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From the desk of:



John P. Sheffey
Executive Vice. Pres.

5/17/83

Dear Morton -

I hand-delivered this letter to the seventeen members of the Appropriations Committee whom Counsel selected for special attention.

There just wasn't time to do anything more.

John —

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May 17, 1983

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Akaka:

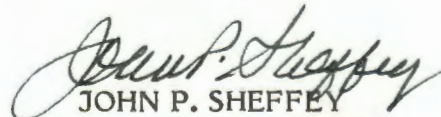
The National Association for Uniformed Services urges you to support the President's budgetary proposals for production and deployment of 100 MX missiles and for starting work on a small, single-warhead ICBM.

I am sure you are already familiar with the arguments for and against these proposals. It is impossible to be absolutely sure what will prove best in the years to come, but to need these weapons in the future and not have them would have been a tragic miscalculation. To have them and not need them would be no more wasteful than having fire insurance and not have a fire.

Perhaps the most important value of these new weapons is the perception of strength and determination that their deployment will create in the minds of both our allies and our enemies. Only this perception will lead the Russians to significant arms reduction agreements.

The President has the responsibility for the conduct of our foreign policy. I hope you will help give him the resources he needs to do so effectively.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. SHEFFEY
Executive Vice President

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The Honorable James Watt, Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The National Association for Uniformed Services supports the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial with the proposed design changes (flag, statue, and inscription). We hope the changes are promptly approved by all concerned, and that the memorial will be constructed without further delay.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SHEFFEY
Executive Vice President

JPS/k


cc: Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, White House
Mr.. Jan Scruggs, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1981

TO: Robert Nimmo

FROM: Morton Blackwell 

RE: Meeting with John Sheffey of the
National Association for Uniformed Services

We have received a call from Col. John Sheffey, Executive Vice-President of the National Association for Uniformed Services, concerning "Catch 62." He has not as yet received any response from VA and is requesting a meeting with you to discuss his concerns.

His organization has been supportive of the President, especially during the recent AWACS deal.

I would ask you to please find time in your schedule to meet with John Sheffey. His phone number is 750-1342.

Thank you.

National Association for Uniformed Services

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



SBP Open Enrollment OK'd By Congress

The House Armed Services Committee in their portion of HR 3982, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, added a provision authorizing an open enrollment period to the military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and it has been passed by the Congress and become law.

NAUS members need not be reminded that open enrollment has been a long sought legislative objective of NAUS and other military associations. The many changes to SBP since 1972 have called for the necessity of an open enrollment period.

For those military retirees who are not participating in SBP, this is a second chance opportunity to provide an annuity for their surviving spouse. This opportunity will not be repeated as those who monitor or work with Congress will quickly assure you. Without SBP, retired pay stops with the death of the retiree. With SBP, up to 55% of the retiree's

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NAUS Perspective

Is Conscription the Answer?

Reports of the coming demise of the All Volunteer Force (AVF) may be somewhat like the first reports of Mark Twain's death—a bit premature. Remember, President Reagan made what is generally regarded as a campaign promise not to restore the draft, and he is establishing a unique track record for keeping his campaign promises.

The draft issue is one on which equally wise political leaders and experienced professional military men disagree, and none of the arguments for or against its restoration are fully conclusive. It is a political issue, not a defense issue.

In both the Carter and the Reagan Administration NAUS has noted a fairly uniform pattern of opinions about the draft in the Defense establishment. At the Pentagon level, the civilian secretaries all maintain that the AVF is working satisfactorily and needs only a bit of fine tuning to meet the needs of the active forces. They back their positions with convincing statistics about the numbers and quality of volunteers and improving morale and discipline. They give dire predictions of the cost and political dissent that restoration of the draft would entail. The uniform

services chiefs have usually supported their civilian superiors in their public statements, hedging here and there with reminders that the AVF promise of pay comparability has not been kept. Their public position can be summarized as: "The AVF concept is a marginal success for the active forces and should work fairly well with improved pay and education incentives, but we don't know what to do about the Reserves without a draft." When a Service Chief publicly states that conscription is needed, as did the Chief of Naval Operations last year; or suggest that it should be seriously considered for the future as did the Army Chief of Staff recently, the Pentagon civilian leadership either ignores him or issues soothing statements to the effect that all members of the JCS really do support the President's policy.

The area in which there is general agreement that the AVF concept is not working is among the Reserve Forces. While the Navy Reserve, the Air National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve are in fairly good shape, the Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserve have serious shortfalls. The Individual

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retired pay can be received by the surviving spouse for a lifetime, unless remarriage takes place before the age of 60. There is an old saying, "you can't take it with you," however without SBP a retiree in essence takes his retired pay with him.

Open enrollment applies only to current retirees. This is stated because NAUS has received inquiries from widows without SBP benefits asking if there is any provision for them to make the payments their deceased spouse did not make which would then entitle them to SBP benefits.

As this issue of the USJ goes to press, the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 passed by Congress on July 30 has not been assigned a public law number. This will be reported in the next issue of the USJ.

The open enrollment provides that any retiree not participating or not participating to the maximum level (55% of retired pay) may elect to participate or to increase their current election to the maximum level.

The open enrollment period will begin Oct. 1, 1981 and end on Sept. 30, 1982.

A new participant must be enrolled for two years before the surviving spouse is eligible for the designated benefit. This is simply the principle of a pre-existing condition clause. If the participant dies before the two-year waiting period is satisfied, the amount deducted from retired pay will be paid in a lump sum to the retirees beneficiary.

Some may argue the waiting period is excessive. One must, however, weigh it against the potential benefits that go to the survivor. If the retiree does not live the full two years, the cost of SBP is not lost because it's refunded to the survivor. If the retiree does fulfill the waiting period, the benefit received by the survivor is of enormous value. One need but speak with one widow without SBP to know its value. The big push by widow organizations to have Con-

gress enact "forgotten widows" SBP benefits speaks for its value.

Not to be overlooked is that SBP reductions from retired pay are not taxable. This, on top of the tax cut bill passed by Congress, helps to lower taxable income.

The Department of Defense will be issuing implementing instructions on how retirees can enroll or increase their current participation level. These instructions will be reported in the USJ when available.

SBP is not designed to be the total estate assets of a retiree, but it does guarantee the equivalent of at least 55% of a retiree's retired pay to a surviving spouse.

Quick Death

The proposal that came out of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee to reduce the paychecks of military retirees employed by the Federal Government by 100% of their retired pay died a quick death, as expected. Instead, the House voted to go to one cost-of-living increase in military retired pay as reported elsewhere in this USJ.

Catch-62

The bills to permit continued Civil Service annuity credit after age 62 for Social Security covered military service, S.46 and HR 116, have not been scheduled for hearings as we go to press. The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service have requested positions on the bills from each of the Executive Agencies having interests in them. These are the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration, the Office of Personnel Management, the Postal Service and the Department of Health and Human Services (which includes the Social Security Administration).

Since publication of the list of cosponsors in the July-August USJ,

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (Md.-D) has joined in cosponsoring S.46, bringing the total to 14 Senators including Sen. Strom Thurmond (S.C.-R).

In the House, the following additional Representatives have joined in cosponsoring HR 116, bringing the total to 34, including Rep. Charles Bennett (Fla.-3-D); Walter Jones (N.C.-1-D), Roy Dyson (Md.-1-D), William Thomas (Calif.-18-R) Marjorie Holt (Md.-4-R), Cecil Heftel (Hawaii-1-D), Howard Wolpe (Mich.-3-D), L.A. Bafalis (Fla.-10-R), Don Young (Alaska-AL-R), Charles Dougherty (Pa.-4-R), David Emery (Maine-1-R), Jerry Patterson (Calif.-38-D), Robin Beard (Tenn.-6-R), Bill McCollum (Fla.-5-R), Steny Hoyer (Md.-5-D) and Robert Lagomarsino (Calif.-19-R).

If your two Senators and Representative are not among the cosponsors, write them and let them know your wishes.

Divorced Spouses Bills

On June 26 the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision on the McCarty vs McCarty Case, ruling that military retired pay cannot be treated as property to be divided like other assets in a divorce settlement. This landmark ruling invalidates hundreds of divorce court decisions in community property states and in those others where state law treats retirement rights accumulated by one spouse during marriage as property in which the other spouse has a vested interest.

NAUS is proud to have joined with the Non Commissioned Officers Association, The Retired Officers Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, The Fleet Reserve Association, the Reserve Officers Association and the Marine Corps League in supporting LtCol McCarty before the Supreme Court by filing an Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) petition on his behalf.

The Supreme Court ruling does not automatically make existing court-ordered allocations of retired pay in-

valid. Each retiree who wants to stop such payments must go back to the same court that issued the judgement in the first place and request that the judgement be vacated or modified. The McCarty ruling applies only to the division of retired pay as community property. It does not invalidate court-ordered alimony payments. McCarty was paying \$500/month alimony plus almost half his retired pay to his divorced wife. He will continue to have to pay the alimony.

It can be expected that many divorced spouses will seek court-ordered increases in alimony when they lose shares of their former spouses' retired pay under the McCarty ruling.

The Court's ruling still leaves the Congress free to legislate a requirement for division of retired pay and survivor benefits with divorced spouses. The bills for this purpose currently before the 97th Congress were described in the July-August Journal (S.888, HR 1711, HR 3117, and HR 3039). The Court's decision was a major disappointment to the women's organizations supporting these bills, and they have redoubled their efforts to have the Congress authorize what the court has denied. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.) has already introduced S.1453 which would restore to the states the right to treat military pay as community property if they so desire.

The House Committee on Armed Services will undoubtedly hold hearings on Rep. Patricia Schroeder's (Colo.-1-D) HR 3039 later this year. The Supreme Court ruling should serve to strengthen the opposition, which includes a great majority of the career members of the uniformed services, both male and female. Countering this, however, is the broad effort to provide greater old-age economic security for women, particularly those who devoted most or all of their working lives to housekeeping and family care.

As we go to press, the opposition to the Schroeder bill appears to be

sufficient to prevent its approval, but the emotional appeal of the plight of the older divorced wife should not be underestimated. It is not a simple issue and it is certainly not one in which the uniformed services (and the Foreign Service) should be singled out for unique treatment. Therefore, NAUS remains opposed to HR 3039.

LtCol. McCarty spent more than \$50,000 of his own money carrying his appeal to the Supreme Court. His supporters have established a fund to help defray these costs, but at last report, contributions to it total less than \$2,200.

McCarty's efforts will save thousands of dollars in retired pay for a significant number of uniformed service retirees. NAUS strongly urges those who so benefit to make a substantial contribution to the man who has borne nearly all the cost.

Contributions should be sent to: Richard McCarty Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 35954, Tucson, Ariz. 85740.

WW I Pension Bill

Bills authorizing a WW1 veterans pension have been introduced in many of the past Congresses. However, not until now has Congress held hearings. On July 21, the Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, and Insurance of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee heard testimony on HR 1918 which was introduced by Rep. Glenn M. Anderson (Calif.-32-D). Chairman Sam B. Hall (Texas-1-D) conducted hearings in an almost movie-type setting. No less than 10 U.S. Representatives were scheduled witnesses. Rep. Ike Skelton (Mo.-4-D) gave a most stirring recollection of the national patriotism instilled in him by his father, a WW1 veteran. The others were all in general support of HR 1918. Eight military and veteran organizations, plus the Veterans Administration, were also scheduled as witnesses.

While there were many spectators

in the hearing room, Clarence Duvall and Herman Williams, both WW1 veterans, were easily recognizable in their authentic WW1 uniforms. Chairman Hall recessed the committee to have a group picture taken for the record of all subcommittee members and these two veterans.

Veterans of WW1 of the U.S.A., Inc. was most ably represented by its Commander, William Fisher, and National Legislative Director, Winston Roche, ages 86 and 83 respectively.

