.

He attributes this to the extra training and experience the veteran applicant gained from military service.

When Operation Desert Shield (and later Desert Storm) began in the Middle East, Consolidated was confronted with the arrival and departure of large units of military personnel. As the war progressed, a large contingency of reservists were assigned to Fort Benning, again taxing the food service facilities to the limit.

"Consolidated Services—featuring its veteran employees—continued to operate in a very professional manner," Myers said, "always insuring that service to military personnel is the number-one top priority in their contract with the federal government." He added, "Consolidated Services has proven that it is committed to the employment and welfare of Vietnam Era and disabled veterans. This is the kind of dedication that should not go unrewarded."

Today, it's no different. When Consolidated Services has a job opening, it continues to place the opening with the Georgia Department of Labor, never failing to mention that veterans will be considered for all openings, with special emphasis on disabled veterans.

SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

In Phoenix, Ariz., there's a small company whose name and motto sort of make it clear what they're all about. "All Veterans Auto Parts, Inc." is where you'll find "Yesterday's Veterans Taking Care of You Today."

Lanny Branch, the Local Veterans Employment Rep. who nominated the firm, which specializes in hard to find import and domestic car parts, describes the firm's efforts this way.

"All Veterans Auto Parts has hired five employees in the past year, for a total of 12 employees with 9 being veterans. Three of the veterans are disabled veterans. They work together as a team.

"When All Veterans Auto Parts needs to fill a position, the Job Service Office is called to recruit veterans. Mr. James Kulas, a veteran and the firm's owner, says he wants to hire more veterans, and especially disabled veterans."

It's interesting to note that the owner and all the veterans who work for his firm are members of the same local American Legion Post. The three non-veteran employees are dependents of the veterans.

All Veterans Auto Parts is also very active in the community, performing in the Flag Disposal Ceremonies, Burial Detail, posting colors at school functions, sponsoring Girl Scouts and providing services for the needy, elderly and disabled veterans.

IMPORTANCE OF AWARDS

Commenting on the significance of the National Commander's Awards, National Commander Joseph E. Andry recalled being honored as DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year in 1979.

"It changed my life," said Andry. "I became involved with the Disabled American Veterans in Ohio, changed jobs and became involved in employment issues for veterans, especially disabled veterans. Later, as State Director of Veterans Employment in Ohio, I saw firsthand the tremendous work being done by Disabled Veteran Outreach Program specialists and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives."

Andry noted that many employers, in spite of federal or state laws and regulations, do not always cooperate in hiring veterans, especially disabled veterans. "Yet, there are always employers willing to work with our DVOPs and LVERs to assure veterans get a fair deal in the labor market," said Andry. He added, "It is of course fitting that our organization recognize these individuals and employers with these National Commander's Awards at our National Convention."

On Memorial Day At Angel Fire...

This Monument's Crumbling Beauty Perseveres

Memorial Day at the DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire, N.M., is always a special time for those who travel from around the nation to honor those who've fallen in defense of America.

This year was no different. "Ever since its inception 20 years ago, the memorial has stood as a supreme tribute to the sacrifices of American service men and women," said Dr. Victor Westphall, founder of the memorial. "In a very real sense it is not a war memorial, but a monument to peace."

This year's Memorial Day activities, however, were staged against a crumbling backdrop of a memorial in jeopardy. A number of serious cracks have developed in the exterior stucco of the Memorial Chapel that architects say will require extensive work to repair. Additionally, other preservation maintenance needs to be performed on the Memorial's Visitor's Center.

And while local New Mexico firms have volunteered to do much of the work at greatly reduced rates, "The Memorial still needs to raise over \$40,000 by August to pay for this restoration," Memorial President Dennis Joyner said. "We can't thank these corporations enough for their generosity," Joyner added, noting that the firms involved in the work would be donating much of their own time and materials—at a \$45,000 savings to the Memorial—in doing the work.

The damage to the Memorial was readily apparent to the more than 3,000 visitors to attend the three-day Memorial Day weekend of activities.

This year's featured speaker, VA Deputy Secretary Anthony J. Principi, recalled America's past wars and reminded the audience, "When we have become involved in foreign wars, it's been to battle against aggression, injustice and tyranny. We never coveted a single acre of land or sought to add a single dollar to our national wealth.

"We have given aid to the impoverished in a hundred nations around the globe—friend and foe alike...

"America has always given her best. And we honor the best of that best today."

Principi, who is a combat-decorated Vietnam veteran, said, "Today a strong and good nation stands silent.

"To those who are honoring close loved ones on this Memor-

ial Day—we wish you comfort and peace of mind. To those who are gathered to honor all who did their best...and gave their all...we join you with pride. And for those who lie in our national cemeteries, we can only hold the realization that it is up to us to make their sacrifice worthwhile. For they have done all that they can do.

"We can only hope today that with our prayers and our thoughts we can provide some answers."

Tax deductible contributions for the restoration of the Memorial may be sent to:

**DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial Restoration Project
P.O. Box 14301
Cincinnati, Ohio 45250**

Checks should be made payable to the DAV Memorial Restoration Project.



Memorial Day Ceremonies...

VA Deputy Secretary Anthony J. Principi is shown during Memorial Day Services at the DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire, N.M. The crumbling stucco shown over Principi's shoulder has prompted a call for donations to help restore the Memorial Chapel and Visitor's Center.

Commission Studies Options to VA Health Care

"Managed Health Care" system—similar to HMO—significantly differs from existing methods of VA care.

How the VA practices medicine in the future may radically change if proposals being considered by the Commission on the Future Structure of Veterans Health Care are eventually adopted.

As part of its mission of defining the VA's health-care role for the year 2010, the Commission is reviewing a study that explores the possibility of moving the VA into a "managed health care" delivery system and expanding eligibility to allow current veterans who can't use VA health care to "buy-in" to the VA system by paying premiums. The Commission, headed by DAV Past National Commander Oliver E. Meadows, recently received the study—conducted by the consulting firm of Coopers and Lybrand.

A managed health-care delivery system—similar to the health maintenance organizations, managed fee-for-service plans, and preferred provider groups that are becoming increasingly popular in the private sector—differs from the current VA system in the following ways:

- Eligible patients must be formally enrolled in the system.
- Doctors and hospital administrators are given far more latitude in determining what type of care, testing, and prescriptions a patient receives.
- A greater emphasis is placed on outpatient care than on more costly forms of inpatient care.
- Doctors and, in many cases, hospital administrators are given financial bonuses if they keep total medical costs below predetermined "target" levels. Specific financial target levels can also be set for services like radiology and pathology, inpatient care, and prescription drugs.
- Each patient's case is carefully assessed to clinically justify all proposed medical services throughout treatment, including a wider use of consultations.
- Preventive health services such as various screenings for cancer, heart disease, and mental health problems would be routinely offered along with counseling services related to smoking cessation and prevention, nutrition, physical fitness and injury prevention. A greater use of immunizations would also be stressed, and
- Special medical services such as home care, visiting nurse programs, hospice and palliative care, day or night hospital care, and respite care would also receive greater attention in a managed health-care delivery system.

Although the VA could realize "substantial savings" in the areas of long-term and psychiatric care by moving to a managed health-care system, the consultants said the current VA health care delivery system is

already one of the most cost-efficient in the nation primarily because VA doctors are salaried, the VA owns its 172 medical facilities, and pays substantially lower amounts for prescription drugs than do most other health-care plans.

"Therefore, it may not be possible for the VA to lower the average amount it pays for each unit of service provided," said Tim Ray, one of the authors of the study and a partner with Coopers and Lybrand. The VA may even witness some increases in the average cost per unit of service, Ray said, because of the financial "incentives" paid to doctors and hospital administrators for keeping medical costs down as an effective managed health-care delivery system is implemented.

The consultants said most of the savings the VA would see under a managed-care system are more likely to come by reducing the number of high-cost inpatient treat-

ment cases and placing more emphasis on lower-cost outpatient care.

The consulting group was also asked to estimate the cost of treating current non-users of the VA health-care system should eligibility be expanded to allow veterans to "buy-in" to the system by making premium payments. Estimating that another 40,000 veterans would join the VA system under such a plan, the consultants said the premium payments would be expected to fully cover the cost of providing these new services. Both acute care and long-term care would be covered by the "buy-in" program.

The Commission also heard updated reports on patient eligibility criteria, wartime contingency planning, the VA's organizational structure and function, facilities management, human resources strategies, facility mission forecasts, and education for health-care professionals during the meeting. The group's final recommendations on all of these issues are slated to be presented to VA Secretary Edward Derwinski by the end of this year.

SENATE ACTION

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Mikulski said she selected the 180-day period because it represents the VA's own stated standard for action on claims. A similar measure was introduced by Sen. Richard C. Shelby (D-Ala.). It would require a 270-day waiting period rather than the 180-day wait contained in Mikulski's bill.

Mikulski, who chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the VA, said she's seen the VA's budget increase 17 percent during her tenure, but "still the delays and backlogs continue. That's why I'm introducing a bill today which is intended to get VA off the dime and force them to address this issue."

A similar bill in the House was first introduced last fall by Cong. Bob McEwen, (R-Ohio), ranking minority member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

SENATE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee heard testimony from the DAV on a number of veterans-related bills under consideration.

One measure, S.775, provides for an across-the-board increase in the basic rates of service-connected disability and death compensation, as well as the dependency allowances and the statutory awards (excepting the "K" award), to take effect December 1, 1991. The bill calls for a rate increase equal to the same percentage rate of increase that is awarded to Social Security beneficiaries on the same date.

DAV National Legislative Director John F. Heilman, who testified on this and other bills that came before the Senate panel, said the compensation adjustment, based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI), could equate to a two to three percent increase.

In his testimony, Heilman reminded the committee of last year's Congressional handling of the COLA legislation. "Not only did the reconciliation process result in a one-month delay in the COLA effective date, but, then, unreconcilable differences over the issue of Agent Orange postponed Congressional approval of the legislation itself."

Heilman acknowledged that one solution to the threat of delay in future payments would be to automatically index rates of VA compensation to the annual movement of the CPI.

But the DAV was concerned, Heilman said, that disabled veterans might not be best-served in the long run by such an automatic system. He noted that, since World War II, "the more seriously disabled service-connected veterans have fared far better at the hands of the Congress." Additionally, "disability compensation measures have proven themselves to be excellent legislative vehicles to achieve other program modifications and improvements." And, finally, an automatic process would preclude the necessity for annual, oversight hearings and thereby place the entire program 'on-the-shelf.'"

The DAV also testified in favor of modifying laws governing benefits to radiation-exposed veterans. One amendment would

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Indiana's Dan Muldoon Named Disabled Veteran of the Year

"There were times when I wished I had just died, the pain was that bad," Dan Muldoon recalled of the days shortly after a booby trap nearly killed him in Vietnam on Mother's Day, 1970. "But then I'd see guys in worse shape than me and I began to realize just how lucky I was to be alive."

Since those dark days on a hospital ship off the coast of Vietnam, the life member of Elmer Pond DAV Chapter One in Fort Wayne, Ind., has become "an example of hope" and helped hundreds of other veterans obtain deserved benefits and compensation. For those reasons, the City of Fort Wayne Veterans Affairs Officer has been selected as the DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of 1991.

Muldoon's Vietnam odyssey, like thousands before him, began with a draft notice from the Army in April of 1968. Rather than serve as a regular draftee, he applied for the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was one of four non-college graduates selected to attend the 239-member OCS class. After graduating, Muldoon volunteered for the Army's elite Special Forces and earned his Green Beret. The young second lieutenant was then sent to Vietnam as a member of the 101st Airborne Division, replacing a unit that had been wiped out at Hamburger Hill.

"My first six months in Vietnam were spent doing ambush patrols, day and night, out of Hue," Muldoon said. "We were al-

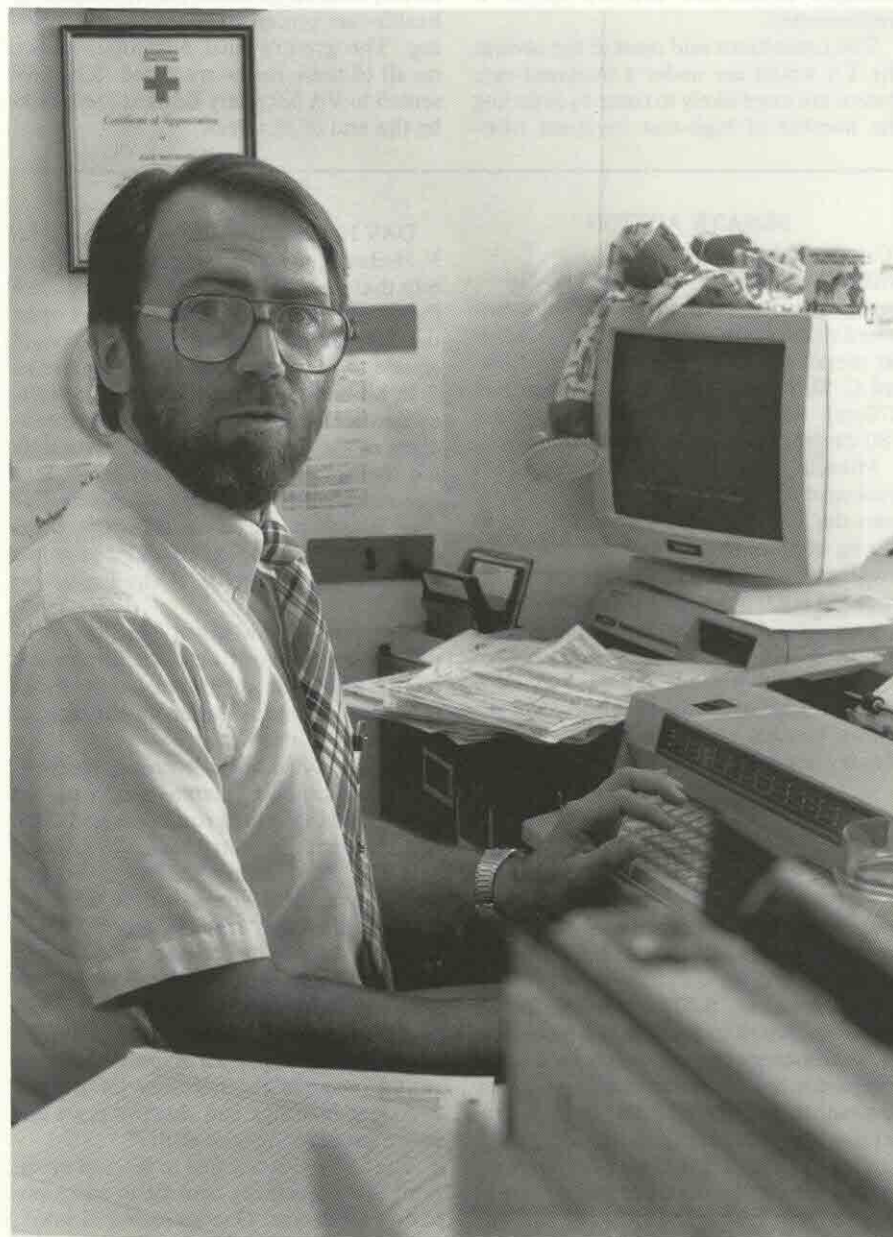
ways dog-tired because we were seeing so much action and rarely got a full night's sleep."

