

Newsletter, April – May & June 2001
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Commander's Message: (Attached)

1st Vice Commanders Report: Welcome to New Members of Post #166 since our last newsletter. Robert Hunt, Gerald Engle, Gerard Thuman, Harold Breidenstein, Joseph Richardson, Fritz Patschorke, Duncan Runyon, Howard Lucas, Ken Layman, Phillip Anthony, Bruce Martin, Marion Beall & Earl Moyer.

Paid up membership to date is (829). WE ARE A 3-STAR POST !

Service Officers Report: Sick Call : Cards were sent to Mrs. Helen Sangermano, Hollie Robinson,

Post Everlasting: George R. Crawford, Victor F. Chiselbrook, Martin W. Devlin, Robert L. Holland, Doug Miley, Vernon J. Miller, George G. Milne Jr., Lester R. Moore, Harry J. Noyes, Edward O. Shaner, Also transferred to Post Everlasting is Past Service Officer Art Skiles. Our Sincere Sympathy to their Families & Friends.

House Committee News; Effective April 1st the prices at the bar will be adjusted to reflect the last three raises we have absorbed. We regret having to make this decision but cannot continue to serve at the current prices as this would be a very poor management policy.

We will be trying some new things in the next three months so read the newsletter calendar and keep up to date. We will be having Fish & Chips, Hamburgers & Hot dogs and some other light menu items plus our old standbys; Steamed Shrimp & Spaghetti. CHECK IT OUT !!

Joe's Corner: A controversial decision (Morton vs. West) held that the VA was not obligated to provide assistance to veterans and survivors to help them establish their claims for benefits. As a result the VA refused to assist many claimants since July 1999 because their claims were "Not well grounded". But how does a veteran or widow prove a case is well grounded without all the facts? Congress has just passed a bill that NOW OBLIGATES the VA to assist all claimants in getting their paperwork together to file a claim. In particular, it requires the VA to help locate, at no charge, relevant service records to enable veterans & their survivors to make

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Joe's Corner continued.

Their claims. If the VA denied any claim you made on or after July 14,1999, you should request the VA reopen your claim. You have two years from the date of enactment of the new law (November 2000) to reopen your claim

Additional News: Women Veterans are the Focus of the New American Legion Guide. (Written by the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)- From identifying & documenting health problems to seeking veterans benefits, a new booklet has been published by the American Legion that covers a range of concerns facing America's 1.2 million women veterans. It is a comprehensive overview of benefits & resources available to all veterans and particularly women veterans. For more information or to obtain a copy, contact the VA&R Deputy Director at (202) 263-2989. You may also search out more information on the World Wide Web www.legion.org (Information for this news release provided by The American Legion Washington Office, The VA, & Joe Sangermano)

Message from your Auxiliary President: (Attached)