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VA Revises Regulations on Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment of Veterans



On January 10, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has, through a Federal Register notice, revised its regulations concerning payment or reimbursement for emergency treatment for non-service connected conditions at non-VA facilities.

VA will begin processing claims for reimbursement of reasonable costs that were only partially paid by the

Veteran's other health insurance (OHI). Those costs may include hospital charges, professional fees and emergency transportation, such as ambulances.

This change comes on the heels of an earlier announcement that VA was taking immediate action to address delayed payments to community providers.

Effective Jan. 9, VA updated a portion of its regulations in response to an April 2016 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims decision (*Staab vs. McDonald*) that stated VA could no longer deny reimbursement when OHI pays a portion of the treatment expenses.

VA will apply the updated regulations to claims pending with VA on or after April 8, 2016, and to new claims. By law, VA still may not reimburse Veterans for the costs of copayments, cost shares and deductibles required by their OHI.

VA will work directly with community providers to get additional information needed to review and process these claims. Previous claims do not have to be resubmitted unless requested by VA.

More information on the amended regulation along with guidance is posted in this newsletter. See *From the Service Rep's Desk*.

Meetings

The Chapter 120 membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Machinists Union Hall, 357 Main St., East Hartford.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00pm. Call the Chapter office for any changes in schedule. Chapter members are welcomed to attend.

Notice

If you have moved or changed your address, PLEASE notify us immediately. Call the Chapter office at (860) 568-9212, mail us at the address on the back of this newsletter or e-mail the Newsletter editor at ctchapter120@aol.com.

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Chapter/State News

New Member of Board of Directors

Due to the resignation of Pattie Dumin as a result of health issues, Phil Morneau has been elected as a member of the Chapter 120 Board of Directors.

Christmas at The Wall



Pattie Dumin, Connecticut State Council President, visited The Wall during Christmas. She offered a few photos, one of wreaths placed at The Wall and one of a yellow rose below her brother Paul's name on The Wall.

Chapter Member's grandson deployed overseas



The 143rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Connecticut National Guard shipped out to mobilization station on Sunday, November 12, 2017. The 70 Soldiers of the 143rd CSSB, headquartered in Waterbury, traveled to Eastern Europe, where they will be responsible for providing logistical support throughout their area of responsibility. SP4 Blake Bibisi, grandson of Chapter 120 member John Siemer, shipped out with the 143rd. He experienced his first Christmas away from family.

Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes go to our members born in February. May you have many more!

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Receive "The Connection" by E-Mail

The monthly Chapter 120 newsletter, The Connection, is available by e-mail. Currently, 97 members receive the newsletter by e-mail, saving the Chapter over \$600 in postal fees annually. The newsletter is available in Adobe format (.pdf), attached to your e-mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail the newsletter editor at ctchapter120@aol.com

From The Norwich Bulletin

Meet a Veteran: Pilot refueled bombers in air during Vietnam War



In the service: While he was still a student at Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania, Lebanon native Robert M. Slate was drafted into service in the spring of 1969, when he was 22 years old. After graduating, Slate enlisted with the U.S. Air Force on delayed entry that fall, passed the pilot test, and was sent for three months to Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. In

January 1970, Slate was assigned to pilot training at Laredo Air Force Base, and graduated on April 9, 1971. After receiving his silver wings, Slate began KC-135 upgrade training as a second lieutenant at Castle Air Force Base in Merced, California. He was then stationed with the 41st Air Refueling Squadron, 416th Bombardment Wing at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y. Over the next five years, Slate and his group were assigned to Strategic Air Command, or SAC, to support and refuel B-52 bombers. The men lived in “mole holes,” and needed to be ready to take to the air at a moment’s notice. Slate ultimately rose to aircraft commander, leading a four-man crew that received honors in a July 1974 publication of SAC Safety Screen for their high scores on an operational readiness inspection. During his time at Griffiss, Slate traveled to Southeast Asia in 1972 and 1974, to the Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base in northeast Thailand, completing a total of 40 missions refueling B-52s as they left for and returned from Vietnam.

