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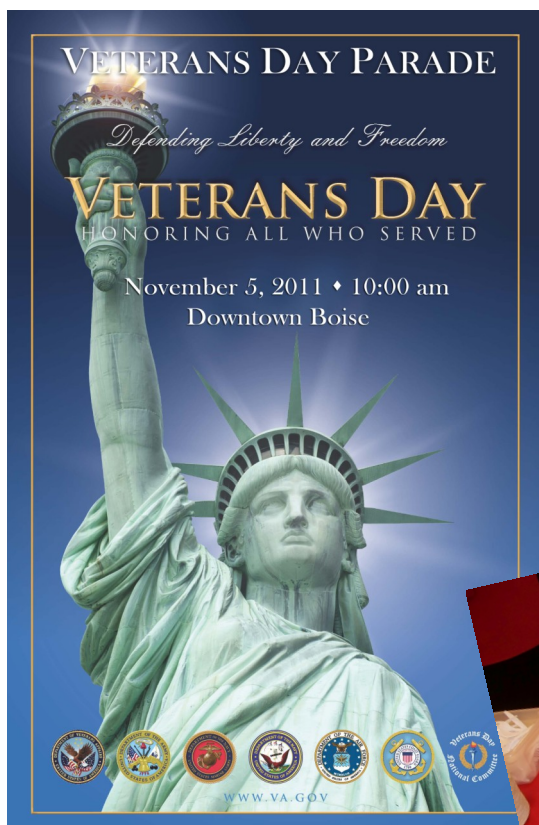
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*"To care for him who shall have borne the battle for his widow and his orphan."*

*Abraham Lincoln*



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## **November, & December Will Be A Busy Two Months**

November 5th; Veterans Day Parade

November 5th; (Assumed Date) Co "C", 4th Tanks MC Ball

November 10th; MC Birthday cake cutting at the Veterans Home

November 11th; Veterans Day events at the Veterans Home

December (TBD); Annual Detachment Christmas Party

For further information and details on the upcoming events contact your fellow Officers listed to the left of this page.



## **Flu Shots At VA Medical Center**

If you missed your flu shots on the schedule dates announced in a mail notification you can still get your flu shots on a "Walk-in" or call the VAMC for an appointment to come in.

## **MAIN ENTRANCE TO BOISE VA CAMPUS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

The main entrance gate to the Boise VA campus (located at 5th Street and Fort Street) will be closed for construction beginning September 9, 2011. The construction is estimated to be complete by November 1, 2011.

Alternate routes for accessing the Boise VA campus have been identified.. Veterans, visitors, employees and contractors accessing the Boise VA campus are being asked to access the VA campus from Robbins Road and Fort Street. Signs will be available to help guide persons interested in accessing the Boise VA campus.

Offices/agencies affected by the gate closure on the Boise VA campus are, but not limited to:

*Boise VA Medical Center*

*Boise VA Regional Office*

*Disabled American Veterans, Service Office*

*Vocational Rehabilitation Offices*

*Idaho Division of Veteran Services*

*Idaho State Veterans Home - Boise*

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## ***TRICARE Script Rates to Change***

Week of September 12, 2011

In an effort to encourage beneficiaries to use the Home Delivery option, TRICARE will soon change their pharmacy copayments. As of Oct. 1, 2011, copayments for generic prescription medications will be free of charge for 90 day supplies through TRICARE Home Delivery; while the copayment for the same medication will increase from \$3 to \$5 at retail pharmacies. Other rates will also change

## ***More Tricare Fee Increase Continue***

At 15 percent of cost and be raised to 30 percent over an as yet unspecified period

Read more: <http://militaryadvantage.military.com/2011/10/more-tricare-fee-increases-proposed/#ixzz1Zpoa2KnQ>  
MilitaryAdvantage.Military.com

## ***More TRICARE Fee Increases Proposed***

October 3, 2011 • [Terry Howell](#)

The Department of Defense has been pushing for TRICARE fee increases for nearly a year. This week military retirees who choose to enroll in [TRICARE Prime](#) will be required to pay an additional \$2.50 per month for individual members and \$5 per month for members and family. The increase takes the annual premium rate from \$230 (individual) and \$460 (family) to \$260 and \$520 respectively. Currently enrolled retirees will begin paying the new annual enrollment fees in January 2012. The same week TRICARE announced their new TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, the administration proposed a brand new \$200 annual fee for [TRICARE for Life](#) (the Medicare supplement for military retirees and their dependents who are older than 65). If adopted, this new enrollment fee would be charged beginning in 2013, and it would gradually increase. According to the White House the proposal would save \$6.7 billion over 10 years.

The White House also proposed a new TRICARE prescription medication co-pay structure. Under the plan retirees would see co-pays rise based a percentage formulated to government costs. According to a report by Tom Philpott, generic drugs at retail would be set at 10 percent of the Defense Department's cost for the medicine and this would climb to 20 percent after 2013.