While on yet another ambush patrol, this time on Mother's Day, 1970, Muldoon's life took a tragic twist when his point man triggered a booby trap in an open-fire area. The point man, just a few steps ahead of Muldoon, took a hit in the neck that could have been fatal had it not just missed his jugular vein. "I took the brunt of the hit and my men put their hands all over me to stop the blood flow. There was blood coming out of everywhere, my eyes, my nose, my mouth and my ears," Muldoon says his squad told him later. "I also had a sucking chest wound and was told part of my brain was laying on the ground beside me after I was hit. No one expected me to live."

As bad as things appeared, Muldoon says he was lucky in two respects. First, although his radio man suffered nerve damage in his elbow from flying fragments caused by the blast, the radio wasn't hit and his squad was able to immediately call for a helicopter to fly them out of the area. Secondly, the hospital ship *U.S.S. Sanctuary* just happened to be cruising off the coast not far from Hue. Once aboard the ship, two brain surgeons and a general surgeon performed a day-long series of operations on his badly damaged body.

"The next day, I remember a nurse holding up a centerfold of a *Playboy Magazine* playmate and asking me if I recognized what the picture was," Muldoon said. "When I answered 'yes,' she knew I had regained consciousness."

Although he was conscious, Muldoon didn't know where he was. He was shocked to learn that his right side was paralyzed.



Above, 2nd Lt. Dan Muldoon, a Green Beret with the 101st Airborne Division, sends a radio dispatch near Hue, South Vietnam in 1970. Left, Muldoon helps Fort Wayne's veterans get benefits as that city's Veterans' Affairs Officer.

Looking down his ravaged body, he could see a multitude of tubes, bandages, and stitches. He also saw a number of wounds that were left open to ward off infection. His legs were broken but not set in casts.

"I never dreamed that I'd get hurt in Vietnam," Muldoon said as he remembered first seeing the magnitude of his injuries and how mentally unprepared he was for the future. "I always thought I'd come home alive and well or I'd come home in a casket. I never really thought about being injured."

Because of the severity of his head injury, the Indiana native couldn't take any medication for the tremendous pain that coursed through his weakened body. As he lay helpless in his bed, sometimes screaming out in sheer agony, he initially thought he would have been better off dead.

"There were times I wished I had just died, the pain was that bad. My body was torn up, I was paralyzed on my right side and I didn't know if I would lose a lot of my mental faculties," he said. "I just thought it would have been easier if I had just died."

Those dark thoughts didn't last for long as Muldoon began to prove what a fighter he truly was. Despite the constant pain and a doctor's prognosis that he may not be able to walk again, even after two years of intensive therapy, Muldoon devised his own recovery plan within days of his surgery. While still aboard the *U.S.S. Sanctuary*, he would hold onto the ship's pipes for support as he slowly began to teach himself how to walk again.

Although he repeatedly fell down, Muldoon refused to give up. "The corpsmen had to pick me up at first because I couldn't get up on my own. Each time they picked me up, I'd try again," Muldoon said. "I repeated this scene over and over until I eventually began to walk on my own."

After leaving the *U.S.S. Sanctuary*, Muldoon spent a week at the Army hospital in Camp Zama, Japan, before being shipped back to Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Illinois. While at Camp Zama, Muldoon remembered laying in his bed at night and "hearing people die. That was really a low point for me."

At Great Lakes, Muldoon continued his recovery by using parallel bars to build up his strength and walked around the hospital by clinging to the hospital walls. Not only was he battling his physical difficulties, Muldoon recalled that a great feeling of loneliness began to overwhelm him during his first days at Great Lakes. Fortunately, he says, he developed a deep friendship with another Fort Wayne man, the brother of one his high school buddies, who was also recovering at Great Lakes.

That friendship, and the encouragement of his family, helped him get through his six-month stay at Great Lakes with a good bit of physical and mental progress.

"I used to look at guys in far worse shape



Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke said he was "happy to see Dan receive the recognition he deserves." Helmke appointed Muldoon as Fort Wayne's Veterans' Affairs Officer in June 1990.

than me and realize how lucky I was to be alive," Muldoon said of his days at Great Lakes. "I never thought, 'Why me, why me?' I just thought I would always get better."

After being discharged from the Army, Muldoon used yoga exercises to increase his muscle strength and overcome nerve damage. Eventually, he became strong enough to take up golf and bowling and got involved in coaching sports at his son Eric's school. Along with his wife, Ann, Muldoon also became active in the Parent Teacher Association. Muldoon continued to defy his doctors' gloomy predictions for further progress by completing, through a Veterans Administration vocational rehabilitation program, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana-Purdue University in 1974. Although he found it difficult to find paid employment because of his injuries, Muldoon remained active. First he worked for two years as a full-time volunteer for the American Red Cross and then another two years as a full-time volunteer counselor for Catholic Social Services.

"When I first went looking for jobs, I remember hearing employers telling the employment agencies 'We don't want any of those damn vets.' Because of the employer bias that I personally witnessed, the issues of employment and reemployment rights get a lot my attention," Muldoon said.

While doing the volunteer work, Muldoon found time to get a master's degree in counseling from St. Francis College in 1985. Muldoon finally found an opportunity to put his education and experience to good use when, in 1986, he accepted a position as a National Service Officer (NSO) trainee in the Indianapolis office of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Muldoon became the first veteran in America to complete PVA's 16-month extensive NSO training program and was credited

with helping hundreds of veterans get deserved compensation and benefits during his PVA tenure.

Declining several offers to manage PVA offices, Muldoon chose to relocate from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne at his family's request. Last June, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke selected Muldoon for the position of city Veterans' Affairs Officer. Fort Wayne, the only Indiana city with a full-time veterans affairs officer, has 38,000 veterans within its jurisdiction.

"The thing that impressed me most about Dan was his level of education and experience," Mayor Helmke said when Muldoon's appointment was announced. "Fort Wayne needs an advocate for local veterans and I believe Dan has all the qualities to be one of the finest."

During his first year on the job, in addition to helping veterans understand their benefits and file claims, Muldoon has developed a resource network for veterans who need food, shelter and employment. He's also a member of a local roundtable media panel which discusses city problems, and was recently featured on several television shows presenting a broad range of knowledge on veterans' benefits. During the Persian Gulf War, he was featured in a televised public service announcement that encouraged Fort Wayne citizens to support the troops.

"In this job, I sometimes see more people in a day than I saw in a month while working for PVA," Muldoon said. "It's really gratifying because you can make so many lives better by doing this job right."

When Mayor Helmke was notified of Muldoon's selection as DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of 1991, he said, "I'm happy to see Dan receive the recognition he deserves. I just hope he doesn't decide to run against me."



DAV Disabled Veteran of the Year Dan Muldoon and his wife, Ann, are active in a number of Fort Wayne, Ind., community and charitable activities.

KNOW YOUR BENEFITS

From the National Service Department.

BENEFIT CHANGES DUE TO OBRA

The 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) brought about several important changes in the entitlements to services and programs provided by the VA to service-connected disabled veterans. Listed below are some of the major changes. In addition, the DAV is taking specific actions in response to some of these changes.

REMARRIED SPOUSES

A remarried spouse may no longer reestablish benefit eligibility for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) if the remarriage is terminated by death or divorce. In addition, a married child may no longer reestablish benefit eligibility if the marriage is terminated by death or divorce. This change is effective for claims filed after Oct. 31, 1990.

DEATH BENEFITS

The headstone or marker allowance is eliminated for veterans who die after Oct. 31, 1990. The plot allowance is no longer payable based solely upon wartime service, effective for deaths after Oct. 31, 1990. However, the plot allowance remains payable for a veteran who was: (1) discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in service; (2) receiving compensation (or would have but for receipt of military retired pay) at time of death for a service-connected disability; (3) was a wartime veteran and the body is unclaimed; (4) properly hospitalized in accordance with regulations; or (5) buried in a state cemetery in accordance with regulations.

ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE

The law now prohibits the granting of service-connection on claims filed after Oct. 31, 1990, for primary or secondary disabilities which resulted from abuse of alcohol or drugs, or willful misconduct. In addition, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation may no longer be paid for death that resulted from the abuse of alcohol or drugs, or willful misconduct.

According to the VA drug abuse is defined as the use of illegal drugs (including prescription drugs that are illegally or illicitly obtained), the use of prescribed or non-prescribed drugs for a purpose other than the medically intended use, and the use of other agents (e.g., glue, paint, etc.) to enjoy their intoxicating effects. Alcohol abuse is defined as the drinking of alcoholic beverages in an amount, over any period of time, sufficient to cause a disability.

INCOMPETENT VETERANS

Effective Nov. 1, 1990, compensation may not be paid to any veteran without a spouse, child, or dependent parent who is rated incompetent and who has an estate valued in excess of \$25,000 (excluding the veteran's home). Compensation payments will not resume until the veteran's estate is reduced to less than \$10,000. This provision is in effect until Sept. 30, 1992. The DAV has filed a class action lawsuit against the VA regarding this provision of the budget law. The lawsuit contends that this provision discriminates against incompetent veterans and is unconstitutional.

COMPUTER MATCHING

The VA now has the authority to computer match with income information maintained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). The matching will be used for: (1) pensions; (2) parents' DIC cases; and (3) compensation cases where the 100 percent rate is paid because of inability to engage in substantial, gainful employment.

PRESCRIPTION COPAYMENTS

The new law requires the VA to charge veterans a \$2 co-payment for each 30-day supply of medication provided on an outpatient basis for the treatment of a nonservice-connected condition. This applies to all nonservice-connected veterans, and veterans rated less than 50 percent

service-connected receiving treatment for a nonservice-connected condition. The co-payment applies only to prescriptions for medications and does not include medical supplies.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs now has the authority to require that all compensation and pension beneficiaries provide the VA with their Social Security Number (SSN) and the SSNs of dependents for whom they receive VA benefits. If the SSNs aren't provided within 60 days after the VA requests the information, compensation and pension benefits could be reduced or stopped.

The VA has identified some 800,000 compensation and pension cases where at least one required SSN is missing. By early July, the VA will begin mailing letters to advise beneficiaries of the new SSN reporting requirement and that failure to furnish the requested SSNs may result in reduction or termination of benefits.

Where letters are returned because of an incorrect address, VA adjudicators will review the claims folder for a more current address before taking adverse action. If a more current address is not found, the telephone directory will be reviewed and, if the beneficiary has a representative, the representative will be asked to help find the individual so the SSNs may be obtained.

The VA has also asked the Department of Treasury to encourage banks to forward mail to beneficiaries whose VA checks are paid directly to financial institutions. Veterans and their families who are currently using Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfers programs also need to provide the VA with a current mailing address.

Social Security Numbers may only be used by the VA for purposes permitted by law. For example, the VA may use the numbers to match with other government agencies to verify the accuracy of payments from either agency. For more information or aid, contact your nearest DAV National Service Office.

The Stairway To Our Future

Myrtice R. Vinson
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"Together, let us cherish yesterday, live for today, and build the stairway to our future." Hope filled my heart as I laid that challenge before the women at last summer's national convention.

Those were the very first moments of my year as the Auxiliary's National Commander. Now, as my year draws toward its conclusion, I find myself wondering how far we've climbed on that stairway to the Auxiliary's future.

Membership is one yardstick we can use to measure our progress. Because the DAV and Auxiliary depend on numerical strength to carry our message to our nation's leaders in Washington, D.C., our growth has been truly encouraging. As I wrote this column, the Auxiliary was pushing ever closer to a quarter of a million members.

With some crucial issues confronting us in the next year and beyond, we surely need that strength. I'm pleased to report that the past year saw progress on one of those issues, our drive to win a more equitable distribution of benefits under the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program for the widowed spouses and orphans of certain disabled veterans.

Continued movement toward a just DIC formula will require the members of the Auxiliary to live up to their reputation on the legislative front. But, after seeing the commitment of Auxiliary members across America, I'm convinced we're ready for action.

As I review the past year, I'm aware it has been a time of transition. Necessary changes have been made in our administrative procedures. And, though change has come hard for some, we've opened the way for new progress in the years ahead.

Some of the most meaningful changes in the Auxiliary, however, involve the way we talk to one another rather than the way we do things. One example is the support group concept I've talked about since I became National Commander.

In units across the country, such groups are addressing the needs of widows or focusing on other problems in the families of disabled veterans. And I'm so proud of the groups we formed during the Persian Gulf War for the families of our military men and women.

With these programs and others, the stairway to the future is being constructed by our units, our departments, and our wonderful members. Yet I'm painfully aware that some units are stuck at the bottom of the stairway...stuck, and unable to move forward.

Too often, I've seen petty problems tear units apart, making them ineffective in their communities...and driving away women who have much to offer our organization and the families we serve.

Whenever this happens, it seems, a few members get caught up in such problems, failing to see what's truly important. In this situation, a trivial problem can grow into a cancer that kills a unit's ability to play a meaningful role in its community. To stop this cancer, let's take a look at what successful units are doing. After all, these units point the way to our future.

These units never allow themselves to lose sight of the Auxiliary's basic purpose, service to disabled veterans with a special emphasis on the needs of these veterans' families.

In our successful units, the women are tolerant of each other. Let's remember that all of us are human. And, if we want acceptance for ourselves, we should be willing to forgive the shortcomings of our fellow members.

Let's remember, as well, that our time on Earth is short, too short to waste. For good or bad, we'll leave a legacy behind us, and our legacy is being built by what we do today. The past is gone; it cannot be changed. And our intentions for tomorrow count for little if we cannot—or will not—move forward today.

As a movement of women demanding a better future for disabled veterans and their families, I believe we can take great pride in our achievements thus far. But let us never lose sight of where we want to be...at the top of the stairway to our future.

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Congressman Bernard Sanders

Rep. Bernard Sanders, who fills Vermont's only seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, is considered a political anomaly by some Capitol Hill observers. He's anti-war but he's also very much pro-veteran. In a recent letter to his colleagues in Congress, Sanders noted that several significant veterans' programs were eliminated or downgraded during the budget reconciliation process last session: "America's veterans had earned these benefits and had come to rely on them and for many of them this action caused great hardship." Underscoring his message, Sanders, who also supports progressive tax reform, major cuts in military spending and a national energy policy, has been soliciting support and co-sponsors for H.R. 2304, a comprehensive legislative package that would restore cuts to veterans' programs made under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990.

Because of his legislative initiative and his interest in veterans' affairs, DAV officials recently met with the former four-term Mayor of Burlington and the first Independent to be elected to Congress in 40 years. Following are some of Rep. Sanders' views on veterans' issues.

DAV: Some Capitol Hill observers note your anti-war and pro-veteran positions. How does that mix work?

SANDERS: My politics are a little different than most members of the Congress. I'm the only Independent here, and, let me be very frank with you, I am an anti-war Congressman. I'm one of relatively few members of the Congress, for example, who voted consistently against the Persian Gulf War. I don't have any apologies for that. If I were here when the Vietnam War was going on, I would have been leading the anti-Vietnam War effort, too.

But it's a totally different thing to blame the men and women who put their lives on the line who go out and fight that war, who get killed in that war, who get wounded physically and emotionally. I'm a pro-veteran member of Congress. Of all the things in Congress that upsets me, what upsets me most are those people who are very pro-war but who forget about those guys, the old timers who are in inadequate Veter-

ans Administration hospitals, and Vietnam veterans who are suffering.