After the service: In April 1976, Slate left the service and came back to Lebanon, where he began working at his father’s insurance company, the J.P. Mustard Agency, now on Main Street in Willimantic. Today, Slate, now 70 years old, is the owner/agent at the company, and lives on the family homestead on Route 87, where members of his family have lived since the mid-1700s, he says. Slate enjoys genealogy, civic involvement and local history, he says, and has served as treasurer of the Lebanon Historical Society for close to two decades, computerizing its accounting system. Slate served for 18 years on the town’s Board of Finance, and is currently secretary of the Inland Wetlands Commission. He has been a member of the Lebanon Lions Club for the last 36 years, he says, and is also a member of the American Legion Post 180. Slate has one daughter and an 11-year-old grandson.

Quotable: “We had to be ready to take off in five minutes. If the president pressed the ‘go to war’ button, that’s what we were prepared to do.”

Robert is a Life member of Chapter 120

From the Connecticut Post

Army vet sues VA over scalpel left in body after surgery

An Army veteran who says someone left a scalpel inside him after surgery is suing a Connecticut veterans’ affairs hospital.

Bridgeport resident Glenford Turner says the scalpel was only discovered years later, after he suffered from long-term abdominal pain. He sued the VA in U.S. District Court in early January, seeking unspecified compensatory damages.

Court papers say Turner had surgery at the VA hospital in West Haven in 2013. Nearly four years later, he went back to the VA with dizziness and severe abdominal pain. An X-Ray showed there was a scalpel inside his body.

Turner had to undergo surgery to remove the scalpel. His lawyer says doctors confirmed it was the same one. The lawyer calls it “an incomprehensible level of incompetence.”

East Hartford O’Connell School Students Honor Veterans



Fifth grade Students from East Hartford O’Connell Elementary School placed wreaths on veterans’ graves at Silver Lane Cemetery during the Wreaths Across America event on December 19, 2017.

POW/MIA News

**Progress Made**

President Trump met with the President of Vietnam in November. The meeting went well and there was much talk about the POW issue. Vietnam has now lifted all restrictions on the number of US personnel who can work in the country. In addition, there are no more restricted areas that the US cannot have access to, and Vietnam has committed their navy and

maritime services to work with US officials on any sites involving water shoot downs. All of these actions are considered a very big step forward by POW/MIA families.

On The Hill

From The New London Day

Courtney: 'Clock is ticking' for Blue Water Navy vets in fight for VA benefits

U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District, is pushing the House to act on legislation that would restore access to VA benefits for Blue Water Navy veterans exposed to Agent Orange and other toxins during the Vietnam War.

Blue Water Navy veterans, those who served on ships in the territorial seas of Vietnam, are not eligible for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs related to Agent Orange or other herbicide exposure.

"The clock is ticking for these veterans," Courtney said by phone Wednesday, January 3.

Initially, Blue Water Navy vets were granted recognition and compensation from the VA under the Agent Orange Act of 1991, which presumed certain diseases resulted from exposure to dioxins and other herbicide agents during military service in Vietnam.

In 2002, the VA reinterpreted the legislation to apply only to vets who served in the inland rivers or set foot in Vietnam, stripping Blue Water Navy vets of their coverage.

Since then, legislation in Congress has tried to restore coverage to these veterans with no success.

On Dec. 22, Courtney sent a letter, signed by more than 100 of his colleagues, to House Speaker Paul Ryan asking him to advance the latest legislative proposal, H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, which would restore the presumption of service connection to the House floor for a vote. The bill is stalled in the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"We cannot continue to kick this can down the road as the population of veterans is rapidly aging, and it's our duty to ensure they receive the benefits and health care they derive before it is too late," the letter says. It says thousands of Blue Water veterans are suffering from higher rates of diseases and chronic health conditions attributed to Agent Orange exposure.

