



Newsletter

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
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 Post has been quite busy over the last month helping soldiers of the 34th Division (Red Bulls) and their families get ready for their impending deployment.

On February 7th the VFW and American Legion honored the 34th Division band members and their families by hosting a deployment party for them. The 34th Division's band was chosen for this honor based on their dedicated community service including their outstanding performances at the Memorial Day ceremonies and for playing Taps at veterans' funerals. The VFW, American Legion and several local businesses generously agreed to cover the entire cost of this worthwhile and well deserved event.

On February 13th the 1000 plus troops from the 34th Division mobilized for deployment by heading to Fort Louis, Washington for 2 months of training and then from there they will head to Iraq.

On the morning of the deployment the VFW sponsored a continental breakfast for all the troops of the 34th Division. I would personally like to thank all the members and Ladies auxiliary for helping make the breakfast a huge success.

I would also like to thank the local business community which included Cub Foods, Rainbow Foods, Sam's Club, Caribou Coffee and Starbucks Coffee for donating food, beverages, supplies, and special discounts and pricing for this worthwhile cause. These local businesses which serve the communities in Rosemount, Eagan and Apple Valley definitely deserve to be recognized for the support they give to our soldiers and their families so let's in turn show these businesses that we support them by patronizing them.

Lastly, with many of our relatives, friends, neighbors and colleagues being called to serve lets please do whatever we can to help ensure that those left behind know that we support them and that we are available to help them in whatever way we can.

May God bless you and each and every one of our service members and their families.


Mark Monson, Commander

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 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



VFW Post 9433
2007 Early Bird Dinner

Sunday, February 22, 2009
Social Hour: 5:00 P.M.
Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
On the Menu: Beef /Pork

Lent Fish Fry starting Friday, February 27th

March

Lent Fish Fry

St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef & Cabbage
Tuesday, March 17 - Starting at Noon.



William "Billy" Burns
Born: April 21, 1931
Died: January 26, 2009
USMC veteran of the Korean War

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FARMINGTON DESIGNATED FIRST YELLOW RIBBON CITY

State leaders designated Farmington the first Yellow Ribbon City and called it an example for other communities working to ease soldier's return home.

This designation recognizes Farmington's troop reintegration efforts, which include educational programs in local schools, childcare for soldier's children and a network of volunteers who help their families during the transition from overseas military duty, primarily in the Iraqi and Afghanistan wars, to civilian life.

MINNESOTA VETERANS HOME - HASTINGS

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) approved more than \$10 million to build a supportive housing complex, with \$7,835,218 from a General Obligation (GO) Bond, and the remaining \$2,289,782 coming from the Ending Long-Term Homelessness Initiative Fund (ELHIF).

In addition, the Hastings Veterans Home was granted an operating subsidy of \$155,000 for two years. It is anticipated that the operating subsidy will be committed for a 10-year term, but will be renewed each biennium subject to funding availability.

In addition to the funding approved from the MHFA, Hastings Veterans Home representatives also presented their proposal to the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) Board of Commissioners. As a result, they received a \$300,000 HOPE (Housing Opportunity Enhancement Program) grant from Dakota County for this project.

The supportive housing complex will consist of 60 one-bed units, which will each be approximately 600 square feet. The complex will also include a common area and lots of green space. The complex will have veteran's preference for tenants, with services offered to the tenants from the Hastings Veterans Home.

VA To Offer Health Care to Previously Ineligible Veterans

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today plans to re-open enrollment in its health care system by July 2009 to about 265,000 veterans whose incomes exceed current limits.

"We're pleased to be able to offer what has been called 'the best care anywhere' to many more new veterans," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. We'll be able to provide these newly enrolled veterans with the kind of timely, high quality health care veterans who already use our system are accustomed to."

The change affects veterans whose incomes exceed the current V A means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10% or less. Congress provided funds in VA's fiscal year 2009 budget to support the new enrollment.

In 1996, Congress established a priority-based enrollment system for VA and a uniform package of medical benefits for all enrollees. The legislation opened enrollment in VA's health care system to all eligible veterans. Enrollment for the lowest priority of the eight groups of veterans who are not being compensated for a military related disability and who have incomes above a set threshold was suspended on January 18, 2003.

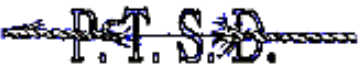
VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA now plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of these veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care.

VA's computer systems are being modified to accommodate the changes, and the Department is preparing communication and education materials to ensure that Congress, veterans' service organizations, and the public are aware of the coming changes. "The rule will take effect by June 20, 2009, if the regulatory process proceeds smoothly," Peake said. "We look forward to welcoming these newly eligible veterans into the VA system. VA will continue to monitor wait times to ensure the quality of care is not adversely affected."

CHECK OUT THE POST WEB-SITE - www.vfwpost9433.org.

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

Don't wait until you break...



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

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
Support Your Club