I don't have to tell you that "Thank God, the latest war did not result in a lot of American casualties." But what would have happened if 10,000 service men and women had been wounded? Do you think the VA hospitals would be able to accept those numbers? I don't think so.

So I come from a rather unique position that I consider myself to be an anti-war Congressman with a pro-veteran stance. And I'll do what I can do to make sure that those veterans' benefits are restored.

DAV: You're referring to H.R. 2304, your OBRA bill. What would that legislation do for disabled veterans?

SANDERS: It is probably the simplest piece of legislation that Congress is now looking at. As part of the 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Congress made a number of cuts, many of which I strongly opposed. For example, Congress cut back

on Medicare by \$43 billion over a five-year period, and cut back on a variety of veterans' programs—\$100 million in the first year and \$3.6 billion over a five-year period. The fact of the matter is the United States has a serious deficit problem. No one is denying that. The question is whether the Congress has the courage to deal with the deficit in a fair and progressive manner or instead go after programs that are used by the most vulnerable members of our society.

The deficit should be adjusted. But you don't address it by cutting back on Medicare. You don't address it by dismembering the contract that you made with the people who put their lives on the line. There are better ways to deal with the deficit.

DAV: What are some of those ways?

SANDERS: Two ways are by raising taxes on the wealthy and cutting back on defense spending. And when you do that, you don't have to cut Medicare and veterans' programs.

Right now we've got five million children in our country who are hungry, two million people in the streets, veterans' programs that are under-funded, kids who can't afford to go to college. We have a whole host of problems and very few people would disagree with me that those are the problems. The question is how do you deal with those problems?

Again, there are only two basic ways you can deal with our social problems and with the deficit. No. 1 is tax reform. The very richest people have become much richer, and middle-class working people and poor people have become poorer. They and the largest corporations are paying less taxes today than they paid ten years ago. We've got to raise taxes substantially.

So Congress has got to make a choice. The last Congress made a choice—it cut Medicare and veterans' programs. I'm not very impressed by that theory.

DAV: You mentioned defense spending. Is it safe for the U.S. to cut back on its defense?

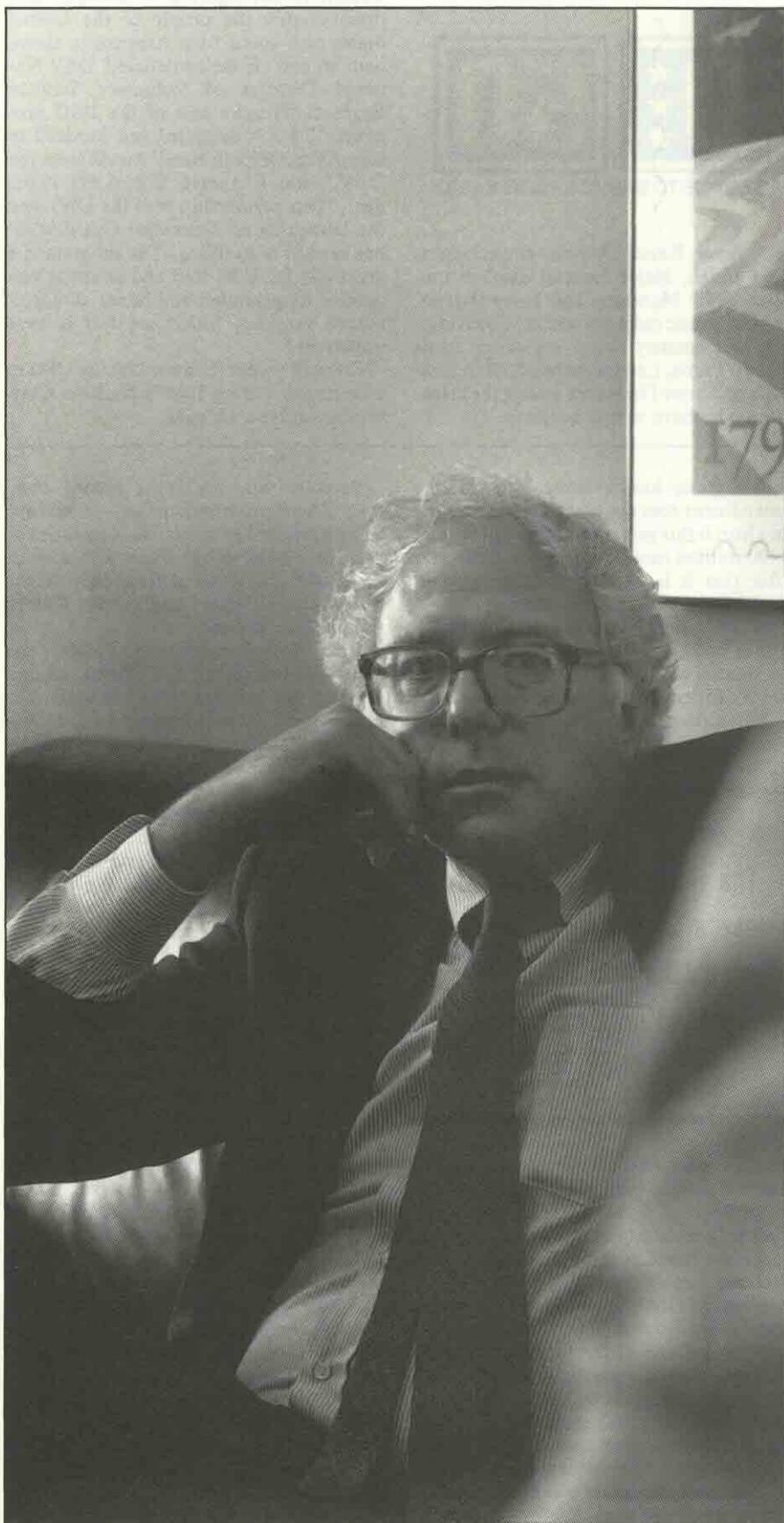
SANDERS: The Cold War, thank God, is over. The Soviet Union is not a major military threat to us anymore and we should take advantage of that. That means we substantially cut back on military spending. No one is saying that this country should not lead the world in terms of our military ability, but you don't have to spend \$290 billion a year.

You can cut back on that spending and use that money to deal with the deficit, with children and veterans' programs.

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Rep. Sanders, left, explains his pro-veteran stance to DAV Assistant National Legislative Director Richard F. Schultz.



DAV: We know you have a couple co-sponsors that signed on board with your legislation. Have you received any support from other members?

SANDERS: We got two good people on board right away—Ron Dellums (D-Calif.), the ranking majority member of the Armed Forces Committee, and Charlie Rangle (D-N.Y.), who's also fairly high up. We're going to move and get far more sponsors. The problem we have is that wonderful 1990 bill. It ties Congress' hands in many respects. What it does is say, "OK, we're sympathetic to you, but where are we going to get the money to do it?"

DAV: Is that how we got to the current "Space vs. Veterans" debate?

SANDERS: The reason that you have that debate right now is because of the 1990 Budget Reconciliation Act, which says if you want more for veterans, take it away from NASA. That's precisely because of the handcuffs that the Congress placed on itself in the 1990 Reconciliation Act. The solution is to allow the Congress the flexibility to do the right thing—raise taxes, cut back on military spending.

DAV: Would you agree that veterans themselves should be a continuing cost of our national defense and, therefore, able to vie for the same dollars from our defense budget rather than taking it away from programs for women and infant children and other domestic programs?

SANDERS: Well put. It seems to me we're dealing with a fairly unique situation. There's a certain type of contract that exists when the government sends you off to risk your life. I think the Congress broke that contract. You can't have an Army that functions that way. And I don't think it looks good when future soldiers see that the United States government reneged on certain contracts.

DAV: Obviously the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 didn't make veterans a very high priority. If you could gather a group of disabled veterans in your office right now, what would you say?

SANDERS: What I would say is this: I was not a member of the Congress last year, but I think a number of the members this year share the view that we owe the veterans of this country an apology. What we have got to do is break that whole agreement and have the courage to raise taxes in a progressive manner, cut military spending, restore the benefits that veterans are entitled to.

USO Named Winner of 1991 DAV "Helping Hand Award"

The USO (United Service Organizations) has been named the 1991 recipient of the DAV National Commander's Helping Hand Award.

The award recognizes an outstanding individual, or organization, who has extended a "helping hand" to the DAV or disabled veterans in general.

The USO earned the award for its participation in "Operation Open Arms," a program that coordinates visits by prominent sports and entertainment figures to veterans in VA hospitals and active duty military members in Department of Defense hospi-



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tals. Actor Kevin Dobson, singer/actress Ann Jillian, Major League Baseball umpires Eddie Montague and Larry Barnett, country music radio personality Bob Kingsley, and country music recording artists Randy Travis, Lee Greenwood, Alan Jackson and Aaron Tippin are among the celebrities who have visited hospitals.

Developed as a means of providing moral support for the nation's injured and disabled, "Operation Open Arms" delivers "an important message to the men and women in our fighting forces—past and present—that the people of the United States care about what happens to them, both on and off the battlefield," DAV National Director of Voluntary Services Bruce G. Nitsche said of the USO program. "USO is delighted and honored to accept the 'Helping Hand' Award from the DAV," said Chapman Cox, USO President. "Our partnership with the DAV and the launching of 'Operation Open Arms' has been very fulfilling. The program is a great way for USO staff and celebrity volunteers to remember and honor all hospitalized veterans, which we feel is very important."

Cox will accept the award for the USO at a ceremony during DAV's National Convention in New Orleans.

CHOOSING SIDES

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the airliner operated by automatic pilot. I think not. I think we want to have human beings involved in the space program."

More than four hours into the debate, Congressman Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) had had enough. Citing a National Academy of Sciences report that concluded the space station was "ill-equipped or unable to meet the basic research requirements," for which it was designed, Durbin concluded, "If we are to fund this space station, then it clearly is not for scientific reasons: it is for the reason that we wish to fund and somehow continue to subsidize the contractors who are involved in this project. This has in fact become a WPA project for the aerospace industry, and I do not believe the nations of the world can view our fundings of this program as anything more than that."

Durbin also rejected the argument that the space station would motivate more youth to study the sciences. "Give me a break," he said. "If we want to motivate our youth, we should give them a chance to go to college and learn. Let us not on one hand fund a project which the scientific community has serious doubts about and then on the other hand suggest that there is not enough money to send our kids to school."

Finally an amendment was offered that did not take money from existing VA programs to fund the space station. Rather, NASA was forced to steal from its other programs to fund the space station. Called the "feel-good" solution by some, it permitted Congress to vote in favor of funding for the space station without cutting other social programs. But Congressman Green wasn't going to let them forget the consequences of that action.

"The impact of this amendment is something that ought to be strongly emphasized

to this group here because, although the amendment does not touch the VA funding and hurt it this year, the station will require \$400 million more next year, and the year after that it is going to require another quarter-of-a-billion-dollar increase.

"Plainly there is no way that our subcommittee will be able to fund the veterans as we want, if we have to look forward to those kinds of increases for the space station."

When the marathon debate ended, the House voted in favor of the amendment,

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which continued the space station program on funds taken from NASA projects.

Aerospace jobs in Congressman Packard's district (and the WPA project for space we heard described) won out over veterans' health care.

Unbelievably, Congressman Hall's argument prevailed that "The space station is a solution to a lot of the medical mysteries that lie wasting away in veterans' hospitals." Others apparently believed that they could solve the problems under their nose by turning their gaze toward space. I wonder how many veterans who wait four, six or even eight hours for a simple clinic appointment share that belief?

Veterans who are being turned away from VA hospitals nationwide—or who are being subjected to substandard qualities of such care—lost out to those who seek in space the "scratch-resistant, lightweight plastic glasses," that Congressman Walker finds so comfortable.

Ironically, Congressman Brown, the man who led the charge against, among other things, this nation's commitment to her veterans, quoted a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, who said, "There is little distinction between leadership and honoring one's commitments."

The only problem was, Brown's commitment in this instance is to the international space station partnership, and apparently not to this nation's veterans, its children, its poor and homeless citizens.

Perhaps the final, telling blow in all this lies in one simple fact: Each of the members of Congress we've mentioned here (except Brown) who voted for space station funding, also voted for America's commitment of troops in Operation Desert Storm. There is your crisis in leadership. There is your wavering commitment.

Send America's youth into battle, but don't treat their resulting disabilities (or deaths) as a moral obligation or a national priority. That treatment is reserved for increasingly expensive space stations of highly questionable scientific value.

Attention now turns to the Senate, which is expected to reject the House amendment that pulls space station funds from other NASA programs. The battle for VA funding and a manned space station will certainly heat up.

The House had a chance to take a leadership role in this pivotal funding battle. They passed up that chance. For millions of Americans—veterans, the elderly, the sickest and the poorest—the consequences may be disastrous. And that's not right.



Summer of 1940...

The Fall of France

After the evacuation at Dunkirk, Hitler temporarily halted his advance on Britain and focused most of his attention on France. The Germans advanced across the Seine River and headed toward Paris. On June 11th, Paris was declared an open city and the French forces fled further south. The Nazi Panzer tank divisions captured town after town—Strasbourg, Verdun, Dijon, Le Mans, Cherbourg. The defenses of the Maginot Line were steadily broken down. On June 14th, Paris fell.

On the diplomatic front, Churchill tried, unsuccessfully, to convince the French leaders to continue the fight against Hitler. But by mid-June the British abandoned attempts to rebuild a British Expeditionary Force in France and began evacuating the British and Canadian troops remaining in France.

The French then asked Britain to be released from the obligation not to make a separate peace with the Germans. The British offered to establish a state of union between France and Britain but France rejected this idea. Unable to hold out any longer, the French began armistice talks with Germany. On June 22, the armistice between France and Germany was signed in Compiègne—ironically in the same railroad car and same site that ended World War I.

Struggling to keep Britain ahead in the war, Churchill pleaded once again with the United States to come to Britain's aid. Roosevelt responded by circumventing the Neutrality Act and supplied Britain with surplus artillery and rifles by first selling arms to a steel company which resold them to the British.

Realizing that America would eventually become involved in the war, Roosevelt signed numerous bills increasing the United States' military strength, authorizing new Navy construction to include 45 more ships and an expanded air corps with 10,000 new planes and 16,000 more aircrews. Roosevelt also strengthened his Cabinet by appointing Henry Stimson as Secretary of War and Frank Knox as Secretary of the Navy.

While France was falling and Britain was regrouping, small battles began between the Allies and Italy in North Africa and in Malta. British ships shelled an Italian base and the Royal Air Force (RAF) bombed Turin and Genoa. Not shaken by these attacks, however, at the beginning of August, Italy's 350,000 troops in Abyssinia invaded British Somaliland.



The Fuhrer in Paris, June 1940.

As the war raged in Europe, the Soviet government issued ultimatums to Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia demanding territory and union with the USSR. The three states complied by mid-July and were annexed as constituent republics of the USSR. In addition, the Soviets gained control of Rumania and set up a new Cabinet and government that was pro-German and anti-Semitic.