Twice Yearly CPI Raises Gone

The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 changes the cost-of-living adjustments to federal and military retired pay from a semiannual to an annual basis.

The annual adjustment will be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the previous calendar year and will be payable starting March 1. Retirees will experience the increase in the first check received after March 1.

Retirees now receiving retired pay will not receive the September 1981 adjustment. Their next adjustment will be in March 1982.

NAUS members will remember that in 1980 Congress passed legislation adjusting military retired pay on an annual basis contingent upon enactment of similar legislation for federal employees. In the 1981 Reconciliation Act, Congress again approved the annual adjustment for military retirees, with the same contingency. Another provision of the 1981 Act legislates an annual adjustment for federal retirees, triggering the changes for military retirees. One might say military retirees dodged the bullet in 1980, but not 1981.

For many, the annual adjustment will be less confusing because it parallels the annual inflation rate. This in effect allows a retiree to project the adjustment amount. As we go to press, the latest CPI indicates an

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annual rate of 10.2%. If for the remainder of 1981, the CPI shows a monthly increase of 2.3, retirees can project a 10.2% increase in their March 1982 retired pay.

If Congress had not changed to the annual basis, military retirees would have received a 4.9% adjustment in September 1981 and a 5.1% adjustment in March 1982, using the above projected CPI increase.

Here is how NAUS arrived at these calculations.

The December 1980 CPI of 258.7 and the June 1981 271.4 CPI computes to a 4.9% increase. Assuming a repeat of the 2.3 CPI point increase experienced in May and June 1981, this would then show a December 1981 CPI of 285.2. The June (271.4) to December (285.2) 1981 CPI changes would mean a 5.1% increase in retired pay of March 1982.

However, an annual adjustment based on the December 1980 (258.7) CPI and the December (285.2) 1981 projected CPI computes to a 10.2% increase.

Adjustments to SBP annuities are based on the same laws applicable to retired pay adjustments.

Military Pay

The July 1980 USJ carried an article on military pay and the fact it was receiving considerable attention but that little action was being taken. The focal point of that article remains unchanged.

Early in 1981 there was considerable support for a 5.3% pay increase effective July 1, with another of approximately 9.1% effective Oct. 1, 1981.

As everyone knows, July 1 passed, but no pay bill passed. The July 1 proposal had Administration support, but no funds.

October 1 is now the date of the proposed increase. There has been a fight over the amount of the increase, but an even greater fight over an

across-the-board increase versus a targeted increase. With Congress in recess until after Labor Day, military personnel must continue to await any outcome. There are some who have decided not to wait, and the exodus of mid-level NCO's and officers continues.

GI Bill Progress

Congress continues to work on a new GI Educational Assistance Bill, however enactment is unlikely this year.

On March 25, NAUS testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Education, Training and Employment on the new GI Bill. NAUS next testified on July 23, before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. NAUS expects to testify before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Compensation when they schedule hearings. This scheduling will more than likely occur in late September.

NAUS supports the establishment of a new GI Bill that is:

- simple and easily understood by recruiters and veterans.
- an entitlement at no monetary cost to the veteran.
- equitable to both government and the veteran.
- fundable over a long period.
- not prone to immediate or constant revision or change.
- established in the near future and gives early returns on the veterans commitment.

NAUS believes that any new education assistance bill, should at a minimum, include:

- a requirement for a minimum of two years active duty.
- a maximum entitlement not to exceed 36 months.
- an honorable service requirement.
- a period of time not to exceed 10 years from date of last discharge in which the veteran can use these benefits.
- a reasonable allowance for

assistance while individual is enrolled.

- a provision to provide educational assistance for reserve and national guard personnel.

- a provision to allow for educational leaves of absence for active duty personnel.

NAUS strongly urged both Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees to remove the Dec. 31, 1989 delimiting date on the current GI Educational Assistance Bill. This delimiting date is causing many potential careerists to leave the service in order to take advantage of their benefits.

New House Members

In the May-June USJ we reported vacancies in the House of Representatives. As this issue of the USJ went to press there were no vacancies. Following is a synopsis of the elections which filled the vacant seats.

Mark Siljander (Mich.-4-R) was sworn in April 28 by House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, consummating a major political coup in winning the seat held by former Rep. David Stockman.

Democrat Steny Hoyer won an easy victory in a special election to fill the seat of former Rep. Gladys Spellman (Md.-5-D), defeating Republican Audrey Scott by a large margin. Rep. Hoyer was sworn in June 3.

A special election was held to fill the seat left vacant by Rep. Jon Hinson (Miss.-4-R) who resigned April 13. Wayne Dowdy (D) won a July 7th run-off against Republican Liles Williams. He was sworn in July 9th.

Republican Michael Oxley barely got by Democrat Dale Locker in a June 25 special election to succeed the late Rep. Tennyson Guyer, (Ohio-4-R). A recount delayed Oxley's swearing-in until July 21.

Rep. Ray Lederer (Pa.-3-D) a third-term member from Philadelphia, resigned his seat May 5th. State Sen. Joe Smith, a lifelong Democrat who ran as an Independent and a

Republican, defeated Philadelphia Democratic chairman David Glancey on July 21st. Smith was sworn in on July 28th making a full complement in the House for the first time this year since David Stockman resigned in January to become OMB director.

More SBP Bills In House Hopper

Rep. Roy Dyson (Md.-1-D) has introduced two bills containing changes to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

One bill, HR 4151, would affect relatively few SBP annuitants, however, this in no way detracts from the importance of the need for the change. In 1977, Congress changed the Social Security Act with enactment of PL 95-216. This law reduces spouses' social security benefits for those receiving monthly benefits based on their earnings from federal or state government employment which was not covered by social security. Wives, divorced wives, husbands, widows, widowers and mothers receiving social security benefits based on their spouses' social security earnings are in this category.

Military retired pay is not included in this category of federal or state government employment benefits. However, spouses of military retirees who are eligible in their own right for a federal or state government benefit, outlined above, are affected.

PL 95-216 places a double offset on some SBP recipients. As an example, the widow of a military retiree who worked for the federal government and becomes eligible for federal retirement benefits would have her social security benefits offset if they were earned through her late husband's social security covered military service. She earned her federal retirement benefits by herself, but the social security benefits were earned for her by her husband, therefore the offset to social security benefits is according to PL 95-216.

If this widow is a recipient of SBP,

her SBP is offset by the amount of social security benefits resulting from her late husband's social security covered military service. In such a case, the widow receives a reduced social security benefit because of her federal retirement benefit and a reduced SBP benefit because of her social security benefit.

Rep. Dyson's bill HR 4151, would eliminate the social security offset from SBP in such a situation.

PL 95-216 exempts from this offset women who become entitled to their above mentioned public annuity by December 1982 (See article page 10, USJ, March 1979). HR 3207 introduced by Rep. Claude Pepper (Fla.-14-D) would extend that date to December 1987.

The other bill introduced by Rep. Dyson, is a so-called "forgotten widows" bill. HR 4285 would extend SBP benefits to widows of retirees who died prior to Sept. 21, 1972 and did not have the opportunity to participate in SBP. Rep. Dyson's bill is more comprehensive than other bills introduced on the same subject in that it covers disabled as well as non-disabled retirees. Many retirees are retired with less than 20 years service because of disabilities.

Senate Passes Tax Indexation

Congress has approved the indexation of personal income taxes. Indexation will eliminate the "bracket creep" caused by inflation which pushes taxpayers into higher and higher tax brackets without a real increase in earnings.

Indexation means that all income tax brackets, the zero bracket (formerly the standard deduction) and personal exemptions, will be increased annually. This increase will be determined by the inflation rate, meaning it will equal the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the current year over the previous year.

Under the present system, cost-of-living adjustments require the taxpayer to pay more taxes simply

because increases in dollar income move the worker into a higher tax bracket. Indexing, in essence, would move the tax bracket to keep pace with inflation so that the worker will pay the same percentage in taxes regardless of the effect of the inflation rate on earnings.

Indexation will not go into effect until 1985, after the recently passed tax cuts are accomplished over the next three years.

IRS Change Sought For Vet Groups

Sens. Howard W. Cannon (Nev.-D) and Barry M. Goldwater (Ariz.-R) have introduced S. 1451 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the exemption from tax of veterans' organizations.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Section 501 (c) 19 requires that in order to qualify for tax exempt status, 75% of the veterans' organizations membership must be wartime veterans. S. 1451 would change the requirement to 75% veterans.

HR 2597 already introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. James R. Jones (Okla.-1-D) and Barber Conable (N.Y.-35-R) is designed for the same purpose as S. 1451 and was reported in the May-June 1981 USJ.

VA Disability and DIC Bills Pass

Both Veterans' Affairs Committees have reported out their veterans' disability compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) legislative proposals. The Senate bill is S.917, and the House bill is HR 3995.

S.917 calls for a 11.2% increase whereas HR 3995 calls for a 11.3% increase. This minute difference will be easily solved if a conference committee is necessary. NAUS testified on June 11, before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee in support of S.917. Both bills have an effective date of Oct. 1, 1981.

Regional Cemetery Site Switched

The Veterans Administration has announced that Ft. Mitchell, Ala., will serve as the site of the regional national cemetery in the southeastern United States, replacing a previously selected site at Ft. Gillem, Ga.

The decision to locate at Ft. Mitchell, located 10 miles southeast of the Columbus, Ga. and Phoenix City, Ala. metropolitan area, was based on the escalating costs of developing Ft. Gillem. The new 451-acre site is on land owned by Russell County, whose commissioners will donate the land to the VA.

VA Helps Develop Medical Trainees

Nearly 97,000 of the nation's medical trainees received all or part of their clinical training experience in Veterans Administration medical facilities last year.

The number included 24,286, or 38%, of the physicians filling approved medical residencies, and 32% of all medical students in the country.

The training programs involved are part of the agency's continuing commitment to provide the best health care possible for the nation's veterans as well as assisting in the development of health professionals for the country as a whole.

In addition to large numbers of medical residents and students, VA in fiscal year 1980 trained 19% of all dentists engaged in postdoctoral training, and 5% of all the country's dental students.

A total of 11% of nursing students at baccalaureate levels and below was trained during the period at VA medical facilities, and the system also trained 11% of all graduate psychology students and 5% of all

clinical social work students enrolled in schools of social work.

VA's extensive medical personnel training programs are conducted in cooperation with 104 medical schools affiliated with the agency's nationwide health care network of 172 hospitals and 217 outpatient clinics.

Interest Rate Hiked on NSLI Loans

The annual interest rate charged by the Veterans Administration on National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policy loans has been increased to 11% effective July 29.

NSLI coverage was provided service personnel on active duty from Oct. 8, 1940, through April 24, 1951. Those who converted this World War II coverage to a permanent plan may obtain loans up to 94% of the cash value of their individual policy. In fiscal year 1980, VA made about 96,000 loans on NSLI policies.

The July 29 change does not affect the loan interest rate on United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI) policies, VA pointed out. Interest rates on USGLI policies, which were extended to military personnel who served between May 1919 and April 1951, are set by law.

The loan interest rate on NSLI policies was increased to 5% in 1971. Since that time, other investments made for the insurance trust funds have yielded increasingly higher earnings and dividends for policyholders. The increased interest rate will permit earnings on policy loans to become comparable with other investments.

Agent Orange Film

"Agent Orange: A Search For Answers," a 30-minute video tape produced by the Veterans Administration for Vietnam veterans, has received awards from the International Television Association and the Health Education Communication Association.

The ITVA awarded its "Golden Reel of Excellence" for the program's "highly effective form of communication, which helped the user organization better achieve its stated goals." The video tape was also cited by ITVA for creativity, innovative techniques and high production values.

The second recognition, from the HECA, was an "Award of Merit" presented for "outstanding achievement in the use of television for education in the health sciences."