To advance the bill, Ryan would have to waive the House's "Pay-As-You-Go" rule, which says that legislation that adds to the federal deficit has to be paid for with offsets, such as spending cuts or increased revenues. Courtney noted that the rule recently was waived for the tax reform bill "to the tune of \$1.5 trillion."

The VA has said it would cost \$5.5 billion over 10 years to provide benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans. VA officials have said there is a lack of scientific evidence that Blue Water Navy veterans were exposed to Agent Orange. Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin announced on Nov. 1 that he's continuing to look at possible new presumptive conditions that may qualify for compensation for Agent Orange exposure, further delaying any decision on the matter.

Veterans Affairs News

From UPI

**Trump signs order expanding mental health benefits for veterans**

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday Jan. 9 expanding mental health care benefits for returning military service members in hopes of decreasing veteran suicides.

The order directs the secretaries of the Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs departments to submit a plan within 60 days providing "seamless access to mental health treatment and suicide prevention resources" for veterans in the year following military service.

"We want them to get the highest care and the care that they so richly deserve," Trump said.

Veterans who have left the military within 3 to 12 months earlier are three times more likely to commit suicide than service members in active duty, according to a study from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin said within 60 days all departing service members will receive a full year of mental health care from the VA.

"Currently, up until your executive order, only 40 percent of those servicemembers had coverage in the VA to get mental health," Shulkin said. "Now 100 percent will have that coverage."

Shulkin also announced the department will make it easier for veterans to schedule and view appointments by implementing new online scheduling tools.

In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs will adopt the same Electronic Health Record as the Department of Defense in hopes of providing more seamless care between the departments.

“We will not rest until all of America’s great veterans receive the care they’ve earned through their incredible service and sacrifice to our country,” Trump said.

From MOAA

Blue Water Navy and Agent Orange: Taking the Fight to the Courts

The effort to get the VA to acknowledge those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam were also exposed to Agent Orange has been one of the longest battles in the history of veterans' benefits. Unfortunately, for every small win achieved by veterans, other roadblocks appeared. On January 12, MOAA and other organizations challenged one of those roadblocks in court.

An estimated 90,000 Vietnam veterans served off the coast of Vietnam. Though they never set foot on the landmass, they might have nonetheless been exposed to Agent Orange. It is unknown precisely how many of them were in the bays and harbors of Vietnam, such as Da Nang Harbor or Nha Trang Harbor, but based on ship logs, military weapons, and logistics technology at the time, a majority likely were in the harbors at some point to support the war effort.

The VA refuses to recognize service on ships in bays and harbors as service within the territory of Vietnam for the purposes of presuming exposure by Agent Orange, despite scientific evidence of aerial spraying and the presence of Agent Orange in the water.

In 2015 the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, in a case named *Gray v. McDonald*, determined the VA’s exclusion of the bays and harbors was an unsupported legal fiction, saying it was “devoid of any indication that VA made a fact-based assessment of the probability of exposure.” It ordered the VA to go back and reevaluate their definition of inland waterways as it applied to bays and harbors. The VA did so and decided they still would exclude bays and harbors. It revised its internal manual directing VA claims adjudicators to exclude service in bays and harbors from the Agent Orange presumption.

The case went back to court, this time with a challenge to the VA's internal manual instructions. The VA argued that because this was merely an internal manual provision the courts had no authority to review it. In 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit agreed with the VA and refused to review their internal manual provisions. This left 90,000 Vietnam veterans with little to no recourse to challenge the VA's determination, which was no less “devoid of indication that VA made a fact-based assessment of the probability of exposure” in 2017 than it

was in 2015, just this time shielded from judicial review through the VA's own actions.