In Asia, Japan continued its invasion of China, and blocked China's supplies coming through Indochina. Seeing the Japanese threat, British and Australian representatives met with U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull to ask the U.S. to take whatever measures necessary to counter any further Japanese expansion. Initially, Hull was unable to promise any help from the United

States. But in late July, in what was seen as an anti-Japanese move, the U.S. prohibited the export of oil and metal products, unless under license, to countries outside the Americas. This forced the Japanese to search for raw materials further south into the Dutch East Indies and Malaysia.

The air war heated up in the summer of 1940 between the British RAF and the German Luftwaffe. Although the British had only 2,900 planes, and the Germans had nearly double at 4,500, the RAF had several distinct advantages. Hitler took so much time before launching a full-scale attack, Britain's factories were able to churn out more and more planes. In addition, Britain's planes were generally better built than the German's. Two other important advantages were that the British were fighting on their home ground and had made great strides in using the new technology of radar.

As dogfights continued in the air, the Battle of the Atlantic was still going strong at sea. Germany's navy was extremely successful between July and October of 1940. During this period, each German U-boat sunk an average of eight Allied ships for each patrol.

Seizing on the success of his Navy and fresh from conquering France, on July 2, Hitler ordered the German Armed Forces High Command to begin preparing for "The War Against England." The Battle of Britain was about to get underway.

Schultz Promoted To Assistant National Legislative Director

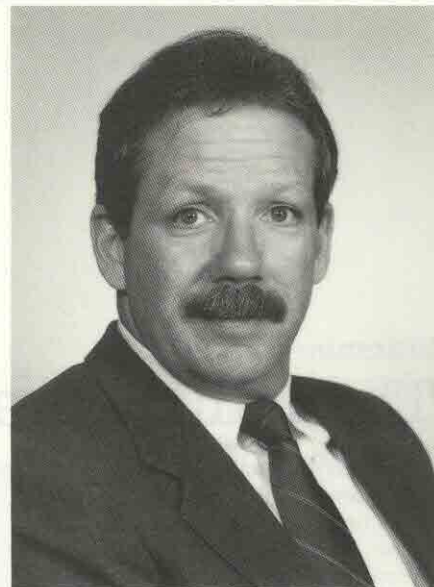
Richard F. (Rick) Schultz, who lost both legs in Vietnam combat, has been named Assistant National Legislative Director at the DAV's National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The promotion was made by National Adjutant Charles E. Joeckel, Jr., with the consent of National Commander Joseph E. Andry.

Active in DAV Chapter 7 in Bowie, Md., and a lifetime member of the DAV's National Amputation Chapter, Schultz was wounded in Vietnam in 1968 by a land mine. His injuries resulted in the amputation of both legs and one finger. He was hospitalized in Vietnam for one month, at Walter Reed Army Center in Washington, D.C., for nearly one year, and then at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center for another

seven months. When Schultz was discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1969, he held the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, and several other military decorations.

After leaving the Army, Schultz studied at Cincinnati's Xavier University. In 1974 he joined the DAV's professional staff as a National Service Officer, and became supervisor of the Cincinnati National Service Office in 1979. In 1985 he was named Associate National Legislative Director at DAV's Washington, D.C., National Service and Legislative Headquarters.

Schultz lives in Crofton, Md., with his wife, Theresa. They are the proud parents of eight children and seven grandchildren.



Richard F. Schultz

SENATE ACTION

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expand eligibility to veterans who were serving on active duty for training, or inactive duty for training during the onsite participation in a nuclear weapons test.

Another section of the bill would expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected as a result of exposure to ionizing radiation to include cancer of the salivary gland and cancers of the urinary tract. Currently there are 12 diseases on the list which manifest themselves within 40 years

of exposure and a 13th disease, leukemia, which was given a 30-year manifestation period. The manifestation period in all cases would be eliminated by proposed changes in the law.

Finally, the DAV strongly supported a bill that would launch a pilot program of hospice-care services for terminally ill veterans. The program would be conducted at 10 to 20 VA medical facilities in urban and rural areas.

Heilman noted that the VA currently op-

erates only four hospice programs for the terminally ill, which, "we find somewhat disappointing.

"Hospice programs are specifically designed to enhance the quality of life for terminally ill veterans. The design of the program allows many veterans to remain at home among familiar surroundings and family members during their terminal illness. In this manner, veterans are permitted to live out their remaining days in both honor and dignity."



New TV's for a New Addition

Members of DAV Chapter 88 in Englewood, Fla., recently donated \$2,000 to the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, to help buy TV sets for patients' rooms in the Nursing Home's 120-bed addition. At the presentation were, from left, Chief of Voluntary Service Marty J. Gall, Chapter 88 Commander Henry Schuhart, Hospital Director Richard A. Silver and Chapter 88 Treasurer Charles Griscom.

Employment: Investing in America's Future

First Place Essay, 1991 National Journalism Contest

By Nequai Marsha Terry

Northampton High School, Eastville, Virginia

One hot muggy day in July, my 56 year-old uncle, Moses, sat motionless on his tractor in a huge tomato field. He was struggling for his life. The heat was soaring toward the 100 degree mark and there was no letup in sight. My Aunt Inez's job was to deliver water every 2 to 3 hours to him to make certain that he got fluid in his body.

As she approached the tractor nearly 300 feet into the field, she noticed there was no body movement and the tractor was still idling. She called out to Uncle Moses, shook him, and put cold water on his face. His eyes had sunk back in his head and he was barely breathing. She beckoned for me to run for help. I screamed and yelled to get the attention of the farmer in the next field. The farmer recognized my plea for assistance and quickly drove his tractor over to me.

The farmer and I called for help from my neighbor's telephone. Within 20 minutes, which seemed like forever, the ambulance made its way up the plowed rows to Uncle Moses' tractor.

Uncle Moses was a man of small stature, but demanded a lot of respect in the family. Since the age of 6, he had worked in the fields of the rural town in which we live. Farming was his livelihood. He can barely read and write his name, but he can certainly count money. Although he was just a farmer, he loved his work. Every day he would meet at the local grocery store where he and other farmers would talk about their harvesting seasons. They discussed their work with dignity and pride.

We watched as the ambulance drove away. The sirens roared over the small dusty road to make its way to the nearest hospital, which was 43 miles away. I prayed with Auntie Inez for Uncle Moses' recovery. We were Christian people and I felt that God would spare Uncle Moses' life as He had done several years ago.

The family quickly gathered at the hospital awaiting the news of Uncle Moses' condition. We knew he was old, but he meant the world to us. Several hours went by and a green-masked man appeared from down the hall. We nervously awaited to hear what news the doctor was bringing. "Who is the wife?",

the doctor asked. Calmly Aunt Inez spoke up, "I am his wife." Suddenly, my mind was racing with good and bad thoughts. I braced myself and tried to remain calm. "I have good news for you—your husband is going to make it. He had a sunstroke and may be paralyzed on one side of his body, but he's alive."

I leaped to my feet with joy! I knew he was a fighter! He's been a fighter all of his life—he's known for beating the odds. Our prayers had been answered and Uncle Moses would live longer. At the age of 16, it was hard to imagine being here without my best friend. Soon my thoughts were

Farming was his life, so each day Uncle Moses talked about how he wanted to get back on a tractor and continue his work. He felt that being a farmer was a job and should have no barrier...

clouded with feelings of sorrow over how Uncle Moses would accept not being able to work again—or perhaps, how he would accept his disability.

Nearly 6 months went by and Uncle Moses slowly regained his strength. However, the right side of his body was paralyzed. He was able to use a walker to move around the house. He could feed himself, but had trouble dressing himself. His vision was all right, but his speech was slurred.

Farming was his life, so each day Uncle Moses talked about how he wanted to get back on a tractor and continue his work. He felt that being a farmer was a job and should have no barrier, and he should be able to continue his work on a limited basis. The crops he harvested—potatoes, corn, tomatoes, and cucumbers—helped to feed people around the world.

Uncle Moses gained support from a group of citizens who had returned to work after long illnesses. This group encouraged

him and helped him find ways to try farming once again. With the support group and his family, Uncle Moses, a strong black man, felt that he could survive in the farming industry with modifications in the machinery he used.

We met with rehabilitation specialists and businesses in the community. Together we agreed that one's disability should not be a barrier to living a full life. With the monetary support and the social interaction and motivation of caring people in the community, we were able to build a chair that could assist in raising Uncle Moses up to the seat of his tractor. With the assistance of family members, we could slide him into the tractor seat. His size was no deterrent because he only weighed 152 pounds. Once he was in the seat, we strapped him in with a special belt around his waist. Off he went to work for a couple of hours in the morning and a couple of hours in the evening. He had an air-conditioned tractor, and with the use of one side of his body he operated the necessary parts to plow his fields.

Uncle Moses is today the happiest man alive. He had another chance at life and he was back working at the job he loved—farming. My family spends an overwhelming amount of time with Uncle Moses. He's special in our lives. We've improved our home to accommodate his disability—ramp for rolling his wheelchair, lowered cabinets, and a larger bathroom with support bars. He's happy now and so are we. A positive attitude is important to one's state of well being.

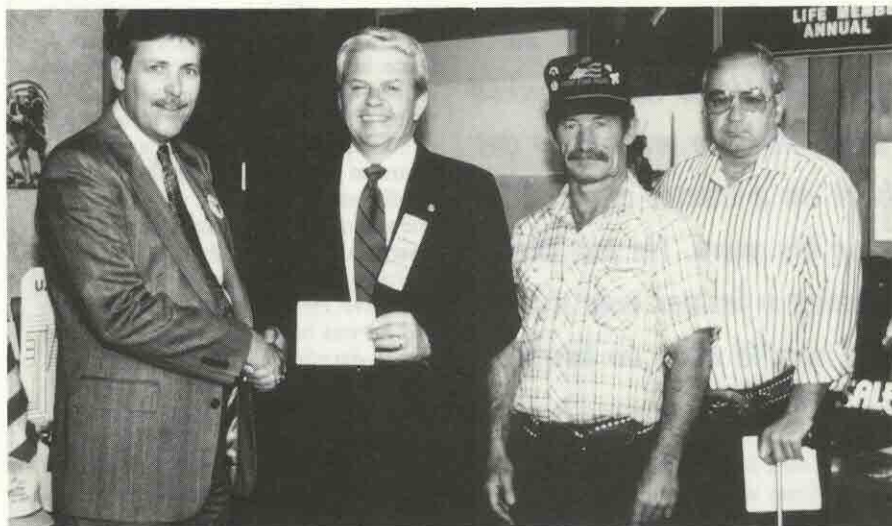
Our investment and belief in Uncle Moses' capabilities meant investing in America's future to supply food for usage throughout the world. I hope I'll have the courage to fight like Uncle Moses if I'm ever disabled. Although I'm only 16, I have made efforts to assist people with disabilities, especially elderly people in my community. My uncle and I visit Nursing Homes, young people's groups, senior citizen centers and hospitals. We go wherever we're needed to advocate and speak for people with disabilities. Oh yes, even with little or no education, my uncle speaks out boldly. He knows his rights and the rights for people with disabilities.

Desert Storm Grandparent

Ben Casari of Iron Mountain, Mich., was grateful for the financial assistance from the DAV. Casari received \$300 from DAV Zone 4 of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to go to Germany to pick up his grandchildren, Jessica, 4, and James, 15 months. Casari's son, Jesse, and daughter-in-law, Brenda, were both serving in the U.S. Army in Saudi Arabia.

In a letter thanking Laurence Robare, past DAV State Commander of Michigan and presently VAVS representative for Michigan and Wisconsin, Casari wrote, "Since both my son and daughter-in-law are in the Armed Forces serving in the Persian Gulf, my wife and I felt it was imperative that my grandchildren be in the custody of family during this time, not in a 'home' in a foreign country."

A thankful Ben Casari, right, accepts check from Laurence Robare.



Patriot Shop Helps Vets..

Using proceeds earned from their "Patriot Shop" that sells patriotic merchandise, members of Chapter 9 in Grand Junction, Colo., recently donated \$1,000 to the Grand Junction VA Medical Center. The money will be used to buy a wheelchair treadmill machine and lighting for a recreational picnic shelter house. At the presentation were, from left, Chapter Commander J.C. Anderson, Medical Center Director Robert R. Rhyne, Chapter Senior Vice Commander Fred Pinnt, and VAVS Representative Bill Hoke.

Gifts of Warmth...

Lincolnton, N.C., Chapter 53 Commander Kenneth R. Jones and his wife, Auxiliary Unit 53 Commander Alene H. Jones, have presented more than 175 lap robes made by Auxiliary Unit members to the Salisbury, N.C., VA Hospital, several nursing homes and post-polio support groups as part of an ongoing project.





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Brooksville Donation...

Members of Auxiliary Unit 67 in Brooksville, Fla., recently donated \$2,000 to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Fla., to support the Veterans' Wheelchair Games, the Patients' Leathercraft Program and the Patients' Hospital TV Fund. Attending the presentation were, from left, VA Hospital Chief of Voluntary Service Marty J. Gall, Unit 67 Commander Livia Mann, VA Hospital Director Richard A. Silver, Unit Treasurer Doris Perue, and VAVS Representative Anna Noch.



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Secrest Home Gets Help...

Members of Auxiliary Unit 28 in Cambridge, Ohio, recently made and donated a dozen lap blankets for veterans at the Robert T. Secrest Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. The money to buy materials for the blankets was raised through a Forget-Me-Not drive. The home, named in 1974 after former Congressman Robert T. Secrest, is the only state-run nursing home for veterans in Ohio. Unit leaders joining Congressman Secrest at a presentation ceremony are, from left, Treasurer Marie Christman, Commander Connie McIntyre, Senior Vice Commander Mary Merva, and Junior Vice Commander Betty Edwards.

VA Cemetery Closes in Hawaii

The VA announced that the famed "Punchbowl" National Cemetery will close to new burials Aug. 1, 1991.

Space will still be available for the remains of spouses or eligible family members already buried in the cemetery. Space for cremated remains will be available through the year 2010.

In conjunction with the closing of the cemetery, a state-operated veterans cemetery will open in August at Kaneohe, ten miles away. In addition, there are five other state veterans cemeteries to serve veterans and dependents in Hawaii.



Help For The Hearing and Speech Impaired...

Chapter 34 in Overland Park, Kan., recently donated funds from their thrift store income to help the Kansas City, Mo., VA Medical Center buy a telecommunications device that enables two-way communication between the hearing and speech impaired and the medical center through telephone lines. Making the presentation to the VA's Chief of Audio and Speech Pathology Services Dr. Richard Trullinger, second from left, are, from left, Chapter Adjutant Paul E. Fox, Chapter Treasurer Harry D. Sackett, and Chapter Junior Vice Commander Clif Langseth.

chaplain's corner...

Happiness

It seems to me that Happiness does not depend on solving every problem, or winning every battle, or overcoming every disillusionment, or eliminating every injustice; nor does it depend on our working with perfect people. These, all our working materials, these our fellow human beings; and our Happiness does not depend on our achieving perfection at any single point or at any single time.

Happiness comes in two ways. It comes by means of surprises, little insights, unexpected evidences of friendship and of love, the joy of new achievements; it comes without our expecting it, often, without our earning or deserving it as one of the gracious gifts of life; and Happiness comes thorough our own discipline, through our achievement of a philosophy of life, an attitude—and through distinctive character and personality which we build up through the years on the hidden foundations of sound and sensible thought and of a moral and spiritual culture at once reasonable, sympathetic and righteous.

