

Veterans Administration Marks Study

The number of female veterans has increased significantly during the past 11 years according to a report prepared by the Veterans Administration. The report stated that while the number of male veterans has declined recently, the female veteran population is growing rapidly.

The report is the first in a new series of brief studies being prepared by the VA's Office of Reports and Statistics. VA Administrator Robert P. Nimmo said these studies are essential to allowing the VA to address the needs of all veterans. "Effective management of the wide range of VA programs is greatly enhanced when a detