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State Veterans' Home Loan Update

Maximum Loan Amount Increases

Effective January 1, the new maximum Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) home loan eligibility amount raised to \$417,000 from \$359,650.

Qualifying veterans' eligibilities automatically increased to the new limit. Veterans with remaining eligibilities of less than \$359,650 because they already obtained one ODVA home loan, had their remaining eligible amount increased by \$57,350.

100% Financing Available

ODVA is now able to offer 100 percent loans to qualified veterans. The increased home loan-financing amount (up from the previous 97 percent) reduces the amount of the down payment. A buyer typically will need to fund closing costs, which on average is about 3.75 percent of the purchase price of a home, and that may come from a gift, unsecured loan from a family member, or the seller can contribute up to 3 percent of the sales price toward closing costs.

One hundred percent loans must be secured by site-built, single-family housing. ODVA is able to offer 95 percent loans for manufactured homes on land, modular homes, and condominiums.

Veterans who have not yet established their eligibility for an ODVA state veterans' home loan, and who are still within 30 years of their discharge date from qualifying active duty, are encouraged to call 1-800-828-8801, ext. 2070 (in Oregon) or 503-373-2070. Legislative efforts are being made on the federal level to eliminate the 30-year requirement.

Educational Benefits Increase For Veterans

Increased State Tuition Aid for Veterans and State University Voyager Program for National Guard and Reservists Will Assist With 2006 Educational Costs

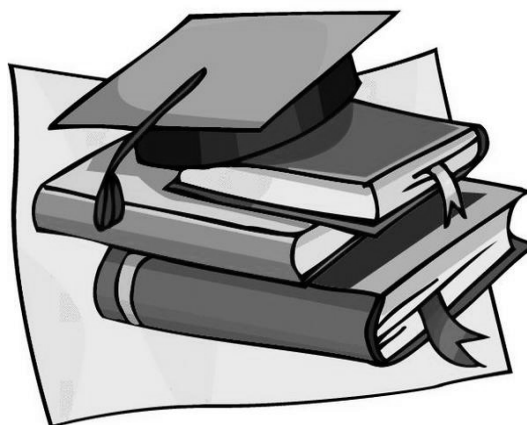
Veterans who are interested in pursuing a college education can now take advantage of increased educational aid offered by the State of Oregon. Additionally, members of the Oregon National Guard or Reserves now have an extra tuition remission opportunity available at Oregon colleges.

State educational benefits have increased for Oregon veterans who are studying full-time at state, private, or vocational schools. Monthly benefits have increased to \$150 from the previous \$50 amount. This allowance cannot exceed the

Oregon schools to provide more educational benefits to servicemembers. The Program offers a "last dollar award," providing fee remission for no more than the difference between campus tuition and fees and the military tuition benefits granted each individual student.

To be eligible for the Voyager Program, a student must be admitted to an Oregon university, must be seeking their initial bachelor's degree on full-time status and have been a member of the National Guard or Reserves called to active duty, and served in a combat zone since September 11, 2001.

For more information, contact veterans' coordinators at campus financial aid offices.



total number of months served in the Armed Forces or 36 months, whichever is less. Attendance at an Oregon school is required unless the training is not available at an accredited institution within Oregon. Oregon State Educational Aid cannot be received concurrently with a federal educational benefit earned as a result of military service.

The Voyager Program is a joint effort by Oregon colleges under the University System to answer the Governor's request for

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Director's Message

"Oregon Veterans Business Enterprise Program"

So, you are a veteran thinking of starting up a new business or maybe you are a veteran already in business and looking to expand or change direction. You have many questions and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) hopes to be able to help you through the new Oregon Veterans Business Enterprise Program.



By joining with the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network (SBDC) and the Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEA) at the Oregon Employment Department, ODVA will help you with the emerging issues facing both startup and established businesses.

You can learn about Oregon employment projections by occupation and industry through 2014.

You can check your eligibility for the SEA program at the Employment Department and if accepted, submit an application to determine if your business idea is a good one and its potential for success.

The nineteen SBDCs located regionally in Oregon can help you with counseling, training, education and technical assistance. Mentors are also available to offer advice based on real world experience in the business community.

ODVA can help with the cost of licensing, permits, educational aid and vocational training costs.

Information about Oregon's Economic and Revenue Outlook is available at www.oea.das.state.or.us. This information is valuable to anyone when seeking to establish a business or looking to expand an existing business.

Information about the Oregon Veterans Business Enterprise Program will soon be located on the ODVA website at www.oregon.gov/odva.

I would like to thank Mr. Tino Ornelas of Hillsboro, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of the Governor's Advisory Committee to ODVA, for his proactive role in helping to establish this important program.

A brochure describing the program will also be available early in 2006 from your county veterans' service officers, state veterans' service officers, national veterans organization service officers and SBDC offices around the state as well as State Employment offices.

Jim Willis, Director

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Deadline is April 1

Along with an increased property tax exemption for disabled veterans, a newly-created property tax exemption is available to certain National Guard servicemembers and Reservists activated to federal service.

Property tax exemptions will not occur automatically. Application must be made on or before April 1, 2006 with your county assessor's office.

Forty percent or more service-connected disabled veterans will be eligible for an exemption from taxation not to exceed \$18,000 of the assessed value of the property. If a qualified veteran dies during the prior tax year, the surviving spouse may file for the exemption.