It is my prayer that you will discover true Happiness as you search the skies of Spiritual Knowledge, for it is there and not on the earth that true Happiness is to be found.

*Rev. Oscar I. Wilkie
National Chaplain*



Chapter Commander Carl Vleck, left, and Chapter Senior Vice Commander Frank Vondra, center, present a \$35,000 check to Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home Administrator Jerry Rhone.

Waste Not, Want Not

General MacArthur himself would have been proud of the members of General MacArthur Chapter 2 in Omaha, Neb. They donated \$35,000 to help fund a project that would eliminate a 17-year-old waste treatment plant at the Thomas Fitzgerald State Veterans' Home and tie the Home's sewer lines into the main city sewer system.

The membership of Chapter 2 came to the State Veterans' Home's aid when they learned that, although the state initially

approved \$85,000 for the project, the Home still needed \$35,000 to complete it.

The Home, one of four homes for veterans in Nebraska, is set on 16.8 acres of land on the western edge of Omaha. In the past three years, housing developments have brought the city's sewer system to within 1,300 yards of the Veterans' Home. This has made it possible for the Home to connect to the city's system at a time when the old treatment plant is in need of thousands of dollars in repairs.



Transportation Assistance...

Members of Chapter 17 in Hillcrest Heights, Md., recently donated \$1,000 to the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center for the DAV Transportation Program. Taking part in the presentation were, from left, Chap. 4th Jr. Vice Cmdr. Harold Burke, Chap. Cmdr. Thomas Southall, Dept. of D.C. Treas. Sidney Schuman, HSC Henry E. Parker, and Chap. 1st Jr. Vice Cmdr Theodore R. Darton.



loud 'n clear

DAV Magazine welcomes letters from its readers. However, due to the large volume of mail received each month, it is impossible for each letter to be acknowledged. Space limitations permit us to publish only a small number of letters in the "Loud 'n Clear" section and all such letters may be abridged. Letters requesting assistance in obtaining veterans' benefits are referred to the DAV Service Department in Washington, D.C., for necessary action. DAV Magazine, 807 Maine Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

POW Issue

Sir: I was pleased to see Executive Director Jesse Brown insist on full accountability for all American POWs and MIAs prior to the establishment of diplomatic and economic ties with Vietnam (May 1991, p. 21). In view of the admission last October by Vietnamese foreign minister Nguyen Co Thach that there were live Americans still held in Vietnam, it is important that all live Americans be released and all Americans known to have been alive in captivity be released or accounted for before economic sanctions against Vietnam are lifted. I urge my fellow DAV members to tell their Senators and Congressmen, as well as President Bush, that freedom for our live POWs must be their number one priority.—Charles J. Bates, Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.

Sir: The article in the May issue about normalizing relations with Vietnam was a shock. I believe this plan is just a smokescreen by the State Department to get big business into Vietnam. The final result will be that Vietnam just doesn't have any POWs/MIAs. They will just send home the bodies of the men warehoused in Hanoi and that will be the end of the issue.—Thomas J. O'Connor, Staten Island, N.Y.

Travel Pay

Sir: During the Reagan Administration, travel allowance to VA medical facilities was discontinued as a "budget-saving" item. Obviously, this caused great hardship to many severely disabled veterans who require treatment and depended upon this reimbursement. Now comes

along the news that government officials are using our tax dollars and planes for their pleasure trips. If there ever was a double standard, this is it. I require about three 65-mile round trips per month to a VA outpatient clinic. Should I figure out my gasoline bill, send it to Congress, and await my reimbursement?—Lewis Gold, Delray Beach, Fla.

Desert Storm Support

Sir: We of the 80th Ordnance Battalion thank you for your support and thoughtfulness. You have been a blessing to us. We appreciate the time, effort and cost you have expended on our behalf. Our soldiers have expressed their personal gratefulness to me. I am passing it on to you. May God bless you as He has us through you.—Chaplain Imo F. Smith, 80th ORD BN, APO, N.Y.

Incompetent Vets' Advocate

Sir: I was amazed and ecstatic to read to the article "DAV Goes to Court on Behalf of Incompetent Veterans" in the April 1991 issue. My amazement was because in the ten years I have been reading DAV Magazine, I have not found the DAV to be particularly attuned to the needs of the mentally ill. I congratulate the DAV for initiating this suit. Now I wish the DAV would continue to address the needs of the very large mentally ill veteran population. I am told that 40 percent of VA hospital beds are used for psychiatric patients, and that only 8 percent of the total VA research funds are used for research about mental illness. Many mentally ill veterans are unable to advocate for themselves. I hope to see more attention paid to the mentally ill by the DAV in the future.—Bonnie A. Parker, Augusta, Ga.

Sir: Thank you for fighting for veterans with an incompetent rating. My husband is rated incompetent due to wounds he received in Vietnam. Although we are married and the OBRA law will not affect his compensation, we are troubled for those veterans who have no dependents. Hasn't the veteran who has given his mind given the most of all? To terminate this veteran's pay is unthinkable. He deserves every penny. It seems the VA choose a group of veterans who could not defend themselves or had no relatives to fight for them.—Flora E. Brooks, Stockton, Ca.

Spread the Word

Sir: The May issue of DAV Magazine, "A Special Report" was excellent to say the least. As always, I learn something new with every printing and consider it required reading for anyone interested in VA entitlements. However, I see a problem

with the information reaching readers who may be able to assist us the most if they were aware of how much veterans' benefits are eroding. I'm speaking of active duty military personnel. Most active duty military only receive the political media, and never give a second thought to the fact that they, too, may someday be a member of DAV. I strongly urge all DAV subscribers to place their magazines in the hands of active duty personnel when you've finished reading it. I know my magazine will always be in my office from now on.—Frank P. Rosenkrans, Biloxi, Miss.

Inspired by Cmdr. Vinson

Sir: I read Auxiliary Commander Myrtice R. Vinson's article in the May issue "Gold Stars and Mother's Day" and was very moved by her warm and heartfelt story. When my husband passed away a year ago, I decided to pull myself together, and go on with my life. I joined the Auxiliary and gained the strength I needed, made new friends, moved forward and felt proud. I now try to inspire others to join the Auxiliary. Thank you, Commander Vinson, on a job well done.—Theresa Berg, Port Charlotte, Fla.

Diminishing Benefits

Sir: We recently buried a World War II veteran, a former Air Force flyer with many decorations. He never took advantage of any veterans benefits. His widow will, however, receive an American flag. But why did they eliminate the burial allowance? Were they afraid too many of the World War II veterans would overload the budget circuits? Didn't these veterans earn this right? There has to be recognition for all veterans who have served their country with honor. The constant diminishing of veterans' rights has to stop.—William V. Stowell, Hot Springs, Ark.

Promises to Veterans

Sir: As I wrote to President Bush on Memorial Day, I'm appalled at the conditions of our nation's VA hospitals and clinics. I'm disgusted with the long wait to see doctors because of the shortage of qualified medical personnel. And to add insult to injury, if Public Law 101-508, which authorizes the VA to charge certain veterans a two-dollar co-payment for prescriptions. Is this the thanks we veterans receive from our legislators and our President? Veterans, through our sacrifices, have made it possible for lawmakers to hold office. We've kept our promise to the nation. Will our nation now keep her promises to us?—Ralph Brinkley, Henderson, Nev.



TV Time in Tuskegee...

DAV Chapter 56 and Auxiliary Unit 56 in Columbus, Ga., recently donated \$1,000 to the Tuskegee VA Medical Center to help buy a big screen television set for the center's special activities recreation room. At the presentation were, from left, Chapter 56 Commander John Bowens, Unit 56 Commander Geneva Stith, and Tuskegee VAMC Director Jim Clay.



Retired NSO Dick Anderson Dies

Richard William Anderson, 70, a retired National Service Officer died recently in St. Petersburg, Fla.

A World War II veteran, Anderson served in the U.S. Army with the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion from 1941 to 1945. He achieved the rank of sergeant and was discharged after being severely wounded in combat in Germany.



Anderson

Anderson was employed as a foreman by the J.I. Case Company in Illinois before becoming a NSO. His training as an NSO began in St. Petersburg, Fla., in July of 1962. In August of 1967, he was assigned as supervisor of the Houston, Texas, office. Anderson then went back to St. Petersburg in November of 1967, and was subsequently promoted to supervisor of that office in 1971. He retired in December of 1977 after nearly 16 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, three sons, Richard, Robert, and Gary, and one daughter, Nancy.

Welcome Home from Kuwait...

Members of Chapter 29 in Pasadena, Calif., honored Persian Gulf veteran Marine Lance Corporal Juve Gomez and his mother at a recent ceremony. Gomez, now on medical leave at the Balboa Naval Hospital, was wounded in the right shoulder as the 1st Marine Division was clearing out Kuwait City. He was awarded a life membership in Chapter 29. His mother, Mrs. Carmen Altamirano, was given a DAV Auxiliary life membership and Chapter 29 Commander George Drew presented Mrs. Altamirano a check for \$200 to visit her son while he's at Balboa. At the ceremony were, from left, Chapter 29 Commander George Drew, Lance Corporal Gomez, Mrs. Altamirano, and Unit 29 Commander Anita Milton.



Merchant Marines Memorabilia

The National Archives-Mid Atlantic Region is holding a Merchant Marine exhibit opening Dec. 7, 1991. The exhibit will include log books, film footage, models, etc. Contact: Christine Henderson, National Archives-Mid Atlantic Region, Rm. 1350, William Penn Post Office Annex, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, phone (215) 597-3000 to lend material to the exhibit.

membership standings

Disabled American Veterans as of June 15, 1991

Stdg. State	Membership		Percent Of		
	Popula.	Goal	Goal	Renewal	Life
<i>DIVISION I — (More than 35,000 Members)</i>					
1 Texas	73,425	70,740	103.80	84.18	74.13
2 California	104,542	100,867	103.64	80.21	71.52
3 Florida	81,980	79,668	102.90	87.46	78.02
4 Ohio	58,581	56,988	102.80	85.86	81.51
5 Michigan	50,922	49,786	102.28	87.81	80.00
6 New York	85,557	83,901	101.97	86.64	79.18
7 Pennsylvania	60,181	59,194	101.67	90.44	70.87
8 Massachusetts	52,580	52,265	100.60	91.77	77.86

DIVISION II — (18,000 to 34,999 Members)

1 Alabama	19,852	18,901	105.03	82.00	72.01
2 Indiana	23,139	22,197	104.24	89.27	76.17
3 Minnesota	20,526	19,744	103.96	89.70	78.05
4 North Carolina	30,179	29,097	103.72	84.46	73.73
5 Illinois	30,816	29,805	103.39	86.59	72.63
6 Oklahoma	21,121	20,503	103.01	84.33	73.34
7 Kentucky	25,995	25,344	102.57	85.37	77.87
8 Tennessee	18,562	18,137	102.34	83.53	69.66
9 Washington	21,986	21,509	102.22	83.30	81.71
10 Georgia	22,080	21,693	101.78	81.57	72.23
11 Arizona	19,472	19,139	101.74	86.45	81.42
12 Wisconsin	20,557	20,219	101.67	89.74	77.92
13 Missouri	22,693	22,330	101.63	88.30	72.63
14 Virginia	26,832	26,519	101.18	85.93	72.26
15 Maryland	20,539	20,322	101.07	79.58	77.74
16 New Jersey	34,904	34,544	101.04	86.07	73.68

DIVISION III — (10,000 to 17,999 Members)

1 Colorado	18,451	17,739	104.01	86.75	87.76
2 Connecticut	15,396	14,943	103.03	87.68	73.83
3 South Carolina	13,852	13,472	102.82	85.59	74.99
4 Mississippi	11,318	11,076	102.18	83.09	68.96
5 Louisiana	14,176	13,900	101.99	85.07	65.68
6 Arkansas	15,318	15,029	101.92	84.81	77.30
7 Oregon	11,049	10,893	101.43	86.06	77.95
8 New Mexico	11,807	11,651	101.34	86.12	83.91
9 West Virginia	12,118	11,972	101.22	84.70	75.09
10 Iowa	10,894	10,789	100.97	87.80	76.44

DIVISION IV — (5,000 to 9,999 Members)

1 Rhode Island	7,430	6,976	106.51	87.79	68.91
2 Nevada	5,361	5,205	103.00	87.99	79.59
3 Maine	7,479	7,268	102.90	88.52	78.31
4 New Hampshire	7,051	6,857	102.83	99.60	69.58
5 Puerto Rico	8,743	8,525	102.56	78.11	79.96
6 Utah	6,300	6,176	102.01	87.62	80.27
7 Idaho	5,617	5,522	101.72	89.35	85.37
8 Kansas	10,063	9,924	101.40	90.02	73.43
9 Nebraska	8,409	8,340	100.83	90.17	79.06

DIVISION V — (Less than 5,000 Members)

1 Delaware	3,756	3,457	108.65	97.65	77.69
2 Alaska	1,530	1,450	105.52	89.53	86.27
3 Wash., D.C.	3,976	3,784	105.07	80.91	83.43
4 South Dakota	4,885	4,757	102.69	84.43	85.55
5 Hawaii	4,247	4,154	102.24	82.20	85.87
6 Montana	5,013	4,919	101.91	88.60	82.94
7 Wyoming	2,344	2,303	101.78	87.30	81.66
8 Vermont	3,175	3,123	101.67	90.31	74.30
9 North Dakota	4,386	4,318	101.57	87.37	90.13

DAV NATIONAL TOTAL, 1,189,098

DAV NATIONAL GOAL, 1,159,680

DAV Auxiliary As of May 31, 1991

Department	Quota	Members
Alabama	2,460	2,785
Alaska	91	105
Arizona	4,912	5,022
Arkansas	2,593	2,630
California	11,140	11,365
Colorado	2,922	2,993
Connecticut	1,217	1,235
Delaware	431	463
Wash., D.C.	382	386
Florida	15,134	15,443
Georgia	3,289	3,395
Hawaii	210	214
Idaho	982	1,006
Illinois	3,270	3,396
Indiana	4,373	4,646
Iowa	1,492	1,521
Kansas	1,384	1,447
Kentucky	3,816	4,197
Louisiana	1,872	1,915
Maine	1,079	1,097
Maryland	2,427	2,516
Mass.	7,169	7,671
Michigan	9,056	9,249
Minnesota	2,444	2,836
Mississippi	1,668	1,695
Missouri	3,323	3,460
Montana	845	873
Nebraska	1,768	1,801
Nevada	647	663
New Hampshire	1,066	1,088
New Jersey	3,356	3,380
New Mexico	1,988	1,993
New York	6,048	6,250
N. Carolina	4,276	4,419
N. Dakota	1,145	1,193
Ohio	7,663	7,907
Oklahoma	3,037	3,277
Oregon	1,813	2,111
Pennsylvania	4,965	5,525
Philippines	134	156
Puerto Rico	765	842
Rhode Island	698	708
S. Carolina	2,188	2,367
S. Dakota	1,150	1,182
Tennessee	2,062	2,189
Texas	10,423	10,637
Utah	1,045	1,064
Vermont	640	662
Virginia	3,298	3,334
Washington	3,280	3,406
W. Virginia	1,580	1,689
Wisconsin	3,811	4,010
Wyoming	246	267
At Large	79,324	79,297

Auxiliary

Nat. Totals 238,423 244,996



Chapel Renovations...