The special tape, designed for Vietnam veterans, describes the various herbicides used in Vietnam, with particular attention to the herbicide Agent Orange. The viewer is shown possible side effects associated with herbicides and steps to follow when contacting a VA medical center about suspected exposure.

The program was produced by the Office of Environmental Medicine at VA, with production by the agency's Learning Resources Service. All VA medical centers, regional offices and Vet Centers have been supplied with the video tape, and copies are available for viewing to veterans service organizations, television stations and other interested parties.

More Vet Centers

The popular Vet Center counseling service for Vietnam Era veterans will be expanded by 50%, Veterans Administration chief Robert P. Nimmo has announced.

Nimmo, who took the oath of office July 15 as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said 42 new counseling facilities will be added to the program under terms of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

The 42 new facilities will bring to 133 the number of "storefront" counseling facilities available to Vietnam Era veterans who may be suffering readjustment problems following military service during the Vietnam War.

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Reagan Meets With Association Leaders

President Reagan invited senior representatives of major military and veterans' organizations to meet with him and other key Administration officials on July 17. The two-hour meeting included briefings on administration policies affecting the uniformed services and veterans. The President, the Vice President, the Administrator of the Veterans' Administration, and representatives of the Office of Management and Budget and the National Security Council were present.

The time available for questions and discussion was limited, but the President did reconfirm his determination to strengthen the Armed Forces with modern equipment and improved pay and benefits. In response to questions about his policies for veterans, he cited his continuation of full budgetary support for the VA, the recent doubling of the number of counselling centers, and the Agent Orange Study that he has directed.

The President expressed hope that his military pay and incentive program would make resumption of the draft unnecessary. However, he implied that his opposition to the draft would be reconsidered if his program did not produce the needed volunteers.

All Administration officials at the meeting put great emphasis on the importance of balancing the budget and bringing inflation under control. The message clearly was that the uniformed services and veterans must share some of the burden.

On July 27, NAUS was again invited to send a representative to the White House to attend a briefing on the Administration's bipartisan tax cut proposal. Max Beilke, NAUS' Legislative Counsel, attended.

President Reagan gave a broad overview of his program. This was followed by a more indepth outline by Secretary of the Treasury Regan. A

question and answer period followed.

The success of the Administration's tax bill in the Congress is now history. It is due in no small part to President Reagan's personal efforts to sell his program to organizations and to the public in general.

NAUS appreciates being twice included among those organizations that the White House Staff considered worthy of inclusion in the President's briefings.



President Reagan and NAUS' John Sheffey

Beilke Named to Army Retiree Panel

NAUS' Legislative Counsel, Max J. Beilke, was recently appointed by the Department of Army to serve on the Army's Chief of Staff Enlisted Retiree Council.

A retired Army master sergeant, Beilke has been active in retiree affairs while serving on the Fort Meade Enlisted Retiree Council since 1978. He will continue to serve on the Ft. Meade Council during his four-year appointment to the Chief's Council.

The Chief of Staffs Council consists of an officer and an enlisted council which are composed of 11 members each. These Councils meet in semiannual joint session to discuss retiree affairs and review recommendations of all Army Retiree Councils. Currently, there are 48 councils and sub-councils throughout the U.S.

and overseas.

Lt. Gen. (Retired) Stanley R. Larsen is the Chairman of the Chief of Staffs Officer Council and the Enlisted Council is under the chairmanship of SMA (Retired) Silas L. Copeland.

NAUS, Army Top Meet

On July 29, NAUS and NCOA representatives met with Sergeant Major of the Army William A. Connelly. The purpose of the meeting was to offer assistance and seek his counsel in better preparing enlisted personnel to make sound estate planning decisions upon retirement.

The military Survivor Benefit Plan, while somewhat confusing and often unjustly maligned, is an important part of such plans. The decision on SBP must be made at the time of retirement and cannot be delayed. Many retirees do not fully understand the benefits of SBP and therefore do not make it a part of their estate when they retire.

SBP is but one element of this planning. Social security, life insurance and personal savings also play vital roles. Adding to this confusion is another benefit recently extended to military personnel, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

These programs must be understood by military personnel to enable them to make intelligent decisions. The last few days prior to retirement is not the time to start a crash course on SBP or estate planning. Understanding each separate element of estate planning is a difficult task. How they interrelate is doubly difficult.

NAUS urges all services to seek methods and approaches which will give the best available information to these career members before they reach their decision to retire.



Portland, Ore. First HMO Test Site

Approximately 3,500 beneficiaries attended the CHAMPUS CHOICE Health Fair in Portland, Ore. in July, and according to Col Ken Hermann, USAF, MSC, Deputy Director of CHAMPUS, who took part in the program, "it was a tremendous success."

Portland was the first location around the country named as a pilot site offering dependents of military personnel, as well as retirees and their dependents, a choice of health and medical programs through health groups on a prepaid basis.

"The location of the other test sites have not been selected at this time," Hermann said.

"The interest in the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) test was more than anyone expected," he said, "and for six hours, representatives from CHAMPUS, DEERS, and four Portland HMO's answered questions explaining the program to the concerned crowd."

According to the Deputy Director, the reason Portland was chosen for the first "trial" study in the prepaid field, was because Portland has a "very mature health-care system, particularly because of its numerous prepaid programs." It is estimated that between 30,000 to 40,000 beneficiaries live in the Portland area. Also, there is no military hospital in the area, and DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment System) has been established in Oregon.

A Portland group called Health Choice has assisted CHAMPUS by setting up an office at 620 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Suite 502. It started enrolling participants in the program in July.

In explaining the program, Col Hermann said, "CHAMPUS CHOICE is a new program which will test whether it is feasible to offer comprehensive, prepaid health plans to CHAMPUS beneficiaries. It is only a test at this time," he added, "so the



number of participants will be limited. The test is expected to run for three years."

The new program is different from the current CHAMPUS system in several ways. Members pay part of the premium; but the out-of-pocket costs may be lower than they are now under CHAMPUS, depending on the program selected. It also gives the beneficiaries a known medical expense each month which seems to be desirable to many people in planning family budgets.

"The access to health care is assured in a prepaid health plan," said Col Hermann, "and the beneficiary to a great extent can choose his/her own primary care physician."

Wrong Number

The July-August USJ contained an incorrect toll-free telephone number to contact the CHAMPUS fiscal intermediary in the state of Indiana. The correct number is 800-356-5954. We regret the error.

CHAMPUS Clarifies Maternity Care Policy

The Department of Defense has amended the definition of medical emergency in the CHAMPUS regulation to include emergency maternity inpatient care.

This action corrects a "Catch-22" situation which has prevented some eligible women from obtaining CHAMPUS inpatient maternity coverage for emergencies associated with their pregnancies.

Through an oversight, the current CHAMPUS definition of medical emergency omitted any reference to maternity care. The amendment clarifies CHAMPUS policy on this point and establishes that a nonavailability statement is not required for maternity-related inpatient care when the care meets the definition of a medical emergency.

As with any other emergency, in the case of pregnancy a medical emergency must involve a sudden and unexpected medical complication which puts the mother, or baby, or both, at risk.

Examples of medical emergencies related to pregnancy include, but are not limited to, hemorrhage, ruptured membrane with prolapsed cord, shock unconsciousness, heart attack, stroke and injury (as from an automobile accident). Pain alone would not qualify a maternity case as an emergency, nor would insipient birth after the 34th week of gestation unless an otherwise qualifying medical complication is present.

The policy clarification concerning emergency maternity admissions is retroactive to June 1, 1977, the date the current regulation was implemented. Therefore, any beneficiary who has been denied CHAMPUS benefits for a maternity admission which occurred during this period and which she believes could qualify as an emergency should resubmit the claim(s). Such claims should be sent to the CHAMPUS Fiscal Intermediary serving the area where the admission occurred, with a request that the case be reopened and reviewed.

Due to the retroactive nature of this policy clarification, the filing deadline on such claims is extended to Dec. 31, 1981. The deadline on claims for care received in 1981 is Dec. 31, 1982.

When filing a CHAMPUS claim for emergency care (whether maternity or other) beneficiaries are advised to:

- Provide as much detail as possible about the circumstances of the

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The Government just might be getting serious about draft registration. The Selective Service System has turned over to the Justice Department the cases of 134 young men who have allegedly failed to register. Department officials say the names of the young men are being relayed around the country for investigation and possible prosecution. A Selective Service official said his agency would not initiate any major enforcement action until Congress decides whether to allow the Social Security System to cooperate with Selective Service in searching out names.

Military retirees in New York will be able to exempt up to \$20,000 of their military retired pay from state income taxes beginning in the 1982 tax year. The new law brings military retirees in line with state and local government employees whose pensions are already exempt from state income taxes.

The Army's decision to hold female enlisted strength at 65,000 will result in limited recruiting of women for the next year. The Army stopped recruiting female non-high school graduates in March and is not expected to accept any more until at least 1983. Officials say that there are enough high school graduates seeking entry to meet Army needs, which could be as low as 18,300 annually if the female retention rate continues to improve.

The retired aircraft carrier Intrepid is scheduled to become a sea-air-space museum that will be permanently berthed at Pier 86 on West 46th St. in New York City. The Intrepid Museum Foundation, a non-profit group, will be responsible for the restoration and conversion of the ship, with a total project cost of \$14 million. The City of New York will

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contribute \$1.8 million toward the cost of restoring the pier.

The museum will initially consist of 150,000 square feet and will include an array of aircraft on the flight deck to trace aviation through the years; a theater which will recapture the sensations of flight and carrier activity through visual and sound experience; a hall that will feature recreation of the ship-based landing of an aircraft made in 1911; and a space hall to include reproductions of the lunar landing module and the space shuttle.

VAdm Robert F. Schoultz, Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, is the Navy's new Gray Eagle, the active duty aviator with the earliest date of designation. He replaces Marine Corps LtGen Andrew W. O'Donnell, who retired.

A comprehensive list of infantrymen who have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge three times is being compiled for a Roll of Honor to be presented to the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga. Those who hold the CIB with two stars are requested to send their name and grade in which retired, together with a copy of the order for each award, to Col. Donald A. Seibert, USA, Ret., 525 Southwick

Dr., Fayetteville, N.C. 28303. If orders are not available, provide the unit with which serving when each CIB was earned and the approximate dates in combat.

The Selective Service System says a smaller percentage of young men actually registered in 1980 than previously thought. The total of 3.7 million men born in 1960 and 1961 who registered has not changed, but the 1980 census found there were four million men eligible to register, rather than the 3.88 million estimated earlier. That means 92% of the pool of eligibles registered, rather than 95.5% as previously announced.

The USJ often makes mention of a conference committee in the Congress that meets to work out differences in House and Senate passed versions of legislation. The number of committee members varies, but never approaches the 256 members who worked out the 676 differences in the budget bills passed by the two bodies. The committee never met as a whole, dividing into many sub-conferences whose compromises were ratified by the two budget committees in a final vote on the bill.

The overhaul of the battleship USS New Jersey for her reactivation will take place at the Long Beach, Calif. Naval Shipyard, be completed in about 21 months and cost \$326 million. The date the overhaul will begin has not been announced. This will be the fourth fleet tour for the 38-year-old battleship. She was commissioned in 1943 and was active in the fleet until 1948, was reactivated for the Korean Conflict and served until 1957, and came out of mothballs in 1968 for a short tour during the Vietnam War.

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Ready Reserve is woefully short of manpower. Total shortages are in the neighborhood of 500,000. In the absence of draft-induced transfers from the active to the reserve forces, strengths declined to the point that few ground force reserve units could perform their mobilization missions, although there have been recent improvements. The Individual Ready Reserve cannot fulfill its mission of supplying replacements for the active forces in wartime, pending the first availability of trained draftees after the Selective Service System is activated.

Under the AVF concept, 80% of the M-day ground force requirements are supposed to be met with Reserve units. Critical dependence is placed on the Reserves for logistical support units—medical, transport, maintenance, etc. There is no question at this time that most of these units are not ready to perform their missions and could not be brought up to strength and made effective quickly.

