



Newsletter

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES ROSEMOUNT, MN. POST 9433

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Post 9433 Assists Families of Deployed Soldiers

On August 21, 2009 we sent a check for \$1,064.44 to the Military Family Assistance Center at the Rosemount Armory to be used to assist the families of deployed soldiers who may be in need, this includes \$532.22 from Rosemount VFW Post 9433 club patrons and others that made voluntary donations.

The Post matched those donations with \$532.22 from the Post relief fund. Money in the relief fund is received through the distribution of poppies just before Memorial Day and can only be used to assist veterans, active duty personnel or their families in times of need.

This donation is being made in honor of the four soldiers that recently died as a result of action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- Cpl. Benjamin Kopp of Rosemount
Spc. Daniel Paul Drevnick, of Woodbury
Spc. James David Wertish, of Olivia
Spc. Carlos E. Wilcox, of Cottage Grove

Special Announcement Saturday, Sept.26 - 6:30 P.M.

The Rosemount Veterans Memorial Committee has added the name of Cpl. Benjamin Kopp of Rosemount to the Veterans Memorial in Central Park.

Cpl. Kopp was an Army Ranger and this was his first tour in Afghanistan after two tours in Iraq. He graduated from Rosemount High School in 2006. He was buried Aug. 7 in Arlington National Cemetery

On Saturday Sept. 26 at 6:30 P.M. there will be an Un-veiling Program at the Memorial.

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

HELP WANTED

Rosemount VFW Post 9433 needs a retaining wall at the back of the building replaced soon. We would like to give the work to a couple of veterans that need work. This is an opportunity for a veteran to earn some money if they are unemployed or need a little extra cash. The VFW will purchase all the materials and have them delivered before the project starts. We need to get this done this fall. This will be hard physical labor that includes removing the old rail tie retaining wall. Digging the trench for the base of the new wall and laying the block.

If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please contact me by email at gdevlaminck@comcast.net or call 651-470-8905. We have plans in place for what needs to done.

Thank you, Gish Devlaminck

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

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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Have You Forgotten ?



Secretary Shinseki Moves to Simplify PTSD Compensation Rules



WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). “The hidden wounds of war are being addressed vigorously and comprehensively by this administration as we move VA forward in its transformation to the 21st century,” said Secretary Shinseki.

The VA is publishing a proposed regulation today in the Federal Register to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted over the next 60 days. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received.

Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a Veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the Veteran's symptoms are related to the claimed stressor. Previously, claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that a non-combat Veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity. This rule would simplify the development that is required for these cases.

PTSD is a recognized anxiety disorder that can follow seeing or experiencing an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury to which a person responds with intense fear, helplessness or horror, and is not uncommon in war. Feelings of fear, confusion or anger often subside, but if the feelings don't go away or get worse, a Veteran may have PTSD.

VA is bolstering its mental health capacity to serve combat Veterans, adding thousands of new professionals to its rolls in the last four years. The Department also has established a suicide prevention helpline (1-800-273-TALK) and Web site available for online chat in the evenings at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans.

Specter Says He May Introduce Legislation to Ban Veterans' Guide on End-of-Life Care

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter said Tuesday he may introduce legislation to "prohibit" the use of a controversial end-of-life care guide used by the Veterans Administration that critics say sends a "hurry-up-and-die" message to injured troops.

The guide, called "Your Life, Your Choices," was suspended under the Bush administration but has been revived by veterans officials in the Obama administration.

Specter, who sits on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, on Monday formally requested a hearing on the subject in a letter to Chairman Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. He said he has also asked the Department of Veterans Affairs to suspend the use of the guide and take it down from its Web site pending an analysis of the document. "That counseling memo is very tough on veterans and I don't think it's the appropriate counseling. I think we have to protect the veterans and encourage them," "If the hearing shows what I think it will show -- that it's not desirable -- I will introduce legislation to prohibit it."

Jim Towey, former director of the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, told "FOX News Sunday" that the document makes injured veterans feel like a burden and encourages the severely injured to choose death. He said it should be tossed out. "This is a slippery slope," he said Sunday. "When you look at the book it makes people feel like they're a burden and they should do the decent thing and die."

Towey said the questions posed by the guide embed the suggestion that veterans who are suffering may want to choose death. One section titled, "What Makes Your Life Worth Living?," offers a checklist of scenarios -- the person filling out the form is asked to rate whether life would be worth living under each of them.

"I am a severe financial burden on my family," reads one of them. "My situation causes severe emotional burden for my family," reads another.