✓ Applications are due on or before April 1.

✓ Surviving Spouses can file at any time during the current tax year if the war veteran died anytime during the previous tax year or if the homestead property was acquired after March 1, but prior to July 1, and the veteran died within 30 days of the date property was acquired.

Oregon National Guard and Reservists called to active duty on or after January 1, 2005, and who served for more than 178 days during the tax year may be eligible for an exemption from taxation of \$60,000 of the assessed value of a property in Oregon. If a qualified servicemember is killed in action, the lawful occupant of the servicemember's home may file for the exemption.

Qualified servicemembers can claim their exemption by completing and filing the Oregon Active Military Servicemember's Exemption Claim. Forms should be returned to the county assessor's office along with any other documentation necessary on or before April 1, 2006 for the 2006-2007 tax year.

The new active military forms are available online at www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/docs/303-084.pdf.

To obtain more information about either property tax exemption, contact your county assessor's office or call the Department of Revenue toll-free at 1-800-356-4222, or TTY call 1-800-886-7204.

Holiday Message Sent To Troops

In cooperation with the Oregon Governor's office and the Oregon Military Department, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) recently helped produce a short holiday video message that was sent around the world to Oregon men and women serving in uniform.

The video features Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski; Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis; and Oregon's Adjutant General, Major General Raymond Rees. Set in the Governor's ceremonial office, the video features Kulongoski, Willis, and Rees thanking Oregon servicemen and women for their service and sacrifice and wishing them a happy holiday season.

The video was produced in an MPEG format, which enabled distribution to the troops via email. If you would like a copy of the video emailed to you, contact ODVA at 503-373-2385.



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Director Willis Elected Regional Vice President for State Directors Association

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Director Jim Willis has been elected as FarWest District Vice-President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA). The FarWest District represents 12 chapters including the Pacific Coast region from Alaska to Montana to Hawaii and Guam.

Willis' one-year term began November 15, 2005. During his term, Willis will work with State Veterans Affairs directors in his region to outline the district's priorities and report those findings during his meetings with the representatives from the nation's other four districts as a member of the NASDVA Executive Committee.

"Our goal is threefold: to follow up on issues already addressed, consider emerging issues and look to future issues for the overall veteran community," Willis said.

The organization's priorities center on the common goal of maintaining the benefits earned by veterans, their spouses and dependents. State directors from across the country work directly with Secretary of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson to ensure the organization's position as a national veterans advocacy group. In addition, the organization also coordinates its efforts with veterans service organizations and other groups to unite its support for the state veterans' home system and congressional legislation affecting all veterans.

"I will seek the input of each state director from the FarWest and, prioritizing those issues, find a commonality of concern among the four other vice-presidents and their regions," Willis said.

In addition, Willis was one of 14 veterans recently selected as the 2005 Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Commemoration Association. On Veterans Day of this year, the Marine Corps League presented him with the Legion of Honor Award by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

"He is a veteran and his main goal in life is to help veterans," said Harley Ray, a member of the Forty et Eight (40 & 8) who honored Willis with the Veteran of the Year Award. The 40 & 8 is a fraternal organization of U.S. veterans formed in 1920 as an honor society.

Willis has an extensive record of service to veterans. After returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam, he became a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A native Oregonian and retired police administrator, Director Willis served as Chairman of the Governor's Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee before becoming Director of ODVA in 2003.

Additional Oregon Veterans Eligible for High School Diplomas

Veterans whose service in the Armed Forces prevented their graduating from high school can now receive their diplomas as the result of a new law passed by the 73rd Oregon Legislative Assembly and signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski.

House Bill 2681, which became effective July 15, 2005, expanded prior legislation to include veterans of the Armed Forces from World War I to the present who left high school as a result of their military service. Previously, veterans across the state could obtain diplomas only if they served during World War I, World War II, or the Korean War.

Diploma requests can be made either by veterans or representatives of deceased veterans on behalf of their loved ones. While diplomas can be issued year round, veterans may wish to consider participating in end-of-school-year graduation ceremonies held by high schools. Those considering such participation are encouraged to make contact with local schools well in advance.



2006 Women Veterans Conference Registration Begins



The bi-annual Oregon Women Veterans Conference will be held Thursday, March 23 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany.

The Conference is an important resource for female veterans of all ages who have served in all branches of the military. During the Conference, workshops will present information about veterans' benefits that participants may not realize they're entitled to receive. Representatives from veterans organizations will be on hand to provide information about available services. The event is free of charge and open to all women who have served in the military. Service during a combat era is neither required to be a veteran, nor to attend the conference.

"There's an incredible camaraderie and kinship that these women find when attending this Conference and networking with other women veterans," said Val Conley, Manager of the Veterans Services Division, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA).

For the first time in Conference history, a Woman Veteran of the Year Award will be presented. Nominations are currently being accepted for this recognition. Please submit your nominations in writing with information about the candidate's branch and history of service, her contributions to the community and any other biographical information that might help demonstrate her commitment to the veteran community.

An array of dynamic speakers, many women veterans themselves, are planned for the Conference. Attendees can also look forward to a new health and wellness awareness room. Space is limited so please call ahead to register and reserve your spot. Please plan to arrive early at the center, as activities will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Lunch is provided.