Members of Chapter and Unit 102 of Kingston, Pa., gave the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center \$1,000 to help with renovations to the medical center's chapel. Presenting the check are, left to right, Chief of Voluntary Services, Unit Commander Martha Rebar, VA Chaplain Rev. Edward Burke, Unit Treasurer Beryl Morio, and Director of the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Michael Linder.



30 Lap Robes Given...

Maggie Harris of Unit 66 in London, Ky., quilted and donated 30 lap robes for the patients at the Leestown VA Medical Center. At the presentation are, left to right, Transportation Coordinator Sue Warner, VA Chief of Volunteer Service Ted Varner, State Senior Vice Commander Wallace F. Napier, Harris, and State Auxiliary Commander Linda Napier.

Seabee Base Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of CBC Gulfport, Miss., is in the works for 1992. Senior Chief Chester Urbati is looking for photos and memorabilia of the base's history to include in the festivities.

In addition to the base's anniversary, it's also the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees and numerous other Naval Construction Battalions.

Photos and information may be sent to CECS C. Urbati, NCTC S4 Dept., Gulfport, Miss. 39501-5000, or call (601) 871-2706-home or (601) 832-0575-office.

CORRECTION

In the April issue (p. 25) of the magazine, we incorrectly identified Auxiliary Unit 11 from Muskegon, Mich., as being from Iron Mountain. Our apologies to the ladies from Unit 11.

reunions...

Because of the increasing number of requests and the space limitations of our magazine, we must limit publication of unit reunions to one time only. Send such notices at least three months in advance. Mail to: Reunions, DAV Magazine, 807 Maine Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Thank you ... the Editors.

ARMY

26th INF. HQ. TRAINING BN. (Camp Croft, S.C., 1943-45)—Planning reunion. Contact Harold Arenstein, 31 Nottingham Terrace, Waterbury, Conn. 06704, phone (203) 753-9187.

BASE "M", (226th ORDNANCE DEPOT, 174th STATION HOSPITAL and 869th HAM COMPANY) LUZON PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION—Planning reunion. Contact Davis E. Speeg, 2013 Airline Park Blvd., Metairie, La. 70003, phone (504) 887-1435.

65th INF. DIV. ASSOC.—Aug. 28-31, 1991, New Orleans, La. Contact Maurice R. Neil, 8409 Brook Park Dr., Apt. 112, Canton, Mich. 48187, phone (313) 459-6591.

740th MED TANK BN.—Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 1991. Contact Harry Miller, 2150 6th Ave., North, #102, Seattle, Wash. 98109, phone (206) 283-8591.

387th INF., 97th DIV., K CO.—Sept. 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Clarence Ledbetter, Route 3, Box 265, Cleveland, Okla., phone (918) 358-2024.

337th INF. REGT., 328th F.A., 310th ENGR., CO. A (WWII, Italy)—Sept. 1991, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact C.C. Inman, P.O. Box 932, Union, S.C., 29379.

379th AAA AW BN. (WWII)—Sept. 4-7, 1991, Louisville, Ky. Contact Floyd Pierce, 4917 Oak Park Dr., Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky. 40258, phone (502) 935-4983.

CO. I, 2nd INF. REGT., 5th DIV.—Sept. 5-7, 1991, Battle Creek, Mich. Contact Leon Belardinelli, 1351 Windsor Court, Elgin, Ill. 60120, phone (708) 931-0847.

196th LIGHT INF. BRIGADE, L2 WEST-L2 CENTER (VIETNAM, 4/31 and 3/21 INF.)—Sept. 5-7, 1991, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact Tony May, P.O. Box 531, Phoenix, Ore. 97535, phone (503) 535-7104.

15th and 17th CAVALRY RCN. GROUP—Sept. 5-8, 1991, Radcliff (Fort Knox), Ky. Contact Joseph Suosso, 417 New Kirk Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08610, phone (609) 586-6703.

339th/1179th ARMY ENGR.—Sept. 5-8, 1991, Chattanooga, Tenn. Contact Joseph P. Hofrichter, 1718 Bird Dog Court, Loveland, Ohio 45140.

359th AAA SL. BN. (WWII)—Sept. 6-8, 1991, Clarion, Pa. Contact France Kudel, 123 Hornet Ave., Johnstown, Pa. 15902, phone (814) 535-3207.

110th INF., 28th DIV.—Sept. 6-8, 1991, Washington, Pa. Contact John M. Chernitsky, 18 Country Club Blvd., Uniontown, Pa. 15401.

CO. D and CO. A, 29th ENGR.—Sept. 6-8, 1991, Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Ira Dowell, 4241 Royal Ave., Eugene, Ore. 97402, phone (503) 689-4931.

BTRY. B AND HQ. BTRY., 692 F.A. BN.—Sept. 7-9, 1991, Lawton, Okla. Contact Charles Rom, 1815 Pollard, Lawton, Okla. 73501, phone (405) 355-0167; or Warren Knudsen, RR 1, Box 189, Wilford, Wis. 54493, phone (715) 267-6710.

CO. G, 11th INF., 5th DIV.—Sept. 10-12, 1991, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Contact A.J. McGlynn, 2413 Romine Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15226.

103rd INF. DIV. (WWII)—Sept. 11-14, 1991, Dallas, Texas. Contact Betty Ellsworth, 8260 Moreland Rd., Jerome, Mich. 49249, phone (517) 688-9249.

28th INF. DIV.—Sept. 11-14, 1991, Fort Indian Town Gap, Pa. Contact L.L. Hamacher, Jr., 14th and Calder Streets, Harrisburg, Pa. 17103-1297.

HQ. CO., 25th REPL. DEPT. (WWII in Okinawa and Camp Stoneman)—Sept. 11-15, 1991, Eureka Spring, Ark. Contact Joe Runnels, 1804 14th St., Orange, Texas 77631, phone (409) 896-7101.

A and C COs., 9th INF., 2nd DIV.—Sept. 11-15, 1991, Colorado Springs, Colo. Contact Lester J. Sletta, 2802 Ridgeway Place, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80918, phone (719) 594-4323.

CO. C, 410th INF., 103rd DIV.—Sept. 11-

15, 1991, Dallas, Texas. Contact Andrew B. Setliffe, 6700 Granada Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72205, phone (501) 663-2785.

705th TANK DESTROYER BN. (WWII)—Sept. 11-15, 1991, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Frank Walsh, 2295 Norton Rd., Galloway, Ohio 43119, phone (614) 878-1532.

635th TANK DESTROYER BN.—Sept. 12-14, 1991, Overland Park, Kan. Contact Harold L. Pellegrino, 1630 W. 28th Terrace, Topeka, Kan. 66611, phone (913) 235-0110.

556th AAA AW BN (WWII)—Sept. 12-14, 1991, Avon Lake, Ohio. Contact H.E. Lashhorn, Sr., 3516 Williams Dr., Weirton, W.Va. 26062, phone (304) 748-7778.

70th TANK BN. ASSOC.—Sept. 12-15, 1991, Philadelphia, Pa. Contact John Costello, 3920 Avenue T, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234, phone (718) 258-8391.

95th EVAC. HOSPITAL (WWII)—Sept. 13-14, 1991, Riverton, Wyo. Contact Wesley Turner, 29 Lost Wells Circle, Riverton, Wyo. 82501, phone (307) 856-7286.

CO. C, 32nd ARMD. REGT., 3rd A.D.—Sept. 13-14, 1991, Little Amana, Iowa. Contact Elmer Hovland, 518 N. McKenzie, Luverne, Minn. 56156, phone (507) 283-2754.

CO. E, 383rd INF., 96th DIV.—Sept. 13-14, 1991, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Ray Williams, 2 Glen Haven Dr., Versailles, Ky. 40383, phone (606) 873-2288.

67th EVAC. HOSPITAL (WWII)—Sept. 13-14, 1991, Mountain View, Ark. Contact Clyde Ruff, Route 2, Box 524, Morrilton, Ark. 72110, phone (501) 354-3265.

BRTY. B, 166th AAA GUN BN. (WWII)—Sept. 13-14, 1991, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Walter Hove, Route 1, Calmar, Iowa 52132, phone (319) 737-2359.

50th COMBAT ENGR. CO. C, 7th DIV.—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Huntsville, Ala. Contact Beryl Larson, RR #4, Box 4171, Winchester, Tenn. 37398, phone (615) 967-6714.

CO. B, 23rd QM REGT. (TRUCK), 3342nd QM TRUCK CO. (WILLI, Boston, Iceland, England, Europe)—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Sturbridge, Mass. Contact George R. Marchant, P.O. Box 704, Hamilton, Mont. 59840, phone (406) 363-2006.

96th FIELD ARTILLERY BN. (Korea, 1950-58)—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Huron, S.D. Contact Arnold Anderson, 1350 4th St., SW, Huron, S.D. 57350, phone (605) 352-6313.

103rd DIV., 409th INF., CO. D (WWII)—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Fond du Lac, Wis. Contact Leslie B. Klie, 17928 Arizona Court, Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

67TH FIELD HOSPITAL (WWII)—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact William O. Doppe, 624 Brandy Creek Dr., Mechanicsville, Va. 23111, phone (804) 746-7144.

97th DIV., 303rd INF., CO. A—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Boston, Mass. Contact Henry Spadano, 33 Old Lowell Rd., Westford, Mass. 01886, phone (508) 692-8977.

624th ORD. AMM. CO.—Sept. 13-16, 1991, Anderson, Ind. Contact Clyde Van Dyke, 6912 West 22nd St., Bradenton, Fla. 34207, phone (813) 753-4630.

CO. M, 147th INF.—Sept. 14, 1991, Springfield, Ohio. Contact Fred Bejcek, 5910 Sunset Dr., Bedford Hts., Ohio 44146, phone (216) 232-5411.

999th AFA BN. (Korea, 1950-54)—Sept. 14-15, 1991, Branson, Mo. Contact Dean Kneller, Route 1, Box 424, Lowry City, Mo. 64763, phone (417) 644-7770.

104th ENGR. COMBAT BN.—Sept. 14-15, 1991, Denver, Colo. Contact Stanley G. Sagen, 2205 Weston St., La Crosse, Wis. 54601.

188th ORD. BN. H.M. TANK HQ AND MED. (WWII)—Sept. 14-17, 1991, Gatlingburg, Tenn. Contact Harry Howell, P.O. Box 457, Weaverville, N.C. 28787, phone (704) 645-6641; or Arthur R. McPeck, 1417 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pa. 18042, phone (215) 253-1258.

735th RAILWAY OPERATING BN., CO. C—Sept. 15-18, 1991, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact Robert M. Ward, 30 Dartmouth St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

69th INF. DIV.—Sept. 15-22, 1991. Contact Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, Pa. 15068, phone (412) 335-3224.

661st TD BN.—Sept. 15-22, 1991. Contact William R. Beswick, P.O. Box 576, West Point, Va. 23181.

777th TANK BN.—Sept. 15-22, 1991. Contact Vernon Wirth, 8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222.

78th LIGHTNING DIV. (WWII)—Sept. 16-20, 1991, Louisville, Ky. Contact Mark G. Hoffman, 1221 Brinkerton Rd., Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

109rd FA BN., 108th FA BN.—Sept. 16-20, 1991, Bushkill, Pa. Contact Clarence Lopatta, 6686 Applebridge Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44512, phone (216) 758-2554.

BTRY. C, 724th FA BN., 69th DIV. (WWII)—Sept. 16-22, 1991, Biloxi, Miss. Contact John Turner, P.O. Box 1645, Decatur, Ga. 30031, phone (404) 378-3543; or Vernon Tricht, 3259

Foxiana Rd., Middleton, Pa. 17057, phone (717) 944-9080.

CO. B, 248th ENGR. COMBAT. BN.—Sept. 17-20, 1991, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Fred M. Mone, 16200 Erndale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. 44111, phone (216) 252-1603.

41st INF. DIV. ASSOC.—Sept. 17-22, 1991, Mackinaw City, Mich. Contact Francis Willingham, phone (313) 349-0641; or John Pennington, 7435 August, Westland, Mich. 48185, phone (313) 421-4677.

44th ENGR. BN. (Korea, 1950-1991)—Sept. 18-20, 1991, Louisville, Ky. Contact Harold O'Connell, 1134 Liberty St., Braintree, Mass. 02184, phone (617) 843-2183.

O'REILLY GENERAL HOSPITAL—Sept. 18-20, 1991, Springfield, Mo. Contact Neil C. Wortley, c/o Cox Medical Centers, 1423 N. Jefferson Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

707th TANK BN. (WWII)—Sept. 18-21, 1991, Kansas City, Mo. Contact John E. Bickers, P.O. Box 481, Fort Breeze, Fla. 32562, phone (904) 932-2931; or Jerry Russo, 180 S. 3rd St., Tooele, Utah 84074, phone (801) 882-3044.

95th INF. DIV. ASSOC.—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Greenbay, Wis. Contact Andrew Mirabile, 2747 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60635, phone (312) 237-9114.

304th ORD. REGT. B, 2nd BN.—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Williamsburg, Va. Contact Oliver Lee, 1404 Raven Run Dr., Mechanicsville, Va. 23111.

611th OBAM BN.—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Williamsburg, Va. Contact John C. Wright, 8329 Atlee Sta. Rd., Mechanicsville, Va. 23111.

756th TANK BN. (WWII)—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Louisville, Ky. Contact Roy R. Kosanke, 6701 SE Riverside Dr., Vancouver, Wash. 98661, phone (206) 694-3756.

106th INF. DIV.—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Huntsville, Ala. Contact Joseph A. Massey, Route 1, Box 780, Remlap, Ala. 35133, phone (205) 681-1701.

CO. B, 505th PARACHUTE INF. REGT. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Milwaukee, Wis. Contact Loyd Bills, phone (314) 896-4576.

3405th MM ORD. CO. (Originally 67th BN., CO. A, QM, WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Atlanta, Ga. Contact L.E. Wood, 2839 Ponderosa Circle, Decatur, Ga. 30033.

38th ENGR. COMBAT REGT.—Sept. 19-20, 1991, Valley Forge, Pa. Contact Anthony Delbuono, Newtown Towers, Apr. 403A, Newtown Square, Pa. 19073, phone (215) 353-2617.

91st RECON. SQDN. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Bull Shoals, Ark. Contact Joe Acsai, Route 1, Box 713, Lakeview, Ark. 72642.

50th AAA AW BN (SP)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Henderson, N.C. Contact Gene Ross, 530 Race St., Clyde, Ohio 43410, phone (419) 547-8839.

792nd AAA AW BN. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Marion, Ind. Contact Homer Yeakle, 245 Vine St., Marion, Ind. 46953, phone (317) 674-1826.

3222nd ORD. BSAM, 618th ORD. BSA BN.—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Asheville, N.C. Contact Harry Jones, 248 Sherwood Rd., Bristol, Va. 24201, phone (703) 669-5450.

9th INF. DIV. ASSOC. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Milwaukee, Wis. Contact Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

604th AA BN. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Chippawa Falls, Wis. Contact Francis Denny, Westhaven Essts., Lot 88, 37632 West Old Road #30, Warsaw, Ind. 46580, phone (219) 267-4134.

942nd FA BN. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Chippawa Falls, Wis. Contact Ron Horton, 3339 Charleston Trail, Garden City, S.C. 29576, phone (803) 651-9608.