MOAA joined other veterans’ advocacy groups in asking the court to reconsider that decision, pointing out the “VA, in adopting this new approach of enconcing massive substantive policy changes in the manual, thereby steering the adjudication process into the shadows, for the sake of its own convenience, is both anti-veteran and menacing to the productivity of the system.” MOAA asked for immediate action by the court because “a number of these veterans will die appealing the VA's flawed policy.”

The case is *Gray v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, No. 16-1782, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. It’s uncertain how long the court will take to decide whether a rehearing is warranted.

From U.S. Medicine

VA Promises Changes after Widespread Failure to Report Clinician Safety Issues

VA officials sought to reassure lawmakers that the agency is responding appropriately to an oversight report finding that several medical providers who gave harmful care to patients were never reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) or state licensing boards (SLB).

One step, according to Gerard Cox, MD, MPH, VA acting deputy undersecretary for health for organizational excellence, is that the range of clinical occupations that VA will report to the NPDB will be voluntary expanded.

“We are doing this because we feel this is the right thing to do for veterans,” Cox said.

While the NPDB only requires reporting physicians and dentists for adverse privileging actions and resignation while under investigation, VA plans to report “all privileged providers to the NPDB for privileging actions resulting from substandard care, professional misconduct or professional incompetence,” he testified at a House subcommittee hearing titled, “Examining VA’s failure to address provider quality and safety concerns.”

Government Accountability Office (GAO) officials talked about the bigger issue. “VA’s failure to report the providers to the databank or state licensing boards makes it possible for providers to obtain privileges at other VAMC or non-VA healthcare entities that serve veterans,” explained Randall Williamson, the oversight group’s director of healthcare.

Specifically, the GAO looked at five VAMCs, finding that clinical care by 148 providers required reviews after concerns were raised about quality, but no documentation was available for about half of those reviews to prove they had been conducted.

Even many reviews that had been performed were not done so in a timely manner, the report added. Of the 148 providers, the VAMCs did not initiate reviews of 16 providers for three

months, and in some cases, “for multiple years, after concerns had been raised about the providers’ care.”

Poor Oversight

Williamson told lawmakers that these situations were allowed to occur “largely because of poor oversight and accountability from top to bottom in the VHA hierarchy.”

“For example, neither the VISN nor the VA central office officials routinely perform any oversight to ensure that reviews are conducted in a timely way,” he pointed out.

From October 2013 through March 2017, the five VAMCs reviewed had only reported one of nine providers required to be reported to the NPDB according to VHA policy, the GAO report noted.

“The VA medical centers documented that these nine providers had significant clinical deficiencies that sometimes resulted in adverse outcomes for veterans,” report authors wrote “For example, the documentation shows that one provider’s surgical incompetence resulted in numerous repeat surgeries for veterans.”

Providers were not reported to the NPDB and state licensing boards as required, the GAO concluded, because “VA medical center officials were generally not familiar with or misinterpreted VHA policies related to NPDB and state licensing board reporting” and that “VHA policy does not require the networks to oversee whether VA medical centers are reporting providers to the NPDB or state licensing boards when warranted.”

Cox told lawmakers that he “shares” their concerns regarding the issues and that the agency is updating and rewriting policies in response to the GAO’s report. “We need to do much better. I can’t excuse the fact that in the past that adequate oversight by VISNs and the central office has not been provided,” he said.

One problem, he added, is the “lack of clarity about the roles and responsibilities” of the VISNs in handling the reporting of medical providers, suggesting, “We have to do a better job of communicating these requirement and educating those we put into leadership positions.”

Among the steps VA plans to take are improving the timeliness of reviews and reporting, and improving the agency’s oversight to ensure that no settlement agreement waives VA’s ability to report providers to NPDB or SLBs, he said in a written statement, explaining, “Any VA employee who enters into a settlement agreement waiving VA’s ability to report to NPDB or SLBs will be subject to discipline.”

Lawmakers showed little restraint in criticizing the agency.