In the active forces, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps are currently attracting enough qualified entry-level volunteers to meet their needs. Their problems are mostly in retention of skilled technicians and mid-career non-commissioned leaders. The Army is also currently attracting enough recruits of acceptable quality, and officially forecasts continued success in the future. The Army, like the other services, has been burdened with retention problems in many specialties, but there has been marked improvement in recent months. AVF critics, however, are seriously concerned about the high percentages of blacks and other minorities in the fighting elements. Experts outside the Department of Defense (DoD) are far less optimistic about the future, in view of the declining numbers of military-age males and the likelihood of improvement of job opportunities in the private sector.

As one goes down the Army chain-of-command through division, battalion, and company commanders, and on down through platoon leaders and squad leaders, confidence in the AVF tends to decline rapidly, but there is no uniformity. There is widespread criticism of the quality and motivation of first-term enlistees, but some unit commanders at each level give them high marks and report that today's volunteers are as good as the people they had when there was a draft. Practically all unit commanders report that lack of non-commissioned leaders and technicians is a greater problem than the quality of recruits. This makes it difficult to turn recruits into skilled fighting men, and builds on itself by increasing the workload of the remaining non-commissioned officers—driving more out of the services.

The unanswered question is "How much do the poor quality and motivation of volunteers and the permissive discipline of the AVF contribute to the discouragement of mid-career non-commissioned officers and young officers?" It may be a very significant factor. There was little of this mid-career dropping out during the draft years, and less of it today in the Marine Corps than in other services. The Marine Corps, it should be noted, has succumbed the least of any service to pressures for easy discipline.

Outside the active forces and the Pentagon civilian leadership, there are former DoD officials who are severely critical of the AVF. Some former members of the JCS state flatly that the AVF is a failure and the sooner we reinstate the draft the better. Some key members of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services are critical of the AVF, but there is no widespread sentiment in the Congress for a return to the draft.

Among the public there are noisy anti-draft groups and individuals, but public opinion surveys have found that the majority of the American people would accept a return to conscription if their leaders found it

necessary.

Why, then, don't we resume the draft and get on with bringing all our forces up to strength while making all elements of our society participate in our national defense? The answer is that it is not all that simple and there is no consensus on the issue among those who shape public opinion and make national policy.

The major arguments, pro and con, are as follows:

Pro:

The AVF is a failure. It has turned our Armed Forces into an employer of last resort, attracting recruits from the poorest and least educated members of our society who can get jobs nowhere else. The result is a mercenary force with its combat elements filled with poorly motivated, hard-to-train people. The upper classes have turned over their responsibilities for the defense of our country to the poor, the black, and the underprivileged. To attract them, discipline has been degraded and military service made an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job. We have created an unreliable force with extremely dangerous implications if war comes, and we have divorced our armed forces from the mainstream of our society.

Con:

Our peacetime armed forces have always drawn most of their entry-level people from the lower economic classes, even when the draft was in effect. In spite of the problems, we have maintained active armed forces of two million volunteers for eight years and foresee no great difficulty in continuing to do so, with the improvements in pay, benefits, and personnel management that are now under way. The problems of the AVF are small in comparison with the problems that would accompany resumption of the draft. We don't need but a small portion of the draft-age members of our population, and there's no truly equitable way of drafting only that portion. As long as

we can meet our needs with volunteers, why adopt a fundamentally unfair system of forcing into the armed services large numbers of young men who don't want to be there?

Pro:

The AVF concept has seriously weakened the ability of the ground forces' reserves to perform their wartime missions. There is no practicable way of bringing them up to strength without a draft. Until they are at satisfactory levels of strength and training, the U.S. cannot sustain a war in Europe for more than 30 days. At best, with the current selective service status and registration, it will take four months to produce any trained replacements in wartime with a draft initiated on M-day. Twice that time, or more, will be required to provide enough wartime replacements for our 24-division force needs.

Con:

The AVF concept was always intended only for peacetime forces. Current plans call for resumption of the draft in an emergency. Volunteer forces do not come cheap—we must meet the competition of the market in pay and benefits. The Reserves have been neglected, and we will have to pay the necessary costs to bring them up to strength with volunteers. If that proves infeasible, a draft only for the Individual Ready Reserve could be considered.

Pro:

The defense of our country is a responsibility of all economic and social classes and should not be placed only on the poor, the black, and other disadvantaged minorities. An impartial draft, or even better, UMT, would quickly solve our strength problems in the active and reserve forces. It would require nearly every family in the country to participate in national defense, and it would signal the world that the U.S. is as well prepared as the Russians to back its diplomacy with strength. The political dissent this would generate has been exaggerated out of all propor-

tion because of the Vietnam experience. Properly handled, it could serve to unify our country. In Switzerland, which has such ethnic divisions that there are four official languages, every man is required to take military training and remain on call through age 65. Germany, Russia, China, and many other countries continue to draft their citizens for military service. Are our people really that much less patriotic and that much less willing to share the defense burden? The key factor is equitable treatment for all. That's why UMT or even universal service, to include non-military public service, is the answer.

UMT would train and return to civil life most of the able-bodied young men in our population, creating an enduring linkage between our armed forces and all our population. These trained men would constitute a huge reserve of trained manpower available for call up in emergencies. The USSR is estimated to have more than 8 million of such trained men who have served in Russia's armed forces, which insures their ability to conduct sustained ground combat in spite of initial losses. Compare this with the U.S. capability of sustaining U.S. NATO ground forces no more than 30 days.

Con:

At present about four million of our citizens, male and female, turn 18 each year. The armed forces, active and reserve need about 300,000 new people each year, leaving about 3.7 million for other public service. Even at minimum pay, say \$50 per month, the cost of clothing, housing, feeding, equipping, and administering such numbers each year would be prohibitive. Further, there is no practicable way of providing useful work for such members without displacing many older workers.

UMT would present a lesser problem, but still involve prohibitive costs and produce numbers of trainees far in excess of needs. Disruptive political opposition and some violent resistance would be inevitable. The current military threat to the U.S. and

the improving outlook for the AVF combine to make the political risks and cost burdens of UMT unnecessary. We have real problems and shortcomings in the AVF, but they are manageable. We don't need the headaches of UMT or even a limited draft.

Pro:

The 30-day nuclear war theory that would eliminate the possibility of sustained ground combat is an illusion. The U.S. has already fought two sustained ground wars in the nuclear age, and if our nuclear deterrent strategy is successful, conventional warfare is the only possibility in the future. The Russians are prepared for it and the U.S. is not. No rational U.S. or Russian leader is going to initiate nuclear warfare if it remains likely that it could escalate into mutual destruction of their homelands. With their undisguised goal of world hegemony, it is quite conceivable that the USSR could initiate conventional war in Europe or the Middle East, with the threat of immediate escalation to strategic nuclear war if the U.S. uses any nuclear weapons. Therefore, the U.S. and NATO must have a visible capability of countering such a move with conventional forces only.

Con:

Large-scale conventional warfare is not feasible in the nuclear age. Troop concentrations, large naval vessels and air bases are too vulnerable to nuclear destruction. If tactical nuclear weapons are not used, a war in Europe would be decided within 30 days—long before large U.S. forces could be mobilized and deployed. If the war starts with an exchange of strategic nuclear weapons, it is unlikely that there will be any deployment of U.S. forces overseas. In either case, sustained ground warfare will not take place, and a draft is unneeded. The war's outcome will be determined by the forces in being when the war begins. The AVF can meet this requirement.

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Social Security Tax Lower Than Benefits

From time to time one hears or reads letters from workers saying how much they have paid into social security and that they will never live long enough to receive back in benefits all that they have paid into the program.

It takes the average social security recipient about 19 months to receive in monetary benefits an amount equal to what was paid into the program.

An individual who was taxed on the maximum wage base from 1937, the beginning of social security, through December 1980, would have paid a maximum of \$12,790.64. This is based on the maximum taxable wage base of \$296,600 and covers 44 years.

For the individual who has worked 30 years, 1951-1980, a maximum of \$12,355.64 would have been paid in-

to social security.

In the above examples, the worker's employer would have paid an equal amount.

Military personnel started paying into social security on Jan. 1, 1957. Since that date, the maximum an individual could have paid in social security taxes is \$11,953.64. Of this figure \$9,064.06 went into the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Fund, \$1,262.98 into the Disability Insurance Fund and \$1,626.60 into the Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A) Fund.

Through the years the social security tax rates have changed. In 1937 the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) was 1%. In 1980 it was 4.33%. The Disability Insurance (DI) tax which was not established until 1957 began at 0.25% rate. In 1980 it was 0.75%. The Health Insurance (HI) tax which began in 1966 at a 0.35% rate was 1.05% in 1980. The maximum taxable wage base of \$3,000 in 1937 increased to \$25,900 in 1980.

Eisenhower Monument Set For West Point

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emergency and,

- Obtain a statement from the attending physician telling why immediate hospitalization was required and why the patient could not be transported to the nearest Uniformed Service hospital. If the emergency involves a maternity case, the physician's statement must include a certification that he/she had not been seeing the patient during her pregnancy.

Falsifying information on a claim (such as a fraudulent residence address) in order to circumvent the 40-mile rule applicable to nonavailability statements not involving an emergency is considered to be fraud. Such actions will, at a minimum, result in the government recovering any payments made on such a claim.

For further information about emergency maternity care, pregnant beneficiaries who are contemplating travel, particularly during the last six weeks of pregnancy, should contact the health benefits advisor at a Uniformed Service medical facility.

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As he had during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Nimmo stressed the fact that "while the vast majority of our Vietnam veterans have successfully returned to our working society, a substantial number still suffer various degrees of readjustment difficulty."

It is those veterans, he said, "whom we will continue to reach out to through this expanded Vet Center program."

Nimmo said the centers typically have staffs of three to five persons who operate on an informal, person-to-person basis with Vietnam Era veterans experiencing emotional and other readjustment problems.

"We hope to have all of the new centers in operation within three to four months," Nimmo said. Some

are almost ready to begin operations and others will be opened as suitable space can be arranged and personnel recruited.

Since the Vet Center program began operation early in 1980, approximately 72,000 Vietnam Era veterans have been counseled. Nimmo said VA officials believe the new centers will be much more efficient than the original ones because contacting and counseling efficiency have been improved.

The expectation, he said, is that the new center teams will be able to provide assistance to approximately 12,000 Vietnam Era veterans in their first year of operation.

The Vet Center program has a budget of \$29,580,000 for fiscal year 1982.

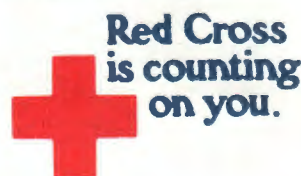
New facilities to be opened in the Northeast are: Nassau/Suffolk County, Albany, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Windsor, Vt.; Bangor, Maine; Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg, Pa.

In the Southeast will be: Orlando, and Tampa, Fla.; Charlotte, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.; Richmond, Va.; and Morgantown, W.Va.

New Vet Centers in the Central states will be located at Chicago Heights, and Peoria, Ill.; Evansville, Ind.; Sioux City, Iowa; Tulsa, Okla.; Lincoln, Neb.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Minot, N.D.; Rapid City, S.D.; and Madison, Wis.

In the West will be: Contra Costa County, Fresno, and Riverside, Calif.; Eugene, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; Fort Worth, and San Antonio, Tex.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Window Rock, N.M.; and Fairbanks, Alaska.

These are in addition to facilities in Reno, Nev., and Tucson, Ariz., which opened recently.



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New Benefits for NAUS Members

Effective April 15, 1981, the NAUS sponsored UniServices began some important new benefits under the CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA Supplements.

