



CNMA-Veterans Affairs: *NOW HEAR THIS!***...**

NEW, Presumptive Conditions for Agent-Orange Exposure: The US Institute of Medicine (IOM) just released a multi-year study with recommendations to the V.A., stating that there is sufficient evidence to consider adding **BLADDER CANCER**, **HYPOTHYROIDISM**, **HYPERTENSION** and **STROKE** to the accepted list of presumptive conditions caused or aggravated by exposure to Agent-Orange and related herbicides/dioxins. Thus far, only the V.V.A. has publicly 'urged' expeditious action before even more Vietnam veterans die. Each of us should urge our local organizations to aggressively consider action.

Agent-Orange & Blue Water Navy: The government continues to count veteran deaths and issues, and has concluded that US 'Blue-Water' Navy veterans serving within the 12 mile coastal limits, ARE now presumed to have been exposed to Agents Orange. **Don't** go to the VA; see an **accredited Veterans Services Officer, FIRST!**

Agent-Orange & USAF vets AFTER VietNam: Air Force veterans and reservists with exposures, since Viet Nam, to C-123 aircraft which sprayed Agent-Orange (AO), are now among those presumed to suffer approved AO exposures issues. Effective June 19, 2015, flight, medical and ground maintenance crews working with those aircraft are now included among the presumptive groups.

Veterans Health ID Cards-Federal: All veterans are now eligible to receive a personalized government VA health care photo identification card. Just register at your VA health services facility, and you will be prioritized into the system; and there is no cost.

Veterans and the ACA: Veterans registered with VA health care services will receive an IRS For-1095-B, confirming that they are in compliance with the A.C.A.

Veterans Verification Cards-Federal: The VA will issue photo identification cards which will prove that a veterans has a valid DD-214, as required by Public Law 114-31 in 2015. There will be a fee, but not required if the veteran already has a VA health services photo identification.

Veterans Driver's License ID-state: Veterans identification and verification on driver's license has been mandated for California residents. !See your local C.V.S.O. (County Veterans Service Officer) for application and verification forms, FIRST! Only \$5 at normal renewal; but more if you want it NOW!

Veterans Vehicle License Plates: Take your validated veterans verification forms to D.M.V. and apply6 for a veteran identification on your vehicle license plates.

Veterans Verification ID-county: Some counties are facilitating veterans verification by issuing their own veterans identification cards.

New Military Dog Tags: D.O.D. has announced an initiative to have all services issue a new, improved identification “Dog Tag” that will replace the social security number with a randomly generated 10-digit number, to minimize identity theft potentials. The new tags are prioritized for new recruits and deploying military.

“Veterans CHOICE”: There have been so many problems and complaints about the Veterans Choice program that more changes are coming. Among the most important, the 40-miles ‘as the crow flies’ requirement is GONE! Changes coming, including types and frequency of services required; so standby for updates.

New Improved U.C.M.J.: D.O.D. has been updating the Uniform Code of Military Justice for several years, and we will bring you the changes as soon as announced.

Indigent Veterans: Veterans with only 1 day of honorable service during a wartime period, may qualify for a veterans pension, even if they never left CONUS. There is also pension eligibility for certain family members.

Honor Flights For Veterans : An organizations dedicated to take veterans from “America’s Greatest Generation” to visit veterans memorials in Washington, D.C.; is hoping to expand its services to Vietnam veterans in the foreseeable future.

VA Problems Inspire Disruptive/Destructive Proposals:

?-Prescription Services: If VA RX rates are extended nationwide, VA loses the discount

?-Combat & Service-Connected: Treat combat & service-connected issues, ONLY.

?-VA Medical Insurance: Eliminate VA medical and convert to medical insurance ONLY

U.S.M.C. Anniversary Memorial & Reunion at State Capitol: Several organizations are planning now, for the 241st anniversary of the US Marine Corps with a patriotic rally at the California State Capitol on November 10th. Let’s inform our Marines!

- There are plans to honor: D-Day & Pearl Harbor & No. Africa & EX-POWs & WASPS & Tuskegee & Native American & Niseii & China, Burma,India & Merchant Marine, ETC...
veterans in the future. Please help us find them in our lodges and in our communities.

CNMA CONVENTION & VETERANS SERVICES:

We invite suggestions, issues, questions and problems relating to veterans, and their dependents; in order to provide most needed answers and information to veterans and their families. New Veterans Benefits Handbooks at Reno Convention. Would a veteran’s issues discussion be helpful at convention or elsewhere? What would be helpful to you; and what do YOU want to know?

PLEASE, begin to identify and organize all the veterans in your lodge AND chapter! This is an incredibly powerful resource for our ‘Family Fraternity’. We are seeking lodge and district “Veterans Resource Coordinators” to receive and disseminate information and materials.

Suggestions, Ideas, Questions, Problems & Hare-Brained Schemes to:

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