"This is a full day of fun, food, valuable information, great entertainment and best of all an education on the entitlements earned by veterans by virtue of their service to this great country," Conley added.

To register, call the Department at 1-800-828-8801; extensions 2384; 2385, 2389 or 503-373-2384 .

Submissions for the Woman Veteran of the Year Award can be mailed to the Department:

ODVA - Attn: Val Conley
Woman Veteran of the Year
700 Summer St. NE
Salem, OR 97301



Friends of the Home

Donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund continue to be received. We are deeply appreciative of the thoughtfulness and generosity of an ever-growing number of Friends of the Home. Those who contributed during the months of October and November 2005 are listed below:

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Mrs. Womack's 2nd Grade Class
Territorial Elementary School,
Cheryl B. Walton's 2nd Graders
Young Women, LDS Church
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Columbia Gorge Doughnut Company
Daughters of the American Revolution
Cheri Redinger
Steve and Sharon Crabb
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St. Barbara's Circle #5
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Glenn and Monica Noel
Gubser Elementary School,
Patti O'Neil and her 2nd Grade Class
Retired Elderly Activities Club—Bend
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VFW Post #2468
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James and Patricia Mulvey
American Legion Post #20
Larry E. Keil
Louis D. Drouet, Jr. and Karen Drouet
Dr. John H. Schmidt
Ted and Irene Nelson
Mid-Columbia Amateur Radio Club
Allen and Elizabeth Jones
Dennis Henry
Ray Nelke
VFW Auxiliary #922
James Coffin
Paul E. Burger
Oregon Veterans' Motorcycle Association
Ken and Millie Blodgett
VFW Post #2666
Andrew J. Spiak
Lawrence and Lois Hughes
W. C. Hoblit
VFW Post #4070
VFW Post #4015
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fry
Walter Crews

Tax Time Is Your Opportunity To Say Thanks

Do you feel it? It's that time of year again, tax season. If you are due a refund when you file your Oregon Individual Income Tax Return, you have an opportunity to say "Thanks" to Oregon's veterans by sharing a portion of that money with the Oregon Veterans' Home.

Located in The Dalles, the Home is Oregon's only State Veterans' Home. Because the Home receives no state tax dollars from the General Fund, the Home relies on donations like those from the Charitable Checkoff portion of individual Oregon tax refunds to help retain affordability and enhance residents' quality of life.

This will be the fourth year Oregonians will have the option of sharing some of their state tax refund with the Veterans' Home when filing their return. Last year, generous Oregonians donated \$11,722 to the Home using this method.

The average donor donated \$20 to the Home. By comparison, the average donation for another charitable organization was under

\$10, but yet it received more than \$100,000 last year. Therefore, it stands to reason that while the Home doesn't necessarily need larger donations, (although larger donations would certainly be welcomed and appreciated), the Home needs more individuals to donate.

Remember, donations are tax deductible and it is very easy to do.

If you fill out the Oregon Form 40S (the short form):

- Locate line 30 on the form
- Enter the number "12" where it asks you to "Enter code"
- Choose an amount from those listed or enter an amount of your choice

If you fill out the Oregon Form 40 (the long form)

- Locate line 60 on the form
- Enter the number "12" on the line

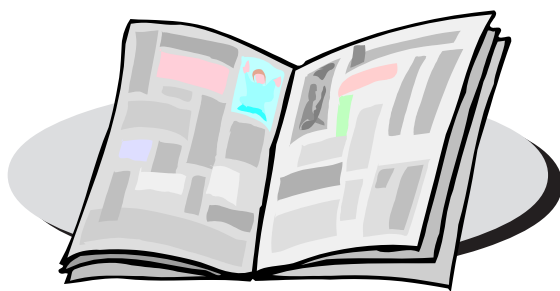
where it says "Enter code"

- Choose an amount from those listed or enter an amount of your choice

If a tax professional prepares your Oregon tax forms, you will need to tell him or her that you would like a part of your refund to go to the Oregon Veterans' Home. The Oregon Department of Revenue will in turn send your donation straight to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund where it will be used to provide care to the American heroes who reside at the Home and to maintain the facility. That's it! And you can feel good about helping those who have served our country.

Your donation protects this valuable asset that belongs to the citizens of Oregon and ensures that American heroes will continue to have a place of safety and dignity to reside.

When you give to the Oregon Veterans' Home, you are saying "Thank You" to the American heroes who reside there – who gave so much of themselves for all of us. The Oregon Veterans' Home is truly, "The place where honor lives."



Magazine Subscription Program

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Magazine Subscription Program, veterans residing at the Oregon Veterans' Home enjoy reading current magazines.

Those listed below have recently joined dozens of previous donors to this meaningful program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by our veteran residents.

272nd Combat Communications Squadron
Leonard Larson
Craig C. Nowland

For information concerning the Magazine Subscription Program, please contact Roxane Kuehl at the Oregon Veterans' Home by calling 1-800-846-8460 or 541-296-7152 or by e-mailing kuehlr@odva.state.or.us.

