



Newsletter

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
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Support Our Troops



**Until and After
They All Come Home**

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Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades,

The new year may have started out very cold but things down at the post are going quite good. It seems as the economy bottoms out, the number of members visiting the post has gone up.

Members and guests have rediscovered the club and like the changes that they see such as bingo on Wednesday nights and the ever changing food specials in addition to the delicious and reasonably priced dinners that are served on Friday and Saturday evenings.

As with every new year, people make resolutions. I have heard many people say they would like to volunteer more and give back to their community.

One fantastic way to do this is by volunteering at the post. Since it takes a variety of talents and skills to make our post a success, if you are willing to share these talents and skills with us, whether it be accounting, web design, business promotions or anything in between, we can certainly find a way to put your talents and skills to good use.

Without you and your voice, we as a veteran's organization would not exist. Let's keep our voices heard!

God bless you and all our troops serving in our military.

Mark Monson, Commander


**IMPORTANT INFO ON TRI-CARE
BE SURE TO READ THE BACK PAGE**

Help!!

I need help from you to keep me informed of the passing of a family member or friend (Post Member) so I can inform our membership of their passing. Please call me at 952-953-3594, Editor.

Donate Blood for OUR Wounded Soldiers
VA Blood Donor Center: 612-725-2275.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
 House Committee – 6:00 P.M.
 Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 P.M.



Be There !

**Remember : You could win a CASH REWARD
just for attending !!!**

Upcoming Post Events

February

Saturday 14th – Valentines Dinner 4:00 – 8:00
Main Menu & Specials

Sunday 15th – Daytona 500 Chili Cook-off
Free Chili – Judging begins- 1:00 P.M.
Bring a crock-pot of You're Chili
Entry Fee - \$10.00
Cash awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Lent Fish Fry starting Friday, February 27th

March

Lent Fish Fry

St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef & Cabbage
Starting at Noon.

Don't wait until you break...



Need help with Veterans Benefits?
Dakota County Veterans Services,
651-554-5601.

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To All,

This is for real. The heavy assault has begun on Veterans'/Retirees' benefits to pay for other programs. The word on the street is that these indeed are a high priority of the Obama administration. The one most of interest to Retired Military is in Article 189. If approved by Congress the first assault wave would hit the beaches in 2011 and would hit hard. It would initiate cost sharing to require retirees to pay the first \$525 of medical cost and 50% of the next \$4,725 for a first year cost of \$2,888 per person. It would be indexed to increase with inflation. A reason given for this action (for PR effect) is "overuse" by Retirees.

For those of you who are covered by TFL you will want to pay attention to what BG Bob Clements has surfaced about the future of TFL. **If you know of anyone who is Retired Military, please forward this on to them.**

I don't know how many of you partake of the Tri Care for Life program but here is a very interesting note on the subject. Seems as though our President Elect has placed a priority on cutting it out of the budget as a means to provide funding for those things he promised during the campaign.

In any case, on page 189 of the Congressional Budget Office report, see the note below on how to get to that spot, there is a strong recommendation to eventually eliminate the program as it is too expensive. I would ask that you contact your elected officials and register your strong opposition to the elimination of this program. Just another move to slight those of us who dedicated much of our adult lives to the defense of our country.

Heads-up from BG Bob Clements, USAF Ret (P38 Bob) The following has been added to the Congressional Budget Office Web Site <http://www.cbo.gov/> <<http://www.cbo.gov/>> a. Budget, Options, Volume 1: Health Care (<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=9925> <<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=9925>>

For those who have never opened one of these web sites from OMB :

- 1. double click on the above URL 2. click on PDF 3. click on the binoculars 4. do a search for TFL

"Now here it is folks and I will guarantee if you sit around on your behind and do nothing about it as they bring these options forward this coming year, you will lose one of the best healthcare benefits that the Medicare eligible retired military have. It is short of the promises made that we fought so hard for back in the late 90s and early 2000s but it is still the best healthcare program that anyone in the United States has, bar none.

People who are professionals always look for the channel of least resistance when it comes to cutting money out of the Federal and DOD budget. I can tell you this straight on, military retirees are one of those channels of least resistance noted for sitting around, doing nothing, and waiting for ole Joe to do it for them. You had better wake up. Your medical benefits are prime target. If you lose them, you have nobody to blame but yourself. Let me repeat that ... you have nobody to blame but yourself. The way to secure your benefits is to write to your members of Congress and to keep writing and writing and writing. **ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH!!** Keep repeating the above statement until you are blue in the face.

Now I'm going to make one more statement to all of you younger people out there who are not yet eligible for Tri-care for Life. **HEALTH CARE WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME THE DOMINATING FACTOR IN YOUR LIFE.**

Now, I am going to attach AGAIN exactly what OMB has in store for military retirees using TFL. This source is directly from OMB and is not something that I have dreamed up. They are telling you exactly what they are going to do with your benefits. If you do nothing, this is what you will get. The service organizations will put up a fight and are aware of this and will put up a fight but, they will need your help and can't do it by themselves. I hope this makes it clear as to what you can expect if you do nothing.

To show you how stupid these professionals can be at times if you will read the attached document closely you will see that in spite of the MTFs (Military Treatment Facility) need to get patients back to keep their doctors busy and the hospitals from going to clinic status, these people from OMB would employ a means to keep retirees from using MTF facilities by charging them a fee for services. How dumb can you get. Even if you are an Obama lover, and believe that changeth cometh, TFL option from OMB will not go away. They need the money they spend on you for other programs for people who produce nothing but votes to keep their boss in office. chk6 .. bob"

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BG Bob Clement is known with affection as"P38bob". He flew P38sin WWII. He was one of the stalwart warriors that led effectively from the front when the hard battles were being fought to bring Tri-care for Life to reality.

MORE INFO Contact:

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Post 9433
Wednesday Night Bingo
Progressive Jackpot
Cash Prizes
Games Start at 7:00 P.M.
Food Specials 5 - 9
All Are Welcome

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WEB-SITE**

www.vfwpost9433.org.

WIN \$\$\$!!
Charitable Gaming
Powerball & Minnesota Lottery
PULL TABS \$1.00
Mon.-Fri. 2:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Sat. 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM
Sun. Noon – 1:00 AM
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