“The fact that VA is taking three months to, and in some cases years to, review quality concerns, is entirely unacceptable. But perhaps more outrageous is the cases where VA uses taxpayer dollars to settle cases with clinicians who have provided substandard care to essentially just make them go away,” said

Chairman Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI) of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) described a past case where VA did not report a dangerous provider in a timely fashion, leading to multiple patients suffering harm. “You all are not reporting on time to make sure that no one else gets hurt. I think you all are protecting your butts,” he said.

In addition, House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Chairman Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) said it “shocked him” that 148 providers needed to be reviewed in the five medical centers, with only one reported to the NPDB.

“We don’t know how pervasive it is because we just did a small sample of the physicians in the VA system, just five medical centers,” he said.

He and his colleagues have introduced a bill that “directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that each VA physician is informed of the duty to report any covered activity committed by another physician that the physician witnesses or otherwise directly discovers to the applicable state licensing authority within five days.”

From the Service Rep’s Desk



Emergency Care of Non-Service Connected Conditions

Beginning January 9, 2018, in accordance with an amended regulation, VA will begin processing claims for

reimbursement for reasonable costs that were only partially paid by the Veteran’s other health insurance (OHI). Those costs may include hospital charges, professional fees and emergency transportation such as ambulances.

The amended regulation, published in a Federal Register notice, establishes the methodology VA will use to process and pay these claims. VA will apply the updated regulations to claims pending with the VA on or after April 8, 2016, and to new claims. The amended regulation is in response to an April 2016 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims decision that stated VA could no longer deny reimbursement when OHI pays a portion of the treatment expenses.

Claims for emergency treatment, or travel, related to a non-service connected condition provided on or after January 9, 2018, must be submitted within 90 days of the latest: date of discharge; the date of death (if death occurred during treatment or transportation); or the date that all efforts to obtain payment or reimbursement from a third party have been exhausted. The results do not fully eliminate the Veteran’s liability for the emergency treatment or transportation.

VA payment is the lesser of the amount for which the Veteran is personally liable or 70 percent of the applicable Medicare fee schedule amount, excluding copayment, cost share or deductible associated with the Veteran's OHI. By law, VA cannot reimburse remaining costs such as copayments, cost shares or deductibles associated with a Veteran's OHI. An example is when a claim is made against a Veteran's OHI as a primary payer. If the OHI payment does not eliminate the Veteran's liability to the provider, a claim may be submitted to VA for potential payment.

VA may only act as a secondary payer to any other health insurance (OHI) or other liable third party after that entity has adjudicated and paid (or denied) the claim. If a claim has not first been submitted to OHI or other liable third party, VA cannot adjudicate or pay the claim.

Claims should be submitted to VA as soon as possible after emergency care has been provided and subsequently after any OHI or other liable third party has adjudicated and paid (or denied) the claim.

Note: Legal authorities and payment methods for VA payment for emergency care for NSC conditions are contained in Title 38 U.S.C. §1725 and 38 CFR §17.1000.

A dedicated hotline is available at 1-877-466-7124 to speak to customer service representatives specifically about this issue, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Providers can also find more information on how the amended regulation affects them at https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info_payments.asp.

Service Rep NOTE: The interim final rule in the Federal Register that amended the regulation in question was established as a result of *Staab v. McDonald*, 28 Vet. App. 50 (2016), in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court) reversed a Board of Veterans' Appeals (the Board) decision denying a claim under section 1725. It should be further noted that VA will not retroactively pay benefits for claims filed under § 17.1002(f) that were finally denied before April 8, 2016, the date of the *Staab* decision. In other words, VA can only apply the new § 17.1002(f) to claims pending on or after April 8, 2016. VA notes that all claims under § 17.1002(f) involving partial payment from a health-plan contract pending on April 8, 2016, or filed on or after April 8, 2016, have been held in abeyance pending the publication of this interim final rule. Therefore, all such § 17.1002(f) claims will be processed using the regulatory revisions published in this rule.