Oregon Veterans' Home Gift Form

"Give to those who have already given of themselves"

Charitable donations made to the Oregon Veterans' Home in any monetary amount are welcome and greatly appreciated. All donors receive a special letter of thanks from the Director of Veterans' Affairs and have their name included in the donor registry located in the lobby of the Home. If your gift to the Oregon Veterans' Home is:

- \$35 - \$64, you will receive one Oregon Veterans' Home remembrance pin. Remembrance pins are designed especially for our valued donors. The distinctive emblems can be worn on a lapel, vest, jacket, blouse, hat or tie.
- \$65 - \$99, you will receive two remembrance pins.
- \$100 or more, you will receive two remembrance pins and for one year your name will appear on the "Wall of Gratitude", the Home's donor recognition display, which is prominently located in the lobby area of the Home (updated annually).

Here is my gift in the amount of: _____

I prefer not to receive an emblem

Check is enclosed (Please make checks payable to the "Oregon Veterans' Home".)

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

I am making my donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send my "Remembrance Emblem(s)" to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Send acknowledgements to: Name & Address: _____

Your gift qualifies for a charitable contribution tax deduction.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME
The Place Where Honor Lives!

Please clip this form and mail with your donation to:

Oregon Veterans' Home, c/o ODVA, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-1285

Governor Honors Service of Former ODVA Director

In recognition of more than 60 years of military and public service, Governor Ted Kulongoski presented a special Governor's Commendation Award to Brigadier General (ret.) Staryl C. Austin, Jr. in late October.

Kulongoski said of the former director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, "Today we recognize not one act or one part of his work, but we recognize a man who has dedicated a lifetime to this state and to this nation. Not only did he dedicate nearly four decades to the military, he also dedicated more than 27 years to state service. On behalf of all Oregonians, thank you for all that you have done to make Oregon—and the United States of



Governor Ted Kulongoski stands with Brigadier General (Ret.) Staryl C. Austin, Jr. in the Governor's ceremonial office.

America—a better and safer place for us all to live."

Since 1943, Austin, 85, has served in many military leadership positions initially as an instructor pilot during World War II. Austin flew 58 missions in the P-47 Thunderbolt destroying key German ground targets in the European Theatre of Operations from 1944-1945.

For 17 years Austin served as Oregon's Assistant Adjutant General, the second ranking general officer in the National Guard. With more than 37 years of military service, Austin has given seven decades of service to his state and country. He is now serving his second four-year term on the Governor's Veterans' Advisory Committee to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

Several family members were present for the special presentation in the Governor's ceremonial office. Family members included his wife of 60 years, Jacqueline.

Oregon Troops to Teachers

The 2005 Oregon Legislative Assembly established the Oregon Troops to Teachers program, which will be administered by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC). OSAC is currently in the process of working with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Higher Education, and the Department of Education to develop administrative rules for the program. OSAC expects to make the first awards under this new program in the spring of the current school year (2005-06). The legislature provided \$165,000 for this program, so the awarding process will be competitive.

The statute that established the Oregon Troops to Teachers program includes the following provisions:

- Oregon Troops to Teachers shall pay the resident (in-state) tuition of a veteran imposed by an Oregon public college or university, provided the veteran:
 - Has been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve components and the National Guard.
 - Is a resident of Oregon.
 - Agrees to teach in an Oregon school district or public charter school classified as serving a high poverty area for not less than three years; or in the area of mathematics, science or special education for not less than four years. Failure to meet this requirement will require repayment of the Troops to Teachers tuition assistance.
- The Scholarship award covers only the cost of resident (Oregon in-state) tuition. It may not be used to pay for books, supplies, housing, food or any other costs associated with attending an Oregon public college or university.
- The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation and administration of this section in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education.

If you would like to receive more information after the rules are adopted, please send your name, email address, phone number and mailing address to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission: Susan Taylor, Scholarship Portfolio Manager, or call toll free: 1-800-452-8807 ext 7394 or if you are in the Eugene area call 541-687-7394 or email: susan.d.taylor@state.or.us

Please note that Oregon's Troops to Teachers program is separate from the federal Troops to Teachers program. To learn more about the federal program administered by the Oregon Department of Education visit their website at: www.ode.state.or.us/, select the "Teachers" link and look under the heading "Opportunities", or call 503-378-3600 ext 2215.

Daughters of the American Revolution Help Keep Veterans Warm With Lap Robes

By Karen Heuberger

On December 8, 2005, members of the Chemeketa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Salem, gathered for an afternoon of making fleece lap robes for veterans. Twenty-eight cozy lap robes were completed by the 22 members present; each Daughter admiring the coordinating fabric choices for each individual robe.



Members of the Chemeketa Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution work on lap robes for veterans and returning wounded servicemembers from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We understand that our returning wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan comment that they feel so cold. It is especially difficult for those veterans confined to wheelchairs, or missing limbs, to feel warm," said Chemeketa Regent Barbara Kieffer. "These lap robes will really help."

Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children. The chapter joins with others throughout Oregon to donate "comfort items" including toiletries, socks, stationery and entertainment items to the Veteran's Hospital in Portland.

DAR membership is open to all women, 18 years or older, who can provide lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. For more information about joining the organization, please contact Membership Chairman Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen at 503-244-6540 or by email at pattitwirler@comcast.net.