761st RAILWAY ENGR. (WWII)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, San Antonio, Texas. Contact T.G. Neal, Laketon Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235.

167th MILITARY POLICE CO. (including 159th M.P. BN. AND 502nd M.P. BN.)—Sept. 21, 1991, Dayton, Ohio. Contact Robert Younger, 258 Oak St., Dayton, Ohio 45410.

CO. G, 119th INF., 30th DIV.—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Palm Springs, Calif. Contact William E. Barnett, 128 Laurie Lane, Oswego, Ill. 60543.

87th ARMORED FA BN.—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Clearwater Beach, Fla. Contact Bill Grembowicz, 6024 Fall River Dr., New Port Richey, Fla. 34655, phone (813) 376-8767.

4th DIV., 20th FA BN.—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Clarksville, Tenn. Contact Dewey Augenstein, 9281 Ellen Ct., Thornton, Colo. 80229, phone (303) 287-4672.

CO. M, 395th INF.—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Vincennes, Ind. Contact Merlin Lagle, Box 63, Wheatland, Ind. 47591, phone (812) 321-2371.

25th DIV. (WWII)—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Orlando, Fla. Contact Robert L. Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr., Takoma Park, Md. 20912, phone (301) 434-0192.

2nd TANK BN., 9th ARMORED DIV.—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Ft. Riley, Kan. Contact Barb Boese, 202 E. Market, Dodge City, Kan. 67801, phone (316) 225-5925; or Ruth

Ganser, 713 5th St., Mosinee, Wis. 54455, phone (715) 693-3104.

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USS GENEESE (AOG-8) AND USS TOM BIGBEE (AOG-11)—Planning reunion. Contact Alton C. Ficke, P.O. Box 977, Pinon, Ariz. 86510, phone (602) 725-3454.

USS SC-1280 (WWII)—Planning reunion. Contact Bob Johnson, P.O. Box 1444, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2) (1965-69)—Planning reunion. Contact John D. Pierce, 6631 Holloway Lane, Lansing, Mich. 48917.

USS HART (DD-594)—Planning reunion. Contact John A. Brawdy, 6418 Helen St., Library, Pa. 15129, phone (412) 835-2143.

USS LITTLE ROCK (CL-92, CLG-4, CG-4)—Planning reunion. Contact William W. Glass, 304 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, Md. 20851, phone (301) 424-6890.

NAVY AVIATION SUPPLY OFFICE (All Military/Civilian Employees, 1941-91)—Sept. 1991, Philadelphia, Pa. Contact Phil Sheridan, Public Affairs Officer, Navy Aviation Supply Office, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111.

USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA-38)—Sept. 4-7, 1991, Chicago, Ill. Contact Ed Wittler, P.O. Box 5206, Clearlake, Calif. 95422, phone (707) 994-1619.

USS WOOLSEY (DD-437)—Sept. 5-8, 1991, Braintree, Mass. Contact John Kenes, 108 Wayside Dr., Uniontown, Pa. 15401, phone (412) 437-1220.

USS PC-57H (WWII)—Sept. 6-8, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Ralph Piercy, Route 3, Box 316, Carthage, Mo. 64836, phone (417) 358-7560.

USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON (AP-69)—Sept. 6-9, 1991, Norfolk, Va. Contact Sherman O. Dickson, 802 Christine St., Houston, Texas 77017, phone (713) 643-9439.

LION FOUR/NAVY 3205—Sept. 11-14, 1991, Beaverton, Ore. Contact Hal Wenick, Route 3, Box 196, Florence, Ariz. 85232, phone (602) 868-0262.

USS CONCORD (CL-10)—Sept. 11-15, 1991, Savannah, Ga. Contact Earl Heffner, 150 Rockland Dr., Sharpsburg, Ga. 30277, phone (404) 251-4656.

USS BIRMINGHAM (CL-62)—Sept. 12-14, 1991, Biloxi, Miss. Contact Mary Ann Jeffreys, 122 John Dr., Chester, Ill. 62233.

USS GLENDALE (PF-36)—Sept. 15-18, 1991, Atlantic City, N.J. Contact Bud Ehler, phone (201) 652-4315.

USS NORTHAMPTON ALUMNI ASSOC.—Sept. 15-19, 1991, Bahamas Cruise. Contact John Robertson, 6363 NW 6th Way, Suite 412, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309, phone (800) 526-8550.

NAVAL MINE WARFARE ASSOC.—Sept. 17-20, 1991, Norfolk, Va. Contact John N. Thomas, 126 Maple St., Narvon, Pa. 17555, phone (215) 445-5193.

USS LCS(L) 1-130—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Jacksonville, Fla. Contact Henry "Jeff" Jeffers, P.O. Box 9087, Waukegan, Ill. 60079.

USS CHUSING (DD-376, DD-797, DD-985)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Omaha, Neb. Contact Frank Magano, 719 Hickory St., Omaha, Neb. 68108, phone (402) 422-1259.

USS WEST POINT (AP-23)—Sept. 19-21, 1991, Seattle, Wash. Contact John E. Daniel, 3728 S. Fuller, Independence, Mo. 64052.

USS CHEMUNG (AO-30)—Sept. 19-20, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Charles L. Webb, 1421 Heritage Landing Dr., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37405.

USS STRAUB ALUMNI ASSOC.—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Bahamas Cruise. Contact John Robertson, 6363 NW 6th Way, Suite 412, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309, phone (800) 526-8550.

USS LST 49—Sept. 19-22, 1991, Milwaukee, Wis. Contact Frank Reeves, Route 4, Box 1300, Ava, Mo. 65608, phone (417) 683-2440.

USS HALIBUT (SSN-587)—Sept. 20-22, 1991, Vallejo, Calif. Contact William Dornick, P.O. Box 2112, Vallejo, Calif. 94592-5100.

CBMU 594—Sept. 21-24, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Roy McIlwhee, 82 Vine St., Taylor, Pa. 18517, phone (717) 562-1004.

USS WORCESTER—Sept. 22-24, 1991, Worcester, Mass. Contact Charles P. Wagner, 722 Coachtile Way, Winter Park, Fla. 32792, phone (407) 678-7430.

USS TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOC.—Sept. 22-26, 1991, Bahamas Cruise. Contact John Robertson, 6363 NW 6th Way, Suite 412, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309, phone (800) 526-8550.

125th SEABEES—Sept. 23-25, 1991, Estes Park, Colo. Contact John Luse, 1 Quantock Hills Dr., Bella Vista, Ark. 72714, phone (501) 855-3624.

USS HELM (DD-388)—Sept. 23-26, 1991, Santa Rosa, Calif. Contact Richard Steel, 1259 Wanda Way, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95405, phone (707) 544-0807.

USS OMAHA (CL-4)—Sept. 23-27, 1991,

Las Vegas, Nev. Contact Lee Ruhlman, 110 SW 97th Ave., Pembroke Pines, Fla. 33025, phone (305) 431-6849.

USS WICKES (DD-578)—Sept. 24-26, 1991, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Daniel B. Shepherd, 1810 Hull Rd., Sandusky, Ohio 44870, phone (419) 626-9955.

VP-83/VB-107/VP-107—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Norfolk, Va. Contact B.F. Denny, 2704 Sandy Valley Rd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23452, phone (804) 463-4422.

USS MAYO (DD-422)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Buffalo, N.Y. Contact Dick Slominski, 9682 Savage Rd., Holland, N.Y. 14081, (716) 537-9914.

USS ALABAMA (BB-60 and SSBN-731)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Silverdale, Wash. Contact John R. Brown, P.O. Box 501, Keller, Texas 76248, phone (817) 431-2424.

USS CURTIS (AV-4)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Mesa, Ariz. Contact Francis A. Pavlu, 9255 N. Magnolia Ave., Sp. #293, Santee, Calif. 92071, phone (619) 448-3685.

USS METCALF (DD-595)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Wilmington, N.C. Contact John M. Chittum, 350 S. Walnut St., Huntington, W.Va. 25705, phone (304) 523-6963.

USS RICHEY (DE-385)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, New London, Conn. Contact Hank Konrad 18437 University Park, Livonia, Mich. 48152, phone (313) 464-6537.

USS ATLANTA (CL-104 and CL-51)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Kansas City, Mo. Contact N.O. Besheer, 220 W. 72nd St., Kansas City, Mo. 64114, phone (816) 523-0777.

USS EDGAR G. CHASE (DE-16)—Sept. 26-28, 1991, Washington, D.C. Contact Elmo Allen, 5125 Old Canton Rd., #205, Jackson, Miss. 39211, phone (601) 956-7255.

USS MAYRANT (DD-402)—Sept. 26-28, 1991, Westlake, Ohio. Contact Edward S. Wilkins, 3430 Lexington Ave., Lorain, Ohio 44055, phone (216) 244-5462.

USS LST-1063—Sept. 26-28, 1991, San Antonio, Texas. Contact Don Hunnicutt, 414 Overbrook Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. 32225, phone (904) 725-6940.

3rd SPECIAL CB ASSOC.—Sept. 26-28, 1991, Springfield, Ill. Contact John Peterson, 370 Southbury Court, Schaumburg, Ill. 60193.

USS LCS(L)-124 (WWII)—Sept. 26-28, 1991, Jacksonville, Fla. Contact James W. Farmer, P.O. Box 429, Bowling Green, Va. 22427, phone (804) 633-6805.

USS COGHAN (DD-606)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Pat Tanquary, 147 N. Fiji Circle, Englewood, Fla. 34223, phone (813) 475-6413.

USS FLETCHER (DD/DE-445)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Baton Rouge, La. Contact John V. Jensen, 3918 Conlon Ave., Covina Ave., Calif. 91722, phone (818) 337-2646.

USS MCDERMUT (DD-677)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Baton Rouge, La. Contact C.H. Pippitt, 2156 University Court, Clearwater, Fla. 34624, phone (813) 261-2904.

USS SUMNER (DD-692), USS MOALE (DD-693), USS COOPER (DD-695) (Battle of Ormoc Bay, Leyte, P.I.)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, St. Louis, Mo. Contact Russ Catardi, 936 Garfield Ave., Ardley, Pa. 19038.

USS KWAJALEIN (CVE-98)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Eureka Springs, Ark. Contact Bart Redding, 2007 E. 82nd St. Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. 64132, phone (816) 523-7274.

VB-10 (WWII)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Cocoa Beach, Fla. Contact James Schneider, 2748 Elm Dr., NE, Palm Bay, Fla. 32905, phone (407) 727-7496.

USS HAMMANN (DD-412) and USS GANSEVOORT (DD-608)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Minneapolis, Minn. Contact Clyde A. Conner, Route 1, Box 1, Grafton, W.Va. 26354, phone (304) 265-3933.

USS FLINT (CL-97)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, San Diego, Calif. Contact Robert M. Irwin, 1321 Maplewood Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23503.

USS ANDROMEDA (AKA-15) (WWII)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Contact Lois Guffy, RR 1, Byron, Okla. 73723, phone (405) 474-2572.

USS QUINCY—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Pittsburgh, Pa. Contact Albert Levesque, 46 Foster St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02861, phone (401) 728-3063.

9th SPECIAL CB (WWII)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Earl M. Jone, 719 W. 54th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55419, phone (612) 823-1585.

USS BROOKLYN (CL-40)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Long Beach, Calif. Contact Alford W. Wells, 429 Appian Ave., Virginia Beach, Va. 23452, phone (804) 340-9018.

23rd SEABEES (WWII)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Contact George Manolakis, 474 Greenwood Lane, Kissimmee, Fla. 34746.

USS FOWLER (DE-222) (WWII)—Sept. 26-30, 1991, Orlando, Fla. Contact Bill Burris, P.O. Box 5934, Maryville, Tenn. 37802, phone (615) 983-4121.

SALVAGE DIVERS—Sept. 26-30, 1991, Denver, Colo. Contact Bill Quigley, 1540 Billings St., No. C 39, Aurora, Colo. 80011-5716, phone (303) 343-7704.

USS MANNERT L. ABELE (DD-733)—Sept. 27-28, 1991, Newport, R.I. Contact Roy Anderson, 13 Algonquin Rd., Worcester, Mass. 01609, phone (508) 757-4980.

USS LANGLEY (CVI-AV3)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Henryetta Cokor, 11643 County Line Rd., Gates Mills, Ohio 44040, phone (216) 423-3487.

USS INTREPID (VB-18, WWII, 1944)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Cocoa Beach, Fla. Contact Jim Schneider, 2748 Elm Dr., NE, Palm Bay, Fla. 32905, phone (407) 727-7496.

USS LCIL-445—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Phoenix, Ariz. Contact Frank Cerra, RD 1, C68 Huemer Lane, Chester, N.J. 07930, phone (201) 879-7931; or Tom Mildebrandt, 1602 West Windrose Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85029, phone (602) 942-0064.

FASRON 118—Sept. 27-29, 1991, San Diego, Calif. Contact W.J. "Pappy" Kuhn, 3605 NE 48th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64119, phone (816) 454-8376.

USS J.C. OWENS (DD-776) (World Cruise 1952 and Korea)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Ortle Beach, N.J. Contact Raymond L. Lala, 42 Valley View Dr., Rockaway Twp., N.J. 07866, phone (201) 627-9510.

USS MONTAGUE (AKA-98)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Fresno, Calif. Contact F.C. "Fred" Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93706, phone (209) 266-2978; or Stanley Coito, 5270 S. Fig Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93706, phone (209) 264-1524.

USS SEARAVEN (SS-196)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, San Antonio, Texas. Contact Joe McGrievy, 7525 University Ave., La Mesa, Calif. 91941, phone (619) 460-4725.

USS EDMONDS (DE-406)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Sanford, Fla. Contact Bob Barrett, 1586 Hilltop Rd., Casselberry, Fla. 32707, phone (407) 699-4682; or Dick Boress, 9517 156th Avenue Court East, Puyallup, Wash. 98372, phone (206) 845-3251.

USS SALEM (CA-139) (including Marine Detachment)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Washington, D.C. Contact Bob Daniels, P.O. Box 34303, Indianapolis, Ind. 46234, phone (317) 271-6850.

USS NEW MEXICO (BB-40)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Baton Rouge, La. Contact Le Roy Miller, 21 N. Old Orchard Rd., Webster Groves, Mo. 63119, phone (314) 963-2189.

USS CORBESIER (DE-438)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Middlesborough, Ky. Contact R.R. Carney, 410 Riviera Plaza, 1618 SW First Avenue, Portland, Ore. 97201, phone (503) 221-0611.

USS RINGGOLD (DD-500)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Baton Rouge, La. Contact John F. Roser, 16 Leeds Dr., S. Plainfield, N.J. 07080, phone (201) 753-2135; or Peter E. Olson, 206 Richards Ave., Norwalk, Conn. 06850, phone (203) 866-1764.

USS GLADIATOR (AM-319)—Sept. 27-30, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Don Westerlund, 4708 E. Florian Circle, Mesa, Ariz. 85206, phone (602) 830-1161.

76th NCB (WWII)—Sept. 28-29, 1991, Jacksonville, Texas. Contact R.A. Brewer, 5327 North 30th, Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

USS MELVIN R. NAWMAN (DE-416) (WWII)—Sept. 28-30, 1991, Brookfield, Wis. Contact Roland Marshall, 3460 Cherry Hill Dr., Brookfield, Wis. 53005, phone (414) 781-3897.