As most members are probably aware, CHAMPUS provides payment of 75% of the CHAMPUS determined allowable expenses charged by a Provider of Care. The old method by which the NAUS Champus Supplements paid benefits was based directly on these CHAMPUS determined allowances. Our plan paid one-third of the amount actually paid by CHAMPUS. This was designed to amount to 25% of the total bill. However, in recent years, with the reduction in the CHAMPUS allowances this became less true. Consequently, Mutual of Omaha will now pay benefits of 25% of the Usual and Customary Fees charged by a Provider of Care in the particular geographical area in which the charge was made. In cases where CHAMPUS disallows a certain percentage of the doctors fee as too high, members will now receive a higher benefit from Mutual of Omaha than under the old method. This will apply to claims for which you first consulted a doctor after April 15, 1981.

An added benefit of this change is that Mutual of Omaha will no longer require you to submit the copies of the CHAMPUS EOB's before they can pay your claim. Now you only need to file one claim form per accident or sickness and the itemized bills.

In fact you can file with Mutual of Omaha at the same time you file with CHAMPUS and your CHAMPUS Supplement will probably be paid before your CHAMPUS claim. Please remember, only those conditions for which you first consulted a doctor after April 15, 1981 are involved in

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A Note From the UniServices Health Care Administrator

As many of you are aware, the NAUS Health Care Insurance Program was required to raise premiums quite substantially last April 15. The reasons are explained below, together with some suggestions for NAUS members cooperation in keeping our health insurance costs as low as possible in the future.

The Reasons Premiums Go Up

The inflation of health care costs in recent years has been about 30% greater than the average inflation of other costs—and that has been staggering. Medical costs continue to rise, and there is no relief in sight. The impact of the cost to Mutual of Omaha in benefits payments is obvious. Payouts would have exceeded premium income based on lower projected costs in any event. Added to this was a substantial increase in claims filed by members. On top of all this, NAUS insureds have enjoyed quite liberal interpretations of policy benefits provisions by the Jones Agency and Mutual of Omaha. When the legitimacy of a claim is not clear, the decision has always been made in favor of the NAUS insured.

There is no magic source of money to pay insurance benefits. The insureds' premiums must provide that money plus an additional amount to pay administrative costs. Last year, however, there was quite a substantial deficit. The NAUS plan is required to stand on its own two feet. This means that premiums of NAUS insureds establish an account from which claim payments are made for doctors office visits or hospitaliza-

tion. Some members may pay premiums for life and never use them, but the purpose of insurance is to cover unforeseen costs too great to handle privately. Those who submit no claims are protected in case of need. Pending that need, their premiums help pay the bills of those who do become ill.

The importance of the UniServices Health Program to NAUS members is illustrated vividly by the paid amount of claims for the month of April 1981. The Company received 1,700 claims during the month, one of which was a claim for hospitalization totaling over \$123,000. This was the first claim filed by this insured in over 5 years of coverage. The Joseph E. Jones Agency paid over \$30,000 on this particular bill. Two other members who submitted claims during this same period each received over \$8,000 in benefits. These were just three of the 1,700 claims submitted during the month, and benefits paid for them totaled over \$46,000.

The recent premium increases were unavoidable in anticipation of increasing costs, the requirement for legal reserves for insurance in every state, and the loss experienced in the previous year.

What You Can Do To Keep Premiums Low

Look for a physician who will accept CHAMPUS assignment of benefits. If a provider of care will do this, he agrees to accept the CHAMPUS determination of fees. If he is too high, tell him so. Don't be reluctant to get a second opinion on the need for surgery. Remember, surgery for cosmetic reasons when no particular health problem exists is not covered.

Use military facilities whenever possible for all or part of your health care needs. Military medical facilities

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COMPREHENSIVE CHAMPUS SUPPLEMENT—PLAN A2

The Full Coverage Plan for Most Members

Eligibility: All NAUS members and spouses under age 65, and unmarried dependent children under age 21 (23 if in college), or a spouse and children who are eligible for benefits under CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS—PLAN 2a

Civilian In-Hospital Benefits: The Government pays 75% of the allowable charges in a civilian hospital. Allowable charges are those determined by CHAMPUS regulations. Plan A2a pays 25% of the Usual and Customary charges made by a civilian hospital prevailing in the geographical area in which you are hospitalized. **Military In-Hospital Benefits:** Plan A2a pays the subsistence rate charged to you while confined to a uniformed services or VA hospital.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS—PLAN A2b

Combined In and Outpatient Benefits: Plan A2b includes all benefits described under Plan A2a, but also provides benefits for outpatient expenses. CHAMPUS pays 75% of allowable expenses after the annual deductible of \$50 (\$100 maximum per family) is satisfied. Plan A2b pays 25% of the Usual and Customary charges made by a Provider of Care in the geographical location where the charges were incurred.

CONVERSION AT AGE 65: At age 65, Plan A2 automatically converts to the corresponding option under the Medicare Supplements Basic Option.

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would double the pool from which member's claims are paid. Not only would that help in stabilizing the rates, it might even reduce the premiums. It would also benefit NAUS by enabling the Association to dramatically increase both its membership base, and its influence as your voice in government.

The NAUS Insurance Program has been in force for a decade and we anticipate it will continue for several more decades to protect you and your family. The Jones Agency and Mutual of Omaha will continue to do its utmost to provide you with the best possible health insurance at the lowest possible cost. With your cooperation in keeping costs down we can most certainly do so.



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will usually fill private physicians prescriptions, provide blood tests, x-rays and many other expensive services that your private physician will order from private facilities at your and CHAMPUS' expense unless you volunteer to have them done in military facilities when you can.

When undergoing needed treatment by a private physician or hospital, avoid add-on services that could await a visit to a military medical facility. When you are already in the hospital for an appendectomy, for example, it is very tempting to get that wart removed from your elbow while you are there. However, it's an added insurance cost that would not occur if you wait to go to a military dispensary and have it done without charge.

If each insured member were to bring in only one new member, it

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EMERGENCY CHAMPUS SUPPLEMENT—PLAN B2

Eligibility: All NAUS members and spouses under age 65 and unmarried dependent children under 21 (23 if in college) who are eligible for benefits under CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS—PLAN B2a

Emergency Civilian In-Hospital Benefit: For those members who reside within a 40 mile radius of a uniformed services facility, the Government's CHAMPUS program pays 75% of the emergency allowable hospital charges in a civilian facility. The NAUS Updated UniServices Plan B2a pays the remaining 25% of the Usual and Customary charges.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS—PLAN B2b

Military In-Hospital Benefit: Plan B2b pays the subsistence rate for which you are charged.

Combined In and Outpatient Coverage: CHAMPUS pays 75% of the allowable charges after the annual deductible of \$50 (or \$100 per family) is satisfied. Plan B2b pays the 25% of the Usual and Customary expenses after you satisfy the deductible charge.

NOTE: Members must be certain to be admitted into a uniformed services hospital for non-emergency care. Also, this plan is not available to those who reside more than 40 miles from a service facility.

CHAMPUS SUPPLEMENT FOR DEPENDENTS OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS—PLAN B4

Eligibility: The spouse and unmarried dependent children under 21 (23 if a full-time college student) of a NAUS member currently on active duty in one of the uniformed services.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS. PLAN B4a

Civilian In-Hospital Benefit: The Government pays the reasonable charge except the first \$25 or \$4.60 a day, whichever is greater. Plan B4a covers you for the \$25 or \$4.60 a day.

Military In-Hospital Benefit: Plan B4a pays the subsistence rate for which you are charged.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS—PLAN B4b

Combined In and Outpatient Benefits: The Government pays 80% of the reasonable charges after the annual deductible of \$50 (or \$100 per family) is satisfied. Plan B4b pays the remaining 20% of the Usual and Customary charges allowed by CHAMPUS after you have satisfied the deductible.

BENEFITS

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this change. If you currently have an on-going claim, you will continue under the old method for that particular claim.

The second important change is that for any condition for which you first file a claim after April 15, 1981, benefits will be paid to you for as long as 5 years. The old benefit period was for a maximum of 4 years. (In fact, Mutual of Omaha has increased this provision four times since 1971. The original benefit period was for a maximum of 2 years back in 1971.

And here is good news—something for free—at no additional charge. The NAUS UniServices Policies all carry an Accidental Death Benefit for the insured member in the amount of \$2,000. This benefit will be paid to your beneficiaries in the event you are killed in an accident.

There is also a new low cost Excess Champus Supplement being made available for the first time.

If you are able to handle a few more dollars out of your pocket in the event you have a claim, you can save money in premium costs. The

Excess Plan is almost identical to your regular CHAMPUS Supplement, Plan A2, except it carries a \$250 deductible per calendar year, per person. What this means is that the first \$250 of eligible expenses will not be covered by Mutual of Omaha, but any expenses incurred in excess of that amount will be processed in the

same manner as the Full CHAMPUS Supplement.

A note of special interest to active duty members. Did you know that although you are fully covered by your service, your dependents are not? That is why we also have a Supplement designed to cover them.

For additional information on one of these plans, contact the Plan Administrator, The Joseph E. Jones Agency, 1666 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, telephone (202) 797-6918.

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EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Plans A2, B2, B4 and Excess CHAMPUS Supplement do not pay benefits for loss resulting from declared or undeclared war; intentionally self-inflicted injuries; suicides, while sane or insane; treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction; domiciliary or custodial care; routine physical examinations or immunization; routine new born or well baby care; eye examinations; prosthetic devices (other than artificial limbs or eyes); hearing aids; eyeglasses; or contact lenses.

EXCESS CHAMPUS SUPPLEMENT

Eligibility: All NAUS members and spouses under age 65 and unmarried dependent children under 21 (23 if in college) who are eligible for benefits under CHAMPUS.

THE PLAN OF BENEFITS

Civilian In-Hospital Benefit: After you satisfy an annual deductible of \$250 per year, the Excess CHAMPUS Supplement will pay 25% of the Usual and Customary charges incurred while confined as an inpatient in a civilian hospital, as well as 25% of the Usual and Customary expenses incurred for medical and surgical fees while confined. Please note that this \$250 deductible is applicable to each member of the family who is covered by this option.

Military In-Hospital Benefit: This plan pays the subsistence rate you are charged.

Combined In and Outpatient Coverage: In addition to the coverage listed above, you may add outpatient coverage which will provide benefits of 25% of the Usual and Customary fees charged for services by the Provider of Care. (Outpatient coverage is only available in combination with inpatient coverage.)

APPLICATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

How to Apply

1. Fill out this enclosed enrollment form, checking coverage desired and making certain to answer all questions (spouse and/or children ineligible unless member also applies). Be sure to date and sign the form.
2. Calculate your premium from the schedule.
3. Make out your check or money order in the computed amount to mutual of Omaha Insurance Company.
4. Mail your check and application to:

NAUS Insurance Program
1666 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

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_____ EFF. DATE _____
 CLASS: _____
 CHECK: _____
 N.B. _____
 PREM: _____
 REF: _____ BILL: _____
 PAID THRU _____

IMPORTANT

- I am a member of NAUS
 I am not yet a member but have applied for membership.

Make check payable to

Mutual of Omaha and check either:

- Quarterly mode
 Annual mode

Mail to:

NAUS Insurance Program
1666 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Quarterly Premium Rates	A2 Comprehensive CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA Supplement		B2 Emergency CHAMPUS Supplement		B4 CHAMPUS Supplement for Dependents of Active Duty members		Excess CHAMPUS Supplement	
	Inpatient only Plan A2A	In-Out patient Plan A2B	Inpatient only Plan B2A	In-Out patient Plan B2B	Inpatient only Plan B4A	In-Out patient Plan B4B	Inpatient only Plan	In-Out patient Plan
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37.75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$38.50
Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$43.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$57.75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$44.50
Child	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$29.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27.10

If you are already enrolled in another UniServices plan insert your current certificate number here _____ and check either
 additional coverage, or replacement coverage

MEMBER NAME _____
First M.I. Last Mo. Day Yr.