TRICARE Info & Updates

TRICARE is the Department of Defense's worldwide health care program for active duty and retired uniformed services members and their families. The following information and updates are provided to assist those eligible for TRICARE. For information or assistance with TRICARE enrollment, eligibility, benefits, authorizations, or claims, contact a customer service representative at 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378) Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

Eligibility for TRICARE

- On active duty or an activated member of the National Guard or Reserve. (Automatically Enrolled)
- A spouse or unmarried child of an active duty servicemember.
- A uniformed service retiree, or their spouse, or unmarried child.
- An un-remarried former spouse and unmarried children of active duty or retired servicemembers who have died.
- A spouse or unmarried child of a Reservist or National Guard member who are ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days.

For assistance with eligibility questions, contact a customer service representative (see contact information above).

Pharmacy Program

TRICARE provides a pharmacy benefit to all eligible uniformed services members, including TRICARE for Life (TFL) beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Part A and Part B based on their age, disability and/or end-stage renal disease. Eligible beneficiaries may fill prescription medications at military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacies; through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP); at TRICARE retail network pharmacies (TRRx); and at non-network pharmacies.

To have a prescription filled, beneficiaries need a written prescription and a valid Uniformed Services identification card. To update personal information and obtain a valid identification card, beneficiaries should contact the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). For DEERS enrollment information, call 1-800-538-9552 or 1-866-363-2883 (TTY/TDD) or visit www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/update-info.cfm.

TFL beneficiaries who turned age 65 on April 1, 2001 or later must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to use the pharmacy program. While Medicare Part B enrollment

is not required for TFL beneficiaries who turned age 65 prior to April 1, 2001 to use the pharmacy program, Medicare Part B is required to access other benefits available under TFL.

New Meds Approved

The addition of three therapeutic classes of medications used to treat benign prostatic enlargement and cardiovascular disease to the TRICARE Uniform Formulary has been approved. The Director of TRICARE Management Activity has also approved moving 16 medications to non-formulary status in coming months.

The TRICARE Uniform Formulary (UF) is a set of medications approved by the Department of Defense for distribution throughout the Military Health System. The UF process involves the review of different classifications of FDA-approved medications on the basis of their clinical and cost effectiveness. After careful analysis, the Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee recommends medications as formulary or non-formulary.

Medicare Part D

Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D) becomes available to everyone with Medicare Part A or B coverage. Medicare D is wholly voluntary on the part of the participant. Veterans who choose to participate may sign up for Medicare's new prescription drug coverage through the May 15, 2006 enrollment date. According to information provided by the VA, veterans who do not enroll by May 15 will not be subject to a late enrollment penalty.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to compare a number of factors as they consider enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug plan, including monthly premiums, deductibles, co-pays and drug coverage of several prescription drug plans to include the TRICARE pharmacy program. Medicare prescription drug coverage plan options will vary by location.

TRICARE for Life

When TRICARE beneficiaries become entitled to Medicare Parts A and B on the basis of age, disability or end-stage renal disease, they are eligible for TRICARE for Life (TFL). TFL is TRICARE's Medicare-wraparound coverage available worldwide to TRICARE beneficiaries who are also entitled to Medicare. Beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Part A, who decline Medicare Part B coverage, will lose TRICARE eligibility (with the exception of active duty family members entitled to Medicare Part A are not

required to purchase Medicare Part B coverage).

TFL is available to all TRICARE and Medicare dual-eligible Uniformed Services beneficiaries, regardless of age, including retired members of the National Guard and Reserve who are in receipt of retired pay, family members, widows/widowers and certain former spouses. Dependent parents and parents-in-law are not eligible for TFL.

Beneficiaries can confirm that their Medicare status is current in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) by calling 1-800-538-9552 or 1-866-363-2883 (TTY/TDD) or by visiting www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/update-info.cfm.

Supplemental TRICARE Insurance

Unlike Other Health Insurance (OHI), which pays first for health care services before TRICARE pays, supplemental TRICARE insurance plans always pay after TRICARE pays. Cost shares for TRICARE beneficiaries may be substantial if they use TRICARE Standard, Extra or Prime point of service (POS). Beneficiaries are charged POS (a higher cost) when they get non-emergency or specialty care without preauthorization from their primary care manager. POS does not apply for emergency care, however.

After TRICARE pays its portion of the bill, supplemental policies reimburse TRICARE beneficiaries for out-of-pocket medical expenses paid to civilian providers. Each TRICARE supplement policy may have its own rules regarding eligibility, benefits covered, pre-existing medical conditions, cost shares and deductibles and procedures for claims processing.

Guard and Reserve Family Benefits

The DoD extended the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Benefit for an additional two years through Oct. 31, 2007 to ensure continuity of care for family members of approximately 170,000 National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The TRICARE annual deductible for family members who use TRICARE Extra or Standard is waived; pre-authorization requirement for non-emergency inpatient civilian care at civilian hospitals is waived; TRICARE payment to non-participating providers up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge is authorized.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact a customer service representative at 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378) Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

No Review of PTSD Cases

In a move intended to ease anxiety for veterans filing disability claims, Jim Nicholson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that there is no need for an across-the-board review of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) files.

The determination was made due in large part to the lack of evidence of fraud in 2,100 randomly selected PTSD files. After careful review of these files, it was determined that most errors were more administrative in nature, such as missing documents rather than fraud.

