NEWS

Vietnam Veterans Get Their Day

“Our veterans answered our country’s call and served with honor, and on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam. Yet, in one of the war’s most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected - to face treatment unbecitting their courage - a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again. Today, we reaffirm one our most fundamental obligations: to show all who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us. Half a century after those helicopters swept off the ground and into the annals of history, we pay tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, the millions who served, and the million more who awaited their return. Our Nation stands stronger for their service, and on Vietnam Veterans Day, we honor their proud legacy with our deepest gratitude.” (Barack Obama, Presidential Proclamation - Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29, 2012)

Compensated Study at UW-Madison for OIF/OFF Veterans

The Center for Investigating Healthy Minds/Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is running the second part of the Veteran Wellness Study. Participants can make up to $380 for their participation. Any combat-exposed male or female OIF/OEF veteran is welcome to participate. For more information, please visit the Vet Study website or email wellness@mailplus.wisc.edu with “Veteran Wellness Study” in the subject line.

TIPS & ADVICE

Direct Deposit

Direct deposit is the fastest, most secure way to receive your funds. If you have not already set up direct deposit, you can do so by calling (877) 838-2778.

DFAS Scam Alert

Beware - scam letter! A letter is making the circuit purporting to be from the DFAS asking military member’s fiancées to register in their system entitled them to benefits in the event of the member’s death - all for only a $350 fee. It’s not true and not a DFAS letter - it’s a scan. DFAS policy is that they will not send unsolicited email messages with attachments. (Source: NAVPA ListServ)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vietnam Veteran Job Fairs

Looking for a job? Check out these upcoming Madison-area job fairs:
- Edgewood College - June 8, 2012, 1- 4 p.m.
- Madison College-Watertown Campus, Aug. 16, 2012, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dress for interviews and bring your resume.

Update on Women’s Group at VA Hospital

The Vets for Vets Women’s Only group has changed their hours. The Vet Group will now meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at the Madison VA Hospital.

OPPORTUNITIES

Disabled Veteran Job Opportunity

The Department of Workforce Development is seeking applicants for a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist position. Applicants are required to complete an exam packet by Friday, April 6, 2012.

For more information or to obtain an exam packet, email CMG.jobs@wfd.wisconsin.gov. Applicants must have at least a 30% service-connected disability rating.