

# CNMA MOOSE~VETERANS AFFAIRS



**Let's get organized!**



## **IDENTIFY ALL VETERANS IN LODGE – MEN & WOMEN (LOOM & WOTM)**

America's veterans are probably the country's greatest untapped resource, and the Moose Family has thousands. We have begun an effort to identify every veteran, man and woman, in our organizations: LOOM & WOTM. Please begin your lodge 'Veterans Service Committee' by not only identifying all veterans, war and peacetime, and their service branch, service/wartime periods, and unique experiences: EX-POW's, D-Day, Pearl Harbor, No. Africa, Battle of the Bulge, Korea, Iwo Jima, Grenada, Bosnia, VietNam, Gulf Wars, Military Retired, and ETC...

There are veteran's memorial programs at the State Capitol each year to honor these veterans and we/Moose should be, and should be seen to be, a patriotic organization honoring OUR veterans. We are creating a master information sharing database and seek to provide more information and services to our veterans and their dependents. get answers to questions for veterans and families.



## **CALIFORNIA VETERANS IDENTIFICATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE - AB 935 - PASSED**

- Authorized CA-DMV to install a veterans designation on the CA drivers license. Just take your separation/discharge/DD-214 to your local county veterans service office (CVSO) to get your "Veterans Status Verification Form"; and take it to your DMV. Only \$5.00 at time of renewal or \$30.00 if you want it NOW!

**VETERANS AUTO LICENSE PLATE DESIGNATION** CA DMV has also been authorized to create and provide special personalized veterans designations on auto license plates – get details and forms from your local CVSO!



## **V.A. BENEFIT & COMPENSATION FORMS CHANGED**

As of March 24, 2015, VA requires veterans and survivors to use new standardized forms when filing their claims and appeals. The standardized forms enable claimants to clearly identify the symptoms or conditions for which they are seeking benefits, while helping to ensure VA receives the information needed to process their claims. These forms are designed to capture the specific information VA needs to process compensation, pension, and other benefit claims. Claims filed prior to March 24, 2015, need NOT refile.

Veterans and survivors who need additional time to gather the information needed to support their claims may use the optional intent to file process. Submission of the new

form, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC, protects the claimant's effective date while allowing the claimant up to 1 year to collect supporting information and submit the appropriate application form. More at Moose Reno Convention at the ATLANTIS. Bring your questions.



**V.A. VETERANS HEALTH IDENTIFICATION CARD**

The VA will issue a personal VA Health ID card with photograph to veterans who register at a VA health facility, clinic or hospital. **-FREE**

**VETERANS CHOICE - VA Changes Rules**

The "Veterans Choice" program allows veterans who have difficulty accessing VA health services, to get their required services from their local non-government medical service providers. The program was too restrictive and too many veterans were initially not qualified. Because of great 'push-back' from veterans service organizations, the **rules have been changed** and more veterans will now qualify.

Check with your local VA representative.



**WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CENTERS -**

**-ARE NOW AVAILABLE - - AT ALL V.A. HEALTH FACILITIES**

Every VA health facility now has a dedicated "Women Veterans Health Center".

**VETERANS OF MOOSE** ~ This will be our Moose Family's 'Start Point' for information regarding not only veteran's benefits & entitlements but also special programs of our own. We will address issues important to veterans! We will get answers to questions and inquiries for veterans **and** their dependents.. Then we organize to initiate our own Moose recognition programs.

*More Veterans information at CNMA Moose Conference in Reno, March 2016 – Submit YOUR issues and questions or inquiries!! Jesse Orta ~ [amvetnet@yahoo.com](mailto:amvetnet@yahoo.com)*