“Not all wounds are caused by bullets and shrapnel,” Nicholson added. “We have a commitment to ensure veterans with PTSD receive compassionate, world-class health care and appropriate disability compensation determinations.”

Cost of Living Adjustment Applied to Veteran Benefits

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced a 4.1 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA). This increase is due to a recent increase in energy prices, and the subsequent boost to the Consumer Price Index.

The increase will be applied in most cases to military retired pay, Social Security, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities and veteran's disability compensation. The increases will be reflected in the January 2006 paychecks.

Newly retiring members receive a somewhat smaller, partial COLA for the year of their retirement because they already received a January military pay raise during the retirement year. They will however receive full-year COLAs in future years.

VA Prescription Co-pays to increase by \$1

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented a one-dollar increase in the cost of co-pays for veterans' outpatient medicines. This change in cost will take place on January 1, 2006, according to the VA.

The increase will not affect veterans who have an injury or illness connected with their military service resulting in a 50 percent or greater disability. This group, known as “Priority Group 1” will see no change in their current prescription drug benefit.

Priority Groups 2 through 6 will be affected by the increase, with their annual out-of-pocket expenses for VA medicine capped at \$960, an increase of \$120. Groups 7 and 8 will see the increase as well, but have no cap on their total out-of-pocket expenses.

Outpatient medications not subject to co-payments include:

- Medication for treatment of a service-connected disability;
- Medication for a veteran who has a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more;
- Medication for a veteran disabled by 50 percent or more for unemployability;
- Medication for a veteran whose annual income does not exceed the amount of VA pensions;
- Medications for health problems that may be linked to Agent Orange for Vietnam veterans, to radiation exposure, to undiagnosed illnesses of Persian War veterans, or for new veterans within two years of discharge after serving in a combat theater.

Many veterans' organizations have expressed opposition to increased prescription costs.

VA Commits New Funding for Gulf War Illness Research

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has approved \$1.7 million for the Fiscal Year 2006 to help fund 12 new research projects to better understand illnesses affecting some Gulf War veterans. The total cost of the projects is estimated to be \$5.2 million over three years.

Funding for the projects is expected to begin in January 2006, and would include research conducted at VA medical centers around the country.

Some Gulf War veterans have reported ailments including fatigue, weakness, sleep disturbances, persistent headaches, skin rashes, respiratory problems and other problems at far higher numbers than other veteran groups.

Veterans who believe they are suffering from Gulf War-related illnesses should contact a veterans' service officer, (see list on page 11) or contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 503-373-2085 or toll free at 1-800-692-9666.

Free Transportation for Veterans

The American Legion's Clatsop Post #12 is offering free transportation for veterans to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Portland VA Medical Center (VAMC) and VA regional office for appointments in Portland, as well as to the Camp Rilea Community Based Outreach Clinic. This service is available to honorably discharged veterans who reside in Western Columbia County, Clatsop County, Pacific County and Southern Wahkiakum County.

The North Coast Disabled American Veterans transport van arrives at the Portland VAMC at 9:30 a.m., and leaves at about 3:00 p.m. A North Coast van is also available to transport Clatsop and Pacific County honorably discharged veterans to the Camp Rilea Clinic.

Ford Motor Company donated a new van to the Clatsop County Veterans' Service Office to make the free runs to these medical facilities, but additional volunteer drivers are needed to complete the desired routes.

Interested persons are asked to give 48 hours notice of transportation needs. If interested in transportation or volunteering to drive, call Clatsop County Veterans Service Officer, Kenneth Rislow at 866-325-2429 or at 503-791-5482.

VA's Online Prescription Program Proves Successful

As of November 2005, more than 70,000 veterans had taken advantage of a new online prescription refill program via the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) “MyHealtheVet” website.

Under the new system, when a veteran orders a prescription refill, it is directed through the VA's computer system to one of their outpatient pharmacies. The order is then filled and sent directly to the veteran's home, eliminating the need for trips to the pharmacy.

The secure online prescription refill service has quickly emerged as one of the more popular features in the MyHealtheVet system, which connects with the VA's electronic records system.

To date, more than 100,000 veterans have signed up to use MyHealtheVet, which is located on the VA's website at www.myhealth.va.gov.

Director Presents Award to Veteran's Widow



Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, presents a U.S. Coast Guard Gold Life Saving Award to recipient's widow, Ms. Florence Thomas of Woodburn, Oregon.

On September 14, 2005, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Director Jim Willis made a special presentation to Ms. Florence Thomas. Willis presented Thomas with a U.S. Coast Guard Gold Life Saving Medal, a replacement for a medal originally awarded to her husband Cecil M. Thomas in April 1940.

Efforts to procure the medal included ODVA, Oregon Congressional delegates, the Military Order of the World Wars, and the Greater Salem Area Veterans Organizations.

The Gold Lifesaving Medal is awarded by the Commandant of the Coast Guard to any person who rescues, or endeavors to rescue, any other person from drowning, shipwreck or other peril of the water. To merit award of the Gold Lifesaving Medal, the rescue must be made at the risk to one's own life and show extreme heroic daring. The rescue or attempted rescue must either take place in waters within the United States or subject to its jurisdiction, or one or the other of the parties must be a citizen of the United States or be from a vessel or aircraft owned or operated by citizens of the United States.