Rank (if none, write "Mr., Mrs., or Miss") _____ Service _____

If Military, Check one: Active-Duty, Retired NAUS Membership No. _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____
Mo. Day Yr.

SPOUSE NAME _____
First M.I. Last Mo. Day Yr.

(IF COVERAGE DESIRED)

NAME OF EACH CHILD FOR WHOM DEPENDENT COVERAGE IS DESIRED:

			Date of Birth						Date of Birth		
First	M.I.	Last	Mo.	Day	Yr.	First	M.I.	Last	Mo.	Day	Yr.
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I hereby make application to Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, Omaha, Nebr., for coverage under the National Association for Uniformed Services program. I understand that my coverage will become effective on the 15th day of the month following receipt of my application.

FORM 3115 MGC APP AFN 2081 7/79 Date _____ Signature of Member _____

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Task Force

President Reagan has appointed a task force to study the military manpower situation and advise him as to the best course of action. The Military Manpower Task Force will be chaired by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger. Its membership includes: Counselor to the President Edwin Meese III; OMB Director David A. Stockman; Presidential Assistant for National Security Affairs Richard V. Allen; Assistant to the President for Policy Development Martin Anderson; and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors Murray L. Weidenbaum. Pentagon task force members include the three service secretaries, John O. Marsh of Army, John F. Lehman of the Navy and Verne Orr from the Air Force, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen David Jones.

The task force "will evaluate the total manpower situation and will provide recommendations to the President to increase the effectiveness of the active and reserve all-volunteer services." This would appear to rule out a return to conscription as a task force recommendation, but a Pentagon spokesman had said that it does remain a possibility.

NAUS Comment

The official approach to the AVF vs Draft issue reflects the management vs leadership approach to military command. If politically palatable and efficient management of manpower and costs is the most important objective, the AVF concept is clearly the right choice for the active forces. This would probably continue to be true even with the huge additional cost of bringing the reserve forces up to strength through pay and benefits incentives only.

If the most important objective is creation of a national defense capability equal or superior to that of the USSR, ready to support our worldwide commitments and interests, it

can only be accomplished by conscription and universal military training. From a purely military viewpoint the case for resumption of the draft is persuasive. The political questions are the hard ones. Here the answers are not clear, and the President and the Congress must choose between ideal military solutions and equally important political and economic objectives. There is also the constraint that restoration of the draft may not be politically possible until there are clearer military threats to the U.S. than at the present. Remember, continuation of the draft was sustained by only one vote in the House on the eve of World War II.

NAUS urges only that the JCS keep in mind that some of their predecessors let political syncopation influence their military advice to the President throughout the Vietnam war and thereby contributed to the unsound strategy and the no-win policy that marked the conduct of that war from beginning to end. Although the objections to the draft outlined above are valid, they all involve political decisions, not military ones. In the real world, of course, service chiefs cannot ignore these objections and demand that military needs take precedence. No President or Secretary of Defense can or should tolerate such rigidity. At the same time, we cannot avoid some suspicion that military leaders who express satisfaction with the AVF are discounting their military judgment with political realities.

The AVF may well be all that we can have at this time, and good military leaders do not denigrate their commands. Service chiefs always have had to accept compromises with their civilian superiors, and always will. We ask only that they never stop working toward the goal that can only be accomplished through the draft, or better through universal military service. This can never happen until a strong President leads the way. The world is a dangerous place and growing more so with each passing year. Military

challenges to our interests have always occurred in the past and are certain to occur in the future. Adequate military strength in being might prevent such challenges. Its absence will certainly invite them.

NAUS Christmas Cards

NAUS members who participate in the Christmas card program will soon be receiving the 1981 creations by Famous Artists Studios.

The cards will be sent to only those members who participated in last year's program and some members who joined NAUS since the last program and have indicated they desire the cards.



Remember, Famous Artists Studios is offering members a chance at a grand prize of the Original United States Saint Gaudens \$20 gold coin and 1,500 solid 14 Karat Saint Gaudens miniature gold pieces. To be eligible, members need only to make sure their contribution is received prior to October 30 and they will automatically be included in the drawing.

We realize that the Christmas card program is an irritation to some, but money earned plays an important part in meeting rising costs without cutting back on essential activities or raising dues. Donations from the 1980 program covered more than 8% of the association's overall operating expenses.

As always, participation in the program is completely voluntary. Members who receive cards are reminded that there is no obligation to make a donation for them.

**Official Notice
NAUS 14th Annual Meeting
Oct. 28, 1981**

This constitutes the official notice of the 14th Annual Meeting of the members of the National Association for Uniformed Services as called for in Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Officers' Club, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1981, with registration starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a combined luncheon and meeting starting at 12:15 p.m.

The board of directors voted to change the day and format of the Annual Meeting in an attempt to stimulate member attendance which has fallen off in recent years. The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity for members to participate in association affairs. Maximum attendance is encouraged and guests are welcome.

Agenda

11:30 a.m.

Registration and Reception

12:15 p.m.

Luncheon and Annual Meeting

- Invocation
- Introductions
- Luncheon
- Appointment of Tellers
- Business Meeting
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Reports
 - Questions and Answers
 - Election Results
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- Adjournment

Whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, in order to exercise your voting rights, members must forward the ballot and/or proxy form to be received for verification and recording not later than Oct. 19, 1981.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by checking the appropriate

box on the ballot/proxy form and forwarding a check payable to NAUS in the amount of \$6.50 for each reservation.

Nominations to Board of Directors

According to the provisions of NAUS' Bylaws, the term of office of the following Directors terminates as of the 1981 Annual Meeting:

Col Robert H. Clagett Jr., USA, Ret.; RAdm Benjamin Katz, USN, Ret.; TSgt Joseph T. Moore, USAF, Ret.; Capt Francis X. Riley, USCG, Ret.; and MSgt Robert A. Williams, USA, Ret. Additionally, there is a vacancy on the Board as the result of the resignation of DKCM Luther R. Bond, USN, Ret. before his term expired.

The six persons whose biographies follow have been approved by the Board of Directors as nominees for election to the Board.

Col Robert H. Clagett Jr., USA, Ret.

Col Clagett is a current member of the board of directors, elected in July 1979 to fill an unexpired term, and is eligible for reelection. He is a native of Jackson, Tenn., graduated from Knoxville High School and attended the University of Tennessee before entering the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., from where he graduated in 1942. Commissioned in the infantry, Clagett served with the 76th Infantry Division in World War II and later went to graduate school, earning an MS degree in electrical engineering. Later tours were at The Infantry School, The Infantry Board, at the military mission in Turkey (twice) and Korea, with USAREUR, Army Intelligence and DIA. He retired July 1, 1971 while serving as Deputy Commander, STRATCOM-CONUS. He is married to the former Alice Cleland. They have two children, John and Rita, and reside in Annandale, Va. Clagett also has a son, Robert, from an earlier marriage. Since retirement he has been a technical writer and consultant, is an expert picture framer, and is active in church affairs.

YNCS Michael E. Loeb, USN

YNCS Loeb was born on Nov. 26, 1946 in Vallejo, Calif. and enlisted in the Navy in January 1966. Following basic training he was assigned to the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., followed by duty with the Naval Support Activity, Danang, Vietnam, and later aboard the USS Mills and USS Compton. Following a tour in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, he was selected to participate in the Associate Degree Completion Program at Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, Va. He later attended the Flag Writer Course, served again with the CNO, and later with a NATO agency in Brussels, Belgium and a destroyer group at Charleston, S.C. He currently is Flag Writer to the Director, Command and Control, Office of the CNO. He is married to the former Julie Ann Dee of Fairfax, Va., and they have two children.

CSgtMaj Robert E. Martineau, USA

CSgtMaj Martineau is a native of Providence, R.I. He has over 28 years of active service and is currently the Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Computer Systems Command, Ft. Belvoir, Va. He is a graduate of St. Michael's College, Vt., with a degree in business administration. Among the service schools he has attended are the 7th Army NCO Academy, the Sergeant Missile Instructor Course, Field Artillery and Operations and Intelligence, and Pershing Missile Instructor Course. Martineau has served twice in both Germany and Korea and once in Italy. From 1972 through 1976, and again from 1978 through 1980, he was command sergeant major of various artillery units at Ft. Sill, Okla.

TSgt Joseph T. Moore, USAF, Ret.

TSgt Moore is a current member of the board of directors, elected to fill an unexpired term in August 1980, and is eligible for reelection. Moore entered the Air Force in June 1950 after graduation from St. Clair, Pa.,

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**National Association for Uniformed Services
Official Ballot/Proxy for 1981 Annual Meeting
Oct. 28, 1981, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.**

NOTE: It is important that you mark "X" in only the spaces which reflect your choice regarding election to the Board of Directors, luncheon attendance, and proxy. Please leave the mailing label on the opposite side of the ballot intact. It serves as your identification and entitlement to vote.

BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS: For your ballot to be valid, vote for NO more than six individuals to fill the vacancies that exist on the Board of Directors. If you do not wish to vote for one of the nominees, you may write in the name of your candidate and mark the block opposite his/her name with an "X." Individual members please use the left column when voting.

COMBINATION BALLOT: It should be noted that separate ballots are NOT being sent to spouses in those instances when both husband and wife are NAUS members. This ballot is designed to accommodate combination membership. Principal member please use the left column to vote; spouse use the right column. A SPOUSE WHO IS NOT A NAUS MEMBER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

Nominee						My Write-in Candidate
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Col Robert H. Clagett Jr., USA, Ret.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CSgtMaj Robert E. Martineau, USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> RAdm Ricardo A. Ratti, USCG, Ret.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

This is a Combination Membership Ballot

MEETING/LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE

I will attend the Annual Meeting/Luncheon. Check or money order for \$6.50 for each reservation is enclosed.

PROXY

I will not attend the Annual Meeting and hereby appoint the below named person as my attorney and proxy to vote upon and act for me with respect to all association matters arising at any time during the Annual Meeting. (Mark X only in block opposite name of ONE person you designate as your Proxy.)

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> LtGen Oren E. Hurlbut, USA, Ret.						<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> BrigGen James F. Lawrence, USMC, Ret.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CSgtMaj Joseph D. Sandifer, USA, Ret.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> SgtMaj Morton S. Landy, USMC, Ret.
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> TSgt Joseph T. Moore, USAF, Ret.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Capt James Collins, NOAA, Ret.
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Marguerite Kieffer, Widow (USAF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

(Date) (Principal's Signature) (Please Print Name)

(Date) (Spouse's Signature) (Please Print Name)

(SIGN IF USED AS PROXY)

Mail to: NAUS Elections, P.O. Box 1406, Springfield, Va 22151

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High School. He was a security police specialist and served tours in Iceland, Bermuda and Vietnam. He retired in March 1973 while serving at Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College (AS, Education) and the University of Maryland (BS, Law Enforcement and Criminology). He is married to the former Nancy Lee Symons. They have two children, Joseph 25, and Mrs. Felecia Lee LoPiccolo, 19, and reside in Woodbridge, Va. Moore is a security investigator/counselor in the Prince Georges County, Md., school system.

RAdm Donald T. Poe, USN, Ret.

RAdm Poe is a native of Oran, Mo., attended Southeast Missouri State for one year before entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., from where he graduated in June 1944 (Class of 1945). Later schooling during his Naval career included the Applied Communications Course, Naval Postgraduate School; the Armed Forces Staff College; and the National War College. He received his Master of Science degree from George Washington University in 1969. During World War II he participated in the Philippines, Borneo

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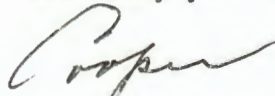
Enclosed is a Digest of Resolutions pertaining to veterans' benefits, national security and foreign affairs and miscellaneous matters, which were approved by the voting delegates to our 82nd National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 14 - 20, 1981.

These resolutions have been grouped according to the categories, as indicated on the cover page, so that you will have a ready reference or index to all of them.