Co-pays for brand names would start ➡➡

## ***VA Lists Ships Exposed to Agent Orange***

Week of September 12, 2011

Veterans who served aboard U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships operating on the waters of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, may be eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation for 14 medical conditions associated with presumptive exposure to Agent Orange. An updated list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships confirmed to have operated on Vietnam's inland waterways, docked on shore, or had crewmembers sent ashore, has been posted at the [VA Public Health Agent Orange webpage](#) to assist Vietnam veterans in determining potential eligibility for compensation benefits. For questions about Agent Orange and the online list of ships, veterans may call VA's Special Issues Helpline at 1-800-749-8387 and press 3. For more information, read the [VA press release](#).

## ***Vets Comp and Pen Rates May Increase***

Week of October 10, 2011

According to the Military Officers Association of America, the inflation rate rose 0.3% in August. This may result in increase in social security, survivor benefit plan and veterans disability compensation and pension increase of up to 3.7%. This could mean the first rate increase in two years. This information has not been confirmed. So please do not start making adjustments to your future 2012 income until all the facts are in and approved



Rawleigh M. Hursh, 77, of Nampa, Idaho went home to be with his Lord on August 25, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 28, 1934 at Chadwick, MO in Christian County and raised in Rueter, MO graduating from Forsyth High School in 1952.

Rawleigh served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps on two separate enlistments from Aug 13, 1952 – Aug 12, 1955, and from April 30, 1957 to April 2, 1959, during the Korean War & the Cold War era's. During his service, he reached the rank of Corporal & earning medals for National Defense, Korean Service, United Nations, Good Conduct, M1 Marksmanship as well as other Unit Citation medals. Rawleigh joined the Marine Corp on August 13, 1953,

completing boot camp in San Diego & infantry training in Camp Pendleton. His brother, Oliver joined the Marine Corps after Rawleigh visited him on leave. During a Transition Regiment in San Diego, Oliver was assigned to Japan recalls a vivid memory of traveling 19 days on Merchant Marine Ship, by train, and then in a 6by Marine truck to Nara, Japan. When his transport vehicle turned into Military gate compound and stopped, Oliver got up, turned around to get out of the back of the truck and there was his brother, Rawleigh waiting to meet him. He had no idea that this would happen. Rawleigh and Oliver were fortunate to serve together during a 6 month period of time while stationed in Nara, Japan with the rifle company in C Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.



After returning from Nara, Rawleigh was transferred to the Marine Corp Air Station, Hawaii, assigned to Rear Echelon, 4th Regiment, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of his service.

Two years later, Rawleigh re-enlisted in the Marine Corps with his friend Stanley Patterson and was stationed at San Clemente, CA, assigned to Southern Patrol, MP Unit at Camp Pendleton as a cross country prison chaser, guarding prisoners who were being transferred. He again was honorably discharged after completing his service. During this assignment as an MP, he was required wear his Marine dress greens with a wool green jacket, cap and red MP armband. Rawleigh's wore his same attire when he was admitted to his final resting place in the Meridian Cemetery in Meridian, Idaho.

Rawleigh was very proud to be a member of the TVMCL, joining in 2010 along with his daughter as an associate member. He and his daughter are grateful and appreciative of the support and kindness showed by TVMCL during his illness and their attendance at the memorial service.



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### The Marine For Life Network

#### Lifelong Commitment

As any Marine will tell you, becoming a Marine is a transformative experience. Marines form a lifelong bond. They are devoted to the Marine Corps and to each other. You often hear Marines say, "Semper Fi" — "Always Faithful."

Marines have always helped each other and formed networks of mutual support. Marine For Life's aim is to identify these networks, connect them with one another and expand them in communities throughout the United States.

Marine For Life assists Marines who are returning to civilian life, Marine reservists and all Marine veterans throughout their lives. Marine For Life also assists Sailors who have served with Marine Corps units.

#### The Value of a Network

What is the value of a network? Networks connect people and organizations with similar interests, with similar goals in life, with a similar desire to help others. The Marine For Life network exists for Marines and those who are a part of their lives.

The network connects Marines with opportunities — in areas like employment, education and realizing life goals. Members of the Marine For Life network help Marines make the connections that lead to their success in the community, in the workplace and in civilian life.

The Marine For Life network includes Marines, Marine veterans, employers wanting to hire Marines, people wanting to mentor Marines, educational institutions and civic and veterans' organizations.

To continually expand its network, Marine For Life relies on people like you — both with and without Marine Corps experience. You don't have to have a Marine Corps background to be a part of the Marine For Life network — just a desire to see Marine veterans succeed.

#### Community-Oriented

With its nationwide network in communities throughout the United States, Marine For Life maintains an important link between the Marine Corps and the American people.

Marine veterans bring the core values of the Marine Corps — honor, courage and commitment — with them when they make the transition to civilian life. They continue their dedication to service in the community as they build their homes, their families and their careers.

The generosity of interested people and organizations — and their willingness to become a part of the Marine For Life network — enables Marine For Life to better serve Marine Corps veterans.



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