Pentagon Channel Adds "Podcasting" as Means of Dissemination

The Pentagon has announced the addition of podcasting as a means of distributing the channel's military news and information to the men and women in uniform.

A Podcast is a term derived from the words "broadcast" and "Ipod," Apple Computers innovative method of listening to electronic media. It is a broadcast of electronic audio and video signals to personal computers. The files can be viewed or listened to via computer or they can be downloaded onto most any type of MP3 player such as an Apple Ipod. An Ipod however, is not required to listen to or view the files.

"Harnessing this new technology enhances our goal at the Pentagon Channel to communicate relevant, timely and credible military news and information to the men and women of the military," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

Emergency Funds Available for Veterans and Immediate Family

A new program has been created to provide emergency financial assistance to Oregon veterans and their immediate families.

The Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program is intended to provide temporary financial assistance with needs that include but are not limited to emergency or temporary housing and related housing expenses, such as expenses for utilities, insurance, house repairs, rent assistance or food; emergency medical or dental expenses; emergency transportation; business start-up expenses such as business or occupational licenses; temporary income after military discharge; and legal assistance.

For assistance, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085.

New HIV Website for Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has worked collaboratively with the Center for HIV Information (CHI) at the University of California at San Francisco on producing a new website – www.hiv.va.gov — intended for veterans as an informational and educational resource on HIV and AIDS.

"While this is the official VA website for HIV/AIDS, any patient or provider with an interest in HIV or AIDS should find it useful," said CHI Director Laurence Peiperl, M.D.

There are also plans to add vet support programs, such as an area where vets could share tips for coping with HIV/AIDS and its treatments.

Disabled Veterans Now Qualify for Paralympics

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Olympic Committee have recently joined forces and formed an agreement which allows disabled veteran athletes to become eligible to qualify for positions on the U.S. Paralympic Team and the U.S. Paralympic National Teams.

The Memorandum of Understanding between VA and the Olympic Committee means that the VA's National Veterans Wheelchair Games and the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic can now serve as a pipeline in providing competitors for American Paralympic teams engaged in national and international competition.

"The agreement between VA and the U.S. Olympic Committee will further inspire disabled veteran athletes to reach their fullest potential in sports competition," said Jim Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The VA Winter Sports Clinic is an annual rehabilitation program open to all U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injuries or diseases, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations or other disabilities who receive care at any VA health care facility.

GSAVO Expresses Thanks

The Greater Salem Area Veterans Organizations (GSAVO) would like to thank all of those veterans and their families who have donated uniforms, photographs, and various artifacts, for exhibition in their traveling educational displays. A thank you also goes to those who have contributed money to help with the maintenance of the displays and display items.

In 2005, GSAVO provided displays at numerous locations statewide including the Oregon State Fair, schools, retirement homes, churches, veterans' service organization events and state conventions, the Oregon State Capitol, and the WWII 60th Anniversary Commemoration Celebration in Vancouver, Washington.

Each Monday, at the VFW Hall in Salem, Mac MacDonald and other GSAVO members dedicate time to updating, maintaining and cleaning display articles and ensuring proper storage when not in use.

To request a display for an event or if you have items you wish to donate, contact Jim Hardy at 503-463-4274 or Mac MacDonald at 503-364-4299.



Forty et Eight Makes Donation



Jack LaBox and fellow members of the Marion County Voiture 153, 40 et 8, of Salem, Oregon, presented two checks to ODVA Director Jim Willis on November 9, 2005. Willis was pleased to accept the generous donations on behalf of the Oregon Veterans' Home.

2006 Veterans Service Organizations State Conventions

American Legion

Date: June 22-24.

Location: Portland Post 1 and Ramada Inn.

Contact: Barry Snyder, 503-685-5006.

American Ex-Prisoners of War

Date: May 5 (Social, May 4, at 6 p.m.).

Location: Phoenix Inn, Albany.

Contact: Richard Crow, 541-336-3635.

American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV)

Western Regional Conference

Date: Oct. 1-3, Sands Hotel, Reno, NV

20th Annual National Convention

Date: May 24-29, Sheraton Grand Hotel,

Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport, TX

Contact: Shirley Cauble, 541-459-7982.

American Veterans Assoc. (AMVETS)

No information was available at time of print.

Disabled Americans Veterans

Date: May 18-21.

Location: Village Green Inn,

725 Row River Road, Cottage Grove.

Contact: William Walker, Adjutant, 541-535-6013.

Korean War Veterans Association

Date: June 2006

Location: Salem (tentatively)

Contact: Ron Anderson, 503-682-7020.

Marine Corps League

Date: Feb. 24-25, mid-Winter Conference

Location: Rogue Regency Inn, Medford.

Date: June 9-10, State Convention

Location: Holiday Inn, Roseburg.

Contact: John Woods, 541-479-2707.

Military Officers Association

Date: October 2007

Location: Eugene.

Contact: 503-399-8359.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Date: June 2-4, Memorial Service, June 4, at 9 a.m.

Location: Evergreen Aviation Museum, 500 N. Capt. Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville.

Contact: Dale S. Albee, 541-560-3556.

Military Order of World Wars

Date: June 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Shilo Inn-Portland Airport, NE Airport Way.

Contact: Larry Kaufman, 503-540-0505.