I certainly hope this Digest will prove helpful in carrying out the duties of your office during the coming year.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,



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Enclosure



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VETERANS' RIGHTS AND BENEFITS PROGRAMS

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Compensation

- 605 AMEND CURRENT LAW REGARDING VA SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION to allow concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired or retainer pay without offset.
- 609 DISABILITY COMPENSATION RATINGS be protected by law after 10 years.
- 617 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE on an annual basis be legislatively sought for certain service connected veterans.
- 624 HERBICIDE EXPOSURE studies be accurately and quickly completed; liberalizing criteria for claims disposition be sought; recent developments regarding this issue be publicized in VFW Magazine.
- 677 SUPPORT H.R. 1100, a measure providing for improved health care and liberalization of service connection criteria for former prisoners of war.
- 716 HERBICIDE EXPOSURE legislation be enacted that provides for an open-ended presumptive period for any chronic disease or disorder resultant from the exposure to Agent Orange or other toxic substances.
- 732 MAKE VETERANS AWARE DISABILITY CLAIMS MAY BE REOPENED THOUGH APPEAL TIME HAS EXPIRED inasmuch as the justification of continuous review of physical changes and conditions is clearly evident, and should be periodically publicized by the VA.
- 776 RADIATION EXPOSURE - SERVICE CONNECTION where diseases reasonably attributable to such exposure are medically recognized, be legislatively enacted.
- 780 VETERANS AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT benefits should not be offset by one another.

Pension

- 619 SPECIAL WORLD WAR I PENSION without income restrictions be actively pursued legislatively.
- 732 MAKE VETERANS AWARE DISABILITY CLAIMS MAY BE REOPENED THOUGH APPEAL TIME HAS EXPIRED inasmuch as the justification of continuous review of physical changes and conditions is clearly evident, and should be periodically publicized by the VA.
- 750 DEATH PENSION ELIGIBILITY should be determined solely on the income of the widow.

National Cemeteries, Monuments and Burial Benefits

- 202 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND, INC. donations should be encouraged of our membership.

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- 729 MEMORIAL CENTERS be provided in certain national cemeteries.
- 751 OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATION OF BURIAL ALLOWANCE AND VETERANS BENEFITS.
- 771 MONUMENT ON ATTU Island be erected to honor Americans killed there during World War II.
- 774 BURIAL BENEFIT ALLOWANCE be legislatively restored.
- 778 PROVIDE A NATIONAL CEMETERY IN EACH STATE through legislative means.

Hospital, Medical and Domiciliary Care Facilities

- 608 REIMBURSEMENT OF VA HOSPITAL CARE COSTS by private insurers be opposed.
- 611 VIETNAM VETERANS READJUSTMENT COUNSELING/VET CENTERS authority and funding be continued for at least five years.
- 615 HERBICIDE FEE BASIS GENETIC COUNSELING be sought for Vietnam veterans and their spouses.
- 621 VA PLAN FOR AGING VETERANS be supplied by the VA to the Congress for action to meet the needs of those veterans.
- 623 BENEFICIARY TRAVEL payments to veterans under present criteria be vigorously and forcefully pursued.
- 624 HERBICIDE EXPOSURE studies be accurately and quickly completed; liberalizing criteria for claims disposition be sought; recent developments regarding this issue be publicized in VFW Magazine.
- 677 SUPPORT H.R. 1100, a measure providing for improved health care and liberalization of service connection criteria for former prisoners of war.
- 679 WORLD WAR I VETERANS be afforded outpatient dental care through the enactment of legislation.
- 717 MATCHING FUND CONSTRUCTION GRANTS TO STATES be increased by Congress for the purpose of expanding state hospital, domiciliary, and nursing care services.
- 721 NON-EXPIRING NURSING HOME CARE FOR WWI VETERANS be legislatively enacted.
- 723 REPLACEMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, ALLEN PARK, MICHIGAN be accomplished at Wayne State School of Medicine and that the current facility at Allen Park continue to be used for treatment for certain veterans.
- 724 OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF VA HOSPITAL AT FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.

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- 725 SUPPORT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION INTEREST IN LASALLE, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL as a Veterans Administration medical facility.
- 726 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IN REDDING, CALIFORNIA as the need for such has been more than adequately demonstrated.
- 727 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA as the need for such has been more than adequately demonstrated.
- 731 PROVIDE VA CARE FOR FILIPINO VETERANS by legislative means so they may receive treatment for non service connected disabilities in VA facilities in the U.S.
- 734 OPPOSE AMA PROPOSALS TO ASSIGN MILITARY VETERANS TO PRIVATE HOSPITAL FACILITIES as this would undermine the VA hospital and medical care system.
- 740 OPPOSE REDUCTIONS IN VA MEDICAL FACILITIES that would eliminate or curtail the current health care delivery capability.
- 747 SCHOLARSHIP TO TRAIN VA MEDICAL DOCTORS should be funded in VA budget.
- 756 FEE BASIS cards be issued to veterans of the Mexican Border Period and World War I.
- 764 REMOVAL OF PREJUDICIAL REMARKS FROM VA ADMISSION RECORDS in order to protect veterans' right to fair treatment.
- 781 SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE VA DELIVERY OF GERIATRIC AND EXTENDED HEALTH CARE SERVICES in order to meet the increasing future need for such services by veterans.

Education

- 744 OPPOSE FUNDING OF "GI BILL" EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM UNDER VA APPROPRIATION since this program is for recruitment and retention purposes for the all-volunteer force.
- 782 VIETNAM-ERA GI BILL EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS be legislatively improved by extending entitlement to 48 months, increasing benefits to a level at least comparable to the CPI increase and by removing the delimiting date for such.

Insurance, Loans and Housing

- 601 LIBERALIZATION OF VETERANS MORTGAGE LIFE INSURANCE so that totally and permanently disabled veterans may obtain such at a reasonable premium.
- 759 BORROWING AGAINST GI INSURANCE be legislatively permitted at fixed rates rather than variable rates.

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Civil Service and Employment

- 613 VRA APPEAL PROCESS be implemented for veterans so appointed because they have no recourse to merit protection board when fired.
- 614 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR VETERANS be effectively implemented in E.E.O.C. and O.F.C.C.P. as required by law.
- 616 OPM ROSTER be compiled on veterans appointed and seeking appointment under VRA authority.
- 627 OUTSTATIONING OF DISABLED VETERAN OUTREACH PROGRAM STAFF legislation be sought where such is accomplished on the basis of need in consultation with SDVE; that budget for such be a line item in DOL budget; that \$50 million for such over and above grants-in-aid be sought.
- 642 OPPOSE ANY CHANGES TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR VES STATE DIRECTORS and Assistant Directors of the VES.
- 643 LIST OF APPROVED TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS be provided by each VA Regional Office to the appropriate State Director for Veterans Employment.
- 644 LISTS OF DISABLED VETERANS FOR VES by state be provided by the VA Administrator to the State Director of the Veterans Employment.
- 645 IMPROVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED VETERANS by requesting OPM to require all federal agencies to report all VRA applications and appointments; to provide VES with names of unsuccessful applicants so that they may be assisted in finding employment.
- 651 MAINTAIN THE 52 VES-DOL SECRETARIAL POSITIONS by placing those positions under federal civil service.
- 658 VETERANS PREFERENCE IN JOB MATCHING PROGRAM be administratively or legislatively sought.
- 661 REINSTITUTE VETERANS PREFERENCE IN U.S. POSTAL SERVICE by pressing that service to abide by the law and by implementing VRA appointments therein.
- 662 CETA PRIME SPONSORS "JOBS FOR VETERANS" PROGRAM be strengthened by upgrading veteran classification therein and by making CETA more veteran oriented.
- 688 SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO REPEAL INEQUITABLE REQUIREMENT, KNOWN AS "CATCH-62" TO RECOMPUTE CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITIES for veterans who retire from federal civil service.
- 689 SUPPORT EARNED COMPENSATION FOR MILITARY RETIREES IN THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE by opposing the offset of civil service pay by military retired pay (approved in principle).
- 691 DUAL COMPENSATION FOR RETIREES be legislatively sought before Congress through the elimination of the offset of civil service pay by retired pay.

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- 695 SUPPORT S. 46 and H.R. 116 to eliminate the "Catch-62" inequity when service in the armed forces after 1956 is combined with civil service retirement.
- 700 JOB SERVICE STAFFING reductions be opposed and restoration of grants-to-states be sought to provide for at least the same staffing level as supported in FY 81.
- 710 FUNDING FOR VES be adequate in order to allow VES staff to carry out their functions as mandated by law.
- 713 TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT legislation be introduced in Congress to extend the program for two years and to eliminate the age restriction and waiting period for certain Vietnam-era veterans.
- 777 SUNSET AND VETERANS EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS be upheld to acknowledge the true intent of veterans' preference.
- 783 OPPOSE CONTRACTING OUT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES that would adversely effect recruitment and retention of veterans in federal employment.
- 784 PRESERVE AND EXTEND VETERANS PREFERENCE by pressing the federal establishment and Congress to reject all attempts to degrade or dilute such.

VA PROGRAMS

- 606 GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION that would in any way compromise the integrity of the VA, its programs, or the position of Administrator be opposed.
- 611 VIETNAM VETERANS READJUSTMENT COUNSELING/VET CENTERS authority and funding be continued for at least five years.
- 615 HERBICIDE FEE BASIS GENETIC COUNSELING be sought for Vietnam veterans and their spouses.
- 755 CHIROPRACTIC CARE THROUGH CHAMPUS AND CHAMPVA to aid veterans to overcome health problems be authorized.

ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY BENEFITS

- 605 AMEND CURRENT LAW REGARDING VA SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION to allow concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired or retainer pay without offset.
- 607 APPORTIONMENT OF ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE RETIRED PAY AND SURVIVORS ANNUITIES be opposed.
- 621 VA PLAN FOR AGING VETERANS be supplied by the VA to the Congress for action to meet the needs of those veterans.

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- 625 SURVIVORS BENEFIT PLAN (SBP) legislation be sought that eliminates Social Security offset; that permits concurrent payment of SBP and DIC; that plan be reopened for eligibles for 180 days.
- 626 CHAMPUS legislation or administrative action be supported that: (1) provides sufficient health care personnel to meet patient demand; (2) includes dental care for all beneficiaries; (3) simplifies claims procedures; and (4) assures timely claims settlements.
- 671 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES FOR RETIREES be sought through renegotiations of Status of Forces Agreements.
- 681 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR RECENTLY DISCHARGED VETERANS be continued by the enactment of legislation if necessary.
- 687 RECOMPUTATION OF RETIREE PAY FOR PRE-1970 RETIREES provided that such would not result in a loss of retired pay.
- 689 SUPPORT EARNED COMPENSATION FOR MILITARY RETIREES IN THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE by opposing the offset of civil service pay by military retired pay (approved in principle).
- 691 DUAL COMPENSATION FOR RETIREES be legislatively sought before Congress through the elimination of the offset of civil service pay be retired pay.
- 695 SUPPORT S. 46 and H.R. 116 to eliminate the "Catch-62" inequity when service in the armed forces after 1956 is combined with civil service retirement.
- 744 OPPOSE FUNDING OF "GI BILL" EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM UNDER VA APPROPRIATION since this program is for recruitment and retention purposes for the all-volunteer force.
- 752 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF RETIREES should be pursued legislatively to allow remains to be transported to the U.S. from abroad as non-DOD cargo.
- 755 CHIROPRACTIC CARE THROUGH CHAMPUS AND CHAMPVA to aid veterans to overcome health problems be authorized.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 104 RESTORE MEMORIAL DAY TO MAY 30TH, its rightful and historic date by legislative means.
- 202 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND, INC. donations should be encouraged of our membership.
- 301 THE COPYRIGHTS ACT OF 1976 should be amended to exempt Congressionally chartered non-profit, veterans' and fraternal organizations from its provisions.