Membership Renewals

Is your membership renewal about to become due? Please renew today so you can continue to receive the Chapter newsletter, as well as the VVA Veteran! And as you renew, please consider joining the other 222 members who have chosen Life membership for \$100. You must submit a copy of your DD214 to qualify for Life membership.

Vietnam Veterans of America Member Directory



By now you may have received a yellow postcard in the mail, asking you to verify your membership information. We have partnered with PCI/Publishing Concepts to produce the new VVA membership directory. PCI publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities, and military organizations

across the nation. This project allows VVA to receive important updates to our database so we know more about our members and how we can better serve you and future members.

Vietnam Veterans of America Member Directory FAQ's – PCI Inc.

Frequently Asked Questions by Members

1. I received an email/postcard/phone call from a company asking for my personal information. They said they were working on a directory for Vietnam Veterans of America. Is this a legitimate project, or is it a scam?

We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new members' directory. PCI is a company located in Dallas, TX and Virginia Beach, VA that publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities and military organizations across the nation. This project allows Vietnam Veterans of America to receive important updates to our database so we know more about our members and how we can better serve you and future members.

2. How do I know my information will only be used for directory purposes?

Vietnam Veterans of America has a contractual agreement with PCI that states:

a. The names, addresses and information provided to PCI by Vietnam Veterans of America for the publication of the Directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the Directory and except as required by court order or law.

b. The Directory will be made available only to members of Vietnam Veterans of America. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to Vietnam Veterans of America any and all electronic files that have been supplied to Vietnam Veterans of America or produced by PCI in connection with the production of the Directory.

3. I would like to verify and update my information. How may I do this?

If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for the Vietnam Veterans of America project. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you and make any updates where needed.

If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information. If you have

questions, you may call PCI's customer service desk at 1-800-982-1590.

4. Can anyone purchase a directory?

The Vietnam Veterans of America Member Directory is available for sale only to Vietnam Veterans of America members.

5. Can I choose some or all of my information not to be printed in the directory?

When you call to update your information, you can tell the representative what information you would prefer to have excluded. You may also communicate this information to the PCI customer service desk (1.800.982.1590).

6. I ordered a directory/package over the phone and would like to cancel my order. How do I do this?

Call the PCI customer service help desk at 1.800.982.1590, and they will take care of this for you.

50 Years Ago

- **February 2** - LARRY LEONARD MAXAM, MEDAL OF HONOR.
- **February 4** - ALFREDO GONZALEZ, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 6** - EUGENE ASHLEY, JR., MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 6** - THOMAS JAMES KINSMAN, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 16** - TERRENCE COLLINSON GRAVES, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 19** - FRED WILLIAM ZABITOSKY, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 21** - CLIFFORD CHESTER SIMS, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 21** - JOE R. HOOPER, MEDAL OF HONOR
- **February 24** - NAVY ACTIVATES TASK FORCE CLEARWATER TO KEEP SHIPMENTS TO KHE SANH. Concerned that the water access to Dong Ha, the main transshipment point to Khe Sanh, would become cut off, General Creighton Abrams, Deputy Commander of MACV, requests that the Navy stand up a patrol force for the Cua Viet River. In response, the Navy activates Task Force Clearwater on February 24. An initial force arrived at Cua Viet at the end of February and is soon augmented by Army helicopters, an Army signal detachment, and elements of a Marine searchlight battery. Eventually, Clearwater would grow to over 20 riverine warfare craft of various types and would oversee river security forces on both the Cua Viet and Perfume Rivers.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." --George Washington

Newsletter articles/stories/photos

Any articles, stories and/or photos submitted for the newsletter must be received by the "cut off" date for any given month. Photos must be accompanied by text which describes the event, names, dates and any other pertinent facts so our readers understand the story behind the photo(s). The newsletter editor will announce the "cut off" dates at each Chapter meeting. The "cut off" date for our March newsletter is 16 February 2018. Due to space availability, the editor reserves the right to include or not include photos for a given month.



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