Non-Commissioned Officers Association

Date: April 29-30

Location: Marriott-Courtyard, Portland Airport

Contact: Rocky Crews, 503-285-8601

Oregon Reserve Officers Association

Date: April 29.

Location: Camp Rilea, Warrenton.

Contact: Lt. Col. Ken Crawford, 503-588-0757.

Vietnam Veterans of America

Date: June 24-25, 2006

Location: Grants Pass.

Contact: Dick Gorby, 541-388-6079.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Date: June 22-24.

Location: Chinook Winds, Lincoln City.

Contact: Penny, 503-255-5808.

New Phone Numbers

Telephone numbers for offices located in the Federal Building in Portland, including those for National Service Officers (NSO) in Portland were recently changed. Please note these new numbers listed below for your reference.

ODVA Portland Claims Office: 503-412-4777

American Legion NSO: 503-412-4771

AMVETS NSO: 503-412-4767

DAV NSO: 503-412-4750

MOPH NSO: 503-412-4770

PVA NSO: 503-412-4763

VFW NSO: 503-412-4757

VA Vocational Rehab: 503-412-4577

20th National American Merchant Marine Convention

The American Merchant Marine Veterans will be holding their 20th National Convention May 24-29, 2006 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Dallas, Texas. For reservations call 1-800-345-5251. (Reservations are asked to be completed by May 3, 2006) Contact Nelson Cauble, AMMV National Secretary, at 541-459-7982 for additional information about the convention.

Reunions

MCB 58 Seabees will hold its 3rd annual reunion at the Charleston Airport Radisson Hotel, in Charleston, South Carolina, March 15-19, 2006. For more information, visit their website at www.mcb58reunion.com or call Carl Roberts at 541-430-3410.

USS Zeal (AM 131) is having a reunion in Astoria, Oregon, April 19-23, 2006. More information can be obtained by contacting Dan Neuhauser at 13611 NW 17th Place, Vancouver, Washington 98685-1801 or email dneuhau147@aol.com.

USS Steinaker DDR/DD 863 will be holding a reunion at the Woodfield Suites in San Antonio, Texas, May 4-7, 2006. Contact Bill Combs at 757-416-1983 or email at combs27@cox.net for more information.

50th Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division is holding a reunion at the St. Louis Airport Marriot in St. Louis, Missouri, June 15-18, 2006. For more information, contact William Metzler at 707-374-1377.

26th Infantry Regimental Association will hold its annual reunion at the Airport Sheraton, in Portland, Oregon, June 7-11, 2006. For information, contact Bob Morris at 9300 SW Inez Street, Tigard, Oregon 97224-5875 or email lionspade@aol.com or telephone 503-639-2365.

Americal 23rd Infantry Division will be holding their national reunion at the Portland Waterfront Marriott, June 22-25, 2006. Contact Dave Hammond at 503-644-3623, or email pacwesthi@aol.com for more information.

Send Reunion Information

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs continues to invite all veterans, veterans' groups and veterans' organizations to submit their reunion information to:

VEETS NEWS
Oregon Dept of Veterans' Affairs
700 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301-1285

Please note the deadline for receiving information for the next issue of *VEETS NEWS* is February 6, 2006. Please include your name and a phone number where you can be reached if further information should be needed. Reunions are included in the *VEETS NEWS* on a space-available basis.

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

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Baker	541-523-8223	Arda Johnson
Benton	541-758-1595	Don Johnson
Clackamas	503-650-5631	Janice Raisl
Clatsop	503-325-2429	Kenneth H. Rislow
Columbia	503-397-2268	Katie Harris
Coos	541-396-3121 Ext. 362	Mary Ann Sackett
Crook	541-447-5304	Sid Carter
Curry	541-247-3205 Ext. 205	Frank Van Meter
Deschutes	541-385-3214	Keith Macnamara
Douglas	541-440-4219	Mary Newman
Gilliam	1-888-804-1817	Linda Adams
Grant	541-575-1631	Bruce B. Makela
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Marion	503-373-2085	ODVA
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Polk	503-373-2085	ODVA
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Tillamook	503-377-0294	Steve Weld
Umatilla	541-278-5482	Peggy Raines
Union	541-962-8802	Timothy H. Jederberg
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Wasco	541-506-2502	Linda Adams
Washington	503-640-3489	Jeff Hill
Wheeler	1-888-804-1817	Linda Adams
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Service Organizations	Telephone Number	Service Officer
The American Legion	503-412-4771	Jerry Schleining
Veterans of Foreign Wars	503-412-4757	Jack Zule
Paralyzed Veterans of America	503-412-4763	Ken Fink
American Veterans (AMVETS)	503-412-4767	James Chubinsky
Military Order of the Purple Heart	503-412-4770	David Sayler
Disabled American Veterans	503-412-4750	Jay E. Woodbury

State Offices-ODVA	Telephone Number	Service Officer
Salem	1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085	Kelly Breshears Ron Jarchow Lacey Carter Gus Bedwell Ruth Sherman
Portland	503-412-4777	Deanna Barnes Ron Kincaid Doug Yerke Linda McMillan Laura Henrichs

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
Veterans' Home Loans - Veterans' Benefits - Conservatorship
Oregon Veterans' Home (skilled nursing & rehabilitative care)
503-373-2000 or 1-800-828-8801
ODVA Website: www.oregon.gov/odva

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