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

Abraham Lincoln



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*To be connected with VA
suicide Prevention and Mental
Health Professionals. Call the
toll-free National Suicide
Prevention hotline and indicate
you are a veteran. 1-800-273-*

ELECTION DAY FOR MCL, DETACHMENT, NO 878

As always our turn out for last month's Detachment meeting was poor. We had only twelve folks show up out of 84 paid up members.....
The election and final vote for the officers' billets have been accepted at this time. Our current *Commandant*, Rich Erickson has put his hat in for another term. Our Junior Vice Commandant, Arnold Strawn has elected to run for the *Senior Vice Commandant's* position. John Walker, one of our new members has put his hat in for the *Junior Vice Commandant's* position. Bob Smith our current *Judge Advocate* has also elected to remain for another term. Ralph Elston, our *Paymaster/Adjutant* has also elected to remain in his current position. That's where we stand at this time. Remember there is no call-ins or absentee voting. You must be present to vote or recommend your choice for any of the Officer's positions. Our next Detachment meeting will be April 16th at 1900 at Gowen Field in the Pavilion. If you want to vote or become involved in any of the positions in the Detachment please come in and voice your concerns or opposition.

VIETNAM VETERANS

If you have not registered at the VA hospital and have not gotten an Agent Orange examination, I encourage you to do so for your peace of mind as well as for the benefit of your family. If you're not familiar with the certain cancer diagnosis that is covered with Agent Orange you will be able to find out all this at the time of your register/examination.
The longer you put off the harder it is to prove your case. It's already been thirty-four years since the end of the Vietnam campaign. We are all getting older and time is not on our side. As a former veterans administration employee my experience working veterans' case files is to get yourself on record and establish your health case, whether it's approved or not, so later on down the road you can have something to fall back on for record. As we all get older our health may start to deteriorate faster or it may not. We all hope it will take longer, but we can't predict what may happen in the future. So by getting yourself on record for now may save a lot of headaches trying to find paperwork, remember dates, and places later on down the road. The same with registering with the VA hospital for Agent Orange and getting an exam.