USS PHILADELPHIA (CL-41)—Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 1991, Norfolk, Va. Contact S.V. Stofko, 38 Kingston Lane, P.O. Box 187, Dayton, N.J. 08810, phone (908) 329-6203.

USS APPALACHIAN (AGC-1)—Sept. 30, 1991, San Diego, Calif. Contact Cliff Hollander, 431 Del Mar Ave., Pacifica, Calif. 94044, phone (415) 355-6649.

USS SEPULGA (AO-20)—Oct. 4-7, 1991, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Don Westerlund, 4708 E. Florian Circle, Mesa, Ariz. 85206, phone (602) 830-1161.

448th BOMB GROUP—Sept. 5-7, 1991, Hampton, Va. Contact Cater Lee, P.O. Box 850, Foley, Ala. 36536.

AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE ASSOC.—Sept. 12-14, 1991, San Antonio, Texas. Contact Jerry Bullock, 28 Willow Creek Circle, San Marcos, Texas 78666, phone (512) 396-5444.

80th TROOP CARRIER SQ., 436th TC GROUP (WWII)—Sept. 12-15, 1991, Pittsburgh, Pa. Contact Julius J. Sabatini, 6714 Highland Ave., Finleyville, Pa. 15332, phone (412) 348-5019.

15th AIR FORCE (ALL GROUPS)—Sept. 16-19, 1991, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact Jim Gor-

don, Box 6325, March AFB, Calif. 92518, phone (714) 655-1110, Ext. 3603.

96th BOMB GROUP, 8th AIR FORCE (WWII)—Sept. 17-22, 1991, New Orleans, La. Contact Thomas L. Thomas, 1607 E. Willow Ave., Wheaton, Ill. 60187, phone (708) 668-0215.

487th BOMB GROUP, 8th AIR FORCE (Lavenham, England)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Buellton, Calif. Contact Pete Riegel, 400 N. 3rd St., Lompoc, Calif. 93436, phone (805) 736-3690.

86th FIGHTER BOMBER WING (Germany 1947-present)—Sept. 25-29, 1991, Contact A.B. Nickels, P.O. Box 791431, San Antonio, Texas 78279-1431.

1st AIRCRAFT REPAIR UNIT (Floating)—Sept. 26-28, 1991, Portland, Ore. Contact The Hueys, 8955 SW Crystal St., Portland, Ore. 97223, phone (503) 244-4980.

370th BOMB SQ., 307th BOMB GROUP (H), 13th AIR FORCE (WWII, South and Southwest Pacific)—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Ira Anderson, 1800 Sybil Lane, Tyler, Texas 75703, phone (214) 561-2832.

AIR WEATHER RECON. ASSOC.—Sept. 26-29, 1991, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Contact Ralph Tuyle, Route 6, Box 527, Crestview, Fla. 32536, phone (904) 689-1244.

MARINE CORPS

5th AMPH. TRAC. BN. (WWII)—Sept. 12, 1991, Rapid City, S.D. Contact Sam Nuzzo, 516 East 144th St., Dolton, Ill. 60419, phone (708) 849-6593.

B-1-7, 1st MARINE DIV. (1950)—Sept. 12-15, 1991, Minneapolis, Minn. Contact M. Perk Perkins, 321 W. Emerson, W. St. Paul, Minn. 55118.

9th DEFENSE and 9th AAA BN. (WWII)—Sept. 23-27, 1991, New Orleans, La. Contact Bill Sorsensen, 283 First Ave., Stratford, Conn. 06497, phone (203) 378-0350.

10th DEFENSE AA BN. (WWII, 1942-44)—Sept. 27-29, 1991, Lancaster, Pa. Contact Lester Auchmoody, Box 6, Mt. Joy, Pa. 17552, phone (717) 653-6027; or Harold Chapman, 320 Market St., Middletown, Pa. 17057, phone (717) 944-2209.

MARINE DET., USS SARATOGA (CV-3, CV 60)—Oct. 1991, Valley Forge, Pa. Contact Arnold G. Hall, 102 Halcyon Rd., Charlestown, Ind. 47111, phone (812) 256-2015.

MARINE CORPS TANKER ASSOC.—Oct. 2-5, 1991, Jacksonville, N.C. Contact Buck Wroten, 107-C Governors Court, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061, phone (301) 636-6131.

AVIATION SUPPLY MARINES (WEST)—Oct. 4-6, 1991, Costa Mesa, Calif. Contact Lou Bushnell, 1825 W. Hall Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92704, phone (714) 549-0103.

1st SCOUT RECON. CO. (WWII)—Oct. 4-6, 1991, St. Louis, Mo. Contact John A. Hamilton, 1 South Pine St., Niantic, Conn. 06357, phone (203) 739-7638.

AVIATION SUPPLY MARINES (EAST)—Oct. 11-13, 1991, Atlantic Beach, N.C. Contact Pete Freeman, P.O. Box 293, Havelock, N.C. 28532, phone (919) 447-5376.

1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (Vietnam)—Oct. 11-14, 1991, San Diego, Calif. Contact Rob Waters, P.O. Box 7240, Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

5th and 14th DEFENSE BN., 3rd BARRAGE BALLOON SQ. (WWII, Guadalcanal-Tulagi Landings, 1942)—Oct. 15-18, 1991, Contact Robert F. Herbst, 19 Shannon Ridge Rd., Danbury, Conn. 06810, phone (203) 748-9061.

I COMPANY, 3rd BN., 9th MARINES (WWII)—Oct. 17-18, 1991, St. Louis, Mo. Contact Robert Gilsinger, 8580 Harold Dr., Berkeley, Mo. 63134, phone (314) 428-8631.

ALL SERVICES

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS, OHIO BUCKEYE CHAPTER—Sept. 13-15, 1991, Canton, Ohio. Contact Bob Kohl, 275 Orchard Hill Dr., SW, North Canton, Ohio 44720, phone (216) 494-1870.

PERSIAN GULF COMMANDER VETERANS ORGANIZATION (WWII)—Sept. 18-22, 1991, Buffalo, N.Y. Contact Rita E. Coughill, 195 Pickford Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14223, phone (716) 835-0743.

SAIPAN (American and Japanese Veterans)—Oct. 1991, Island of Saipan. Contact Bill Eger, 14159 West Center Dr., Lakewood, Colo. 80228, phone (303) 989-3054.

NORTH DAKOTA KOREAN VETERANS—Oct. 4-6, 1991, Jamestown, N.D. Contact Julius Wedman, P.O. Box 2023, Jamestown, N.D. 58402.

BURTONWOOD ASSOC. (All individuals stationed at Burtonwood, England)—Oct. 7-13, 1991, Frederick, Md. Contact Roy L. Linton, 8658 Indian Springs Rd., Frederick, Md. 21702, phone (301) 695-6563-home, or (301) 663-7264-office.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS—Oct. 10-13, 1991, Colorado Springs, Colo. Contact Dutch Nelson, 812 Orion Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80906, phone (719) 475-7499.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS—Oct. 24-27, 1991, Phoenix, Ariz. Contact Jim Bork, 3301 W. Encanto, Phoenix, Ariz. 85009, phone (602) 272-2418.

GITMO BAY, CUBA (1950-1990)—Oct. 24-27, 1991, Norfolk, Va. Contact Stanley Hunt, 5944 Glasgow Rd., Sylvania, Ohio 43560, phone (419) 882-1723.

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This column is devoted to all personal inquiries submitted by DAV members and other interested persons. Your request will be processed through various computer lists in an effort to find the person you are attempting to locate. Requests to locate persons to Substantiate a Claim will be published if all computer attempts have failed. Thank you ... the Editors.

To Substantiate Claims...

HQ. CO., HQ. BN., 3rd MARINE DIV., Jan. 2, 1969, to May 9, 1969; WHISKY BATTERY MORT BTRY3 RD BN. 12th MARINES, 3rd MARINE DIV. (REIN) FMF, May 9, 1969, to May 20, 1969; BTRY. I, 3rd BN, 11th MARINES, 1st MARINE DIV. (REIN) FMF, Aug. 8, 1970, to Sept. 28, 1970; 3rd 8' HOW BTRY (SP), 11th MARINES, 1st MARINE DIV. (REIN) FMF, May 29, 1970 to May 1971—Daniel Wolfe, 804 Creek St., Apt. 302, Tarentum, Pa. 15084, phone (412) 224-0188, needs to hear from anyone serving with him to substantiate his claim for service-connected disabilities.

CAMP McGUIDE, CALIF., 356th SL TRAINING BN. (1942), 356th AAA HQ UNIT, HONDO, TEXAS—James W. Swain, Sr., 331 Cedar Lane, Arden, N.C. 28704, needs to hear from N.U. Rogers who served with him to substantiate his claim for service-connected disabilities.

NORTH CENTRAL, SOUTH PACIFIC NAVY AND MARINE PERSONNEL (WWII-present)—Thaddeus Koziol, 15724 South Park, East Detroit, Mich. 48021, phone (313) 777-1521, needs to hear from anyone who contracted non-Hodgkins lymphoma to assist in developing his claim for service-connected benefits.

NAVAL AIR STATION HOSPITAL, NORFOLK, VA. (1945)—Donald O. Peterson, Route 1, Box 175, Minn. 56262, phone (612) 734-4891, needs to hear from anyone who can substantiate his claim for carbon tetrachloride poisoning. Would especially like to get in touch with a nurse by the name of Mary Lamb.

Reunion Help

The Military Reunion Handbook by Bill Masciangelo and Tom Ninkovich is now available.

The book covers all aspects of reunion planning—from finding people, to editing a newsletter, to encouraging people to attend again next time. The book is also a useful reference with five appendices and large index. The cost is \$12.95, plus \$2.50 shipping.

To purchase a copy of the book write: Reunion Research, 3145 Geary Blvd., #14, San Francisco, Calif. 94118. Or call Tom Ninkovich at (209) 336-2345; or Bill Masciangelo at (800) 537-7882.

VAVS Appointments

A new state VAVS chairperson, three new representatives, and 16 new deputies make up the latest additions to the VA Voluntary Service appointments at VA medical centers around the country.

Donald E. Landers at the Lincoln, Neb., VA Medical Center is the new state chairperson. The three new representatives are all at Illinois VA medical centers and include James E. Ellis at Lakeside, Albert Passuelo at West Side and Richard Guardiola at North Chicago. Recertified representatives in Illinois include Thomas W. Darnell at Marion and Edward Winton Olson at Hines. James B. Weeks at the Durham, N.C., VA Medical Center was also recertified.

New deputies include William P. Long in Livermore, Calif.; Jason C. Finley in Boise, Idaho; Theodore F. Anderson in Hines, Ill.; Lowell J. Totten in Wichita, Kan.; John J. Mahoney in Lexington, Ky.; Harold B. Hallock in Togus, Maine; and Gerald M. Schmidt in Allen Park, Mich.

Gulfport, Miss., VA Medical Center added Milton Purvis and Carl Smith as new deputies. Ben B. Robbins and William H. Rupe were added as new deputies in Kansas City, Mo. Other new deputies include George J. Homic in Omaha, Neb.; Joseph Blumenthal at the St. Albans Extended Care Center in New York; James M. Gale in Fargo, N.D.; James A. Matson at the Olin E. Teague VA Medical Center in Texas; and Larry W. Hauger in Madison, Wis.

Recertified deputies include Mr. Richard W. Turbeville in Loma Linda, Calif.; Dale Roberts in Boise, Idaho; Mike M. Malkovich and Clifford Williams in Marion, Ill.; Jerry Frank Misek in Hines, Ill.; Arthur Henry La Croix in Northampton, Mass.; Ben Samuel Head in Durham, N.C.; Ray Sassano in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and William Amsden and Richard Harding Phillips in Spokane, Wash.

First Swing Seminar...

Chapter 14 in Salem, Va., recently held a First Swing Seminar and Golf Clinic for 25 disabled veterans and 30 rehabilitation professionals at the Salem VA Medical Center. First Swing Coordinator Tom Quinn, seated, watches as John King, golf professional at the Blue Hills Golf Club in Roanoke, Va., demonstrates the "one-handed" swing technique to rehabilitation professionals.

recruiting awards...

The following DAV members have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in membership recruitment during the 1990-91 membership year.

(as of May 31, 1991)

National Commander's Team (Over 100 New Members)

William B. Taylor - Colo. 5, Paul P. Newton - Fla. 42, Leonard Polk - Ill. 6, Luis A. Morales - Ill. 36, C. Gary Weaver - Ill. 42, David E. Waliczek - Ill. 43, Raymond E. Lawhorn, Richard J. Moralis - Ill. 103, Raymond Lee Davis - Md. 21, Robert C. Sinclair - Mass. 90, Robert E. Noah - Neb. 2, Roger D. Gist - N.C. 9, Marion Shoemaker - N.C. 10, Mark R. Clary - N.C. 16, Douglas Gower - N.C. 27, Ronald F. Hope - N.C. 46, Paul G. Derosssett - S.C. 28, Larry J. Madden - Tenn. 108, Bruce D. Gillikin - Texas 5, Roman C. Osuna - Texas 80

Francis J. Beaton Award (50 to 100 New Members)

Robert W. Ellis - Ark. 7, Jonas L. Goldstein - Calif. 36, John T. Brockes, Jr. - Fla. 91, Leonard Polk - Ill. 6, Luis A. Morales - Ill. 36, C. Gary Weaver - Ill. 42, David E. Waliczek - Ill. 43, Richard J. Moralis - Ill. 103, James M. Combs - Md. 17, Gerald E. Humphries - Miss. 11, Roger D. Gist - N.C. 9, Marion Shoemaker - N.C. 10, Mark R. Clary - N.C. 16, Douglas Gower - N.C. 27, Ronald F. Hope, James F. Smith - N.C. 46, James M. Gray, Euell L. Smith - Ohio 42, Joseph W. Jurcak - Ohio 49, George T. Gordon - Ohio 108, Paul A. DeMichael - Ohio 116, Garry J. Augustine, Richard L. Healy - Ohio 137, Bruce E. Cousins - Pa. 27, Larry J. Madden - Tenn. 108, Bruce D. Gillikin, William E. Young - Texas 5, William J. Morin - Texas 14, James K. Clem - Va. 3, Larry W. Hauger - Wisc. 2, Richard A. Fret - P.R. 1, Gladstone A. Shaw - Ark. 1

Gold Star (25 to 49 New Members)

Jack W. Revels - Ala. 24, Michael E. Warbois - Calif. 2, Ross H. Buzzell - Calif. 24, David A. Dunnagan - Colo. 9, John T. Brockes, Jr. - Fla. 91, Leonard Polk - Ill. 6, C. Gary Weaver - Ill. 42, Robert O. Baker - Ind. 16, Larry J. Jatholowa 20, Wallace H. Hawkins - Ky. 89, Byron F. Murphy - La. 33, Harold L. Coss - Mo. 2, Ronald E. McCarty - N.C. 16, Douglas Gower - N.C. 27, Ronald F. Hope - N.C. 46, George J. Mellen - Ohio 12, John M. Uzarski - Ohio 35, James M. Gray - Ohio 42, George T. Gordon - Ohio 108, Walter W. Foltz - Ohio 115, Garry J. Augustine - Ohio 137,

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(10 to 24 New Members)

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Bronze Star

(5 to 9 New Members)

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