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- 306 THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR JOSEPH LUCA.
- 603 NEW LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES that are enacted should be adequately funded so that funds for such would not serve to reduce or eliminate other existing entitlements.
- 604 LOBBY REFORM LEGISLATION be opposed where it applies to non-profit charitable organizations whose lobbying activities constitutes only a small portion of their activities.
- 605 AMEND CURRENT LAW REGARDING VA SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION to allow concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired or retainer pay without offset.
- 606 GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION that would in any way compromise the integrity of the VA, its programs, or the position of Administrator be opposed.
- 607 APPORTIONMENT OF ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE RETIRED PAY AND SURVIVORS ANNUITIES be opposed.
- 610 OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT PROGRAM WITH OTHER RETIREMENT PROGRAMS of a federal or military nature.
- 612 SBA LOANS: SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR VETERANS be sought legislatively and administratively.
- 620 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF VA claims decisions pertaining to matters of law and regulations, insofar as the merits of the claim are concerned, and review of facts that are alleged to be arbitrary and/or capricious should be supported; Commander-in-Chief be instructed to form a committee to review this position.
- 622 OPPOSE CONTRACTING OF VA SERVICES as proposed in OMB Circular A-76 before the Congress and the VA.
- 624 HERBICIDE EXPOSURE studies be accurately and quickly completed; liberalizing criteria for claims disposition be sought; recent developments regarding this issue be publicized in VFW Magazine.
- 665 VETERANS PREFERENCE concept in federal employment should be actively reiterated by the Congress so that agencies do not circumvent it.
- 669 PRESERVE VETERANS PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES by seeking support for such from the Administration and before the Congress.
- 694 OPPOSE LEGISLATION TO CHANGE SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN that would alter or eliminate the gratuitous wage credits granted to certain veterans, and that veterans be permitted to concurrently receive military retired pay, social security payments, and civil service annuities.

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- 697 OPPOSE CURTAILMENT OR ELIMINATION OF EARNED VETERANS BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES by any organization, government office, bureau or agency.
- 698 OPPOSE TAXATION OF VA AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS by federal, state, local or any other level of government, and that such benefits not be considered as income under other federally funded programs.
- 713 TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT legislation be introduced in Congress to extend the program for two years and to eliminate the age restriction and waiting period for certain Vietnam-era veterans.
- 728 NAMING THE VA MEDICAL CENTER, DUBLIN, GA "THE CARL VINSON MEDICAL CENTER" be legislatively enacted.
- 730 MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL OFFICES be continued and no steps be taken to dismantle this system.
- 735 RETENTION OF U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS SYSTEM as it presently exists.
- 744 OPPOSE FUNDING OF "GI BILL" EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM UNDER VA APPROPRIATION since this program is for recruitment and retention purposes for the all-volunteer force.
- 751 OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATION OF BURIAL ALLOWANCE AND VETERANS BENEFITS.
- 762 CREATE CABINET STATUS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION through legislative action.
- 763 LEGISLATION TO REIMBURSE WILLIAM KUBRICK FOR NEGLIGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT.
- 766 POW STATUS ON DISCHARGE papers be noted.
- 768 COMMEND MEMORIAL RIFLE SQUAD AT FT. SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETERY.
- 773 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE RENDERED IN KOREA during period of July 28, 1954 to a date to be announced be legislatively sought.
- 775 THE VA BUDGET AND RECONCILIATION process should not further reduce VA benefits and/or the hospital and medical care system.
- 779 COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR VA BENEFICIARIES be in an amount at least commensurate with the CPI.
- 780 VETERANS AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT benefits should not be offset by one another.

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- 108 OBSERVATION OF MIA/POW RECOGNITION DAY on the appropriate date be undertaken by all levels of the VFW.
- 205 POW/MIA COMMITTEE be continued by the Commander-in-Chief at the national level and be set up at the state level of the VFW.
- 401 DENY SOUTH AFRICA TO COMMUNIST MILITARY IMPERIALISM by assuring that South Africa does not become Moscow's last domino on the African Continent and that we attend to our clear and present national interests.
- 402 RESTORE AMERICAN PRIMACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA by requesting the Congress to reaffirm the principles of the "Monroe Doctrine," to combat the spread of Soviet/Cuban influence by every means, and to keep the School of the Americas alive.
- 403 RETURN TO A FAIR AND LOOPHOLE-FREE MILITARY DRAFT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE by registration of 18 year old males, reestablishment of a selective service headquarters in each state; by annual conscription of up to 200,000 men for the Individual Ready Reserve; that the draft be equitable and loophole free where the quantity and quality of personnel needs to assure the common defense will be available.
- 404 THE UN: THE FREE RIDE MUST END by reducing U.S. fiscal support thereof to a pro-rata share.
- 405 AID THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS by increasing flow of small arms, anti-tank and anti-helicopter weapons to them.
- 406 AMERICA'S ALLIES AND THE COMMON DEFENSE: the U.S. should reduce troop strength in Europe and sharply limit importation of Japanese auto's to secure the appropriate defense commitment from them.
- 407 DEFENSE: THE LONG ROAD BACK - the anti-defense policies of the previous Administration should be understood and we should support the current Administration plan to re-arm America.
- 408 SHORING UP THE MIDDLE EAST by support for Saudi Arabia, proper support for rational forces in Iran; an Arab-Israeli peace settlement; building a naval base on Diego Garcia Island, and by halting Soviet penetration of that area.
- 409 OPPOSITION TO, AND ISOLATION OF, COMMUNIST CUBA be carried out with nonrecognition of that communist regime, by continued U.S. presence at Guantanamo Naval Base, and by aerial over flights to determine if "Kennedy-Kruschchev Agreement of 1962" is being honored.
- 410 AMERICA'S MISSING IN ACTION: A NON-NEGOTIABLE MATTER OF HONOR and every economic and diplomatic pressure should be utilized in locating them as well as urging the Congress and Administration to publicly act on this issue, withholding favored nation trade status to Russia and withholding aid to Socialist Vietnam.

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- 411 THE VFW: ANTI-COMMUNIST; PRO FREEDOM: this stance should be reaffirmed to the Congress and Executive Branch of the government through requests for increased defense spending, increased efforts to counter the Soviet military capability and to stop the export of sophisticated U.S. technology to the Soviet Union.
- 412 UNSWERVING VFW SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN by requesting the Congress and the Executive Branch of the government furnish modern weapons to Taiwan, by maintenance of cultural, educational and diplomatic ties.
- 413 OVERSEAS OIL AND U.S. SECURITY: the VFW will support a fair and comprehensive energy policy which will reverse U.S. dependence upon foreign oil and provides for 100,000 barrels a day addition to U.S. strategic petroleum stockpile.
- 414 CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CIA AND FBI by maintaining their integrity and ability to operate in a fashion most consistent with the security and intelligence needs of this nation.
- 415 THE U.S. MILITARY: A CALLING NOT A JOB in which all active and reserve components must be supported and which requires specific spelling out of GI rights and benefits.
- 416 FIRST THINGS FIRST: A U.S. NAVY CLEARLY NUMBER 1 NOW in order to properly secure the world's sea lanes, thereby securing U.S. interests.
- 417 ASSURE THE FLOW OF UNDILUTED MILITARY ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS by the Congress and the President insisting that JCS advice not conform to transitory domestic political preference.
- 418 OPPOSE U.S. ADHERENCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENOCIDE TREATY as a circumvention and abdication of constitutionally guaranteed rights of this nation's citizens.
- 419 NEED FOR A RAPID CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDUP should be a matter of overriding national priority, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency should be adequately funded.
- 420 REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES should be dealt with in a comprehensive Congressionally mandated system whereby illegal aliens are deported, detection techniques for apprehending such are intensified, and those who are in this country with temporary visas are expelled when they are legally found to have violated the laws of this country.
- 421 UNWAVERING U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA by honoring the 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty, not withdrawing any additional troops and by continued military support.
- 422 AMERICAN DEFENSE PRIMACY: THE LONG HAUL be undertaken by providing the funds to adequately insure American military superiority at every level, never again having a "no-win" war.

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- 423 RESTORE THE STRATEGIC BALANCE as the terms of the proposed Salt II Treaty are not verifiable and should never be approved; by specific military spending programs for weapons systems.
- 424 NO WOMEN IN COMBAT JOBS that call for closing with and destroying the enemy.
- 425 DEFEAT THE UN-SPONSORED 'LAW OF THE SEA' TREATY in its present form should it be presented to the Senate for ratification.
- 426 REGULAR ENLISTED RETIRED MEMBERS SERVING IN THE READY RESERVE be actively supported before the Congress and Executive branches of the government.
- 429 PAY INCREASE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL in order to recruit and retain a strong active military force.
- 430 MILITARY LEAVE FOR GUARD AND RESERVE service members should be retained and private employers should be encouraged to pay the member the difference between civilian pay and semi-annual training pay.
- 431 MEDICAL CARE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL and their dependents be demanded from the DOD.
- 434 NATIONAL DEFENSE FIRST MX CONSIDERATION rather than political expediency of placating environmentalists, ecologists and other self-interest groups.
- 435 NATIONAL STRATEGY OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH be implemented through a strong economy, aid to allies, insuring strong security and intelligence communities using non-military means to check the growth of communism; accepting no arms control measure jeopardizing our national security; promoting civil defense; achieving technological superiority over Soviets; and by inspiring and focusing national will to achieve these goals.
- 436 OPPOSITION TO "NO WIN" WARS: we should fight, if necessary, with the objective to win and that our trained military be authorized and expected to accomplish such in the shortest possible time.
- 437 ACTIVELY SUPPORT NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY by administrative and legislative means.
- 438 MAKE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION A CRIMINAL OFFENSE through legislative action.
- 440 REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT OF A JUDICIAL WARRANT TO COLLECT FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and modify the act to cover physical searches.
- 441 PROTECT THE IDENTITIES OF AMERICAN COVERT INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL through legislative action.

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- 442 SECURITY FOR AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ABROAD be maintained to insure their safety and well being and that the takeover by foreign personnel be considered an act of war, where our armed forces might rescue personnel by force and that punitive actions be taken against the offending nation.
- 447 ELF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM be constructed to enhance the security of our submarines.
- 448 ACCESS TO SCHOOLS BY MILITARY RECRUITERS in order to enhance the recruitment of personnel for our armed forces.
- 449 LIMIT ON IMMIGRATION be supported.
- 451 POST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES FOR RETIREES IN GERMANY be provided for by renegotiating the Status of Forces Agreement with Germany.
- 452 POSTAL PRIVILEGES FOR BOX R PATRONS be fully restored by the Department of Defense.
- 453 USE OF MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE BY VFW in overseas areas inasmuch as many other organizations similar to the VFW are permitted to do so.
- 454 JROTC INSTRUCTORS PAY AND ALLOWANCES be legislatively changed to eliminate a pay inequity that exists with respect to retired officers and NCO's who instruct overseas JROTC units.
- 455 NO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BERKELEY BOARD OF EDUCATION inasmuch as the Board has issued a directive requiring all high school students to be instructed in draft avoidance.
- 456 "BUY AMERICAN" concept be supported at all levels of government and industry.
- 457 OPPOSE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTING OUT MEDICAL SERVICES with private organizations and urge Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to provide adequate care.
- 459 STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING through economic and political pressure.
- 460 THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS/THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION be reviewed by Congressional committee and their results be made public.
- 461 STAMP OUT TERRORISM by increasing airport and harbor security, reinstating the "House Committee on Internal Security," and never succumb to terrorists' demands.
- 462 INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION OF COMMODITIES AND TECHNICAL DATA INTENDED TO BE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA be properly conducted and that Congress adequately fund and staff the U.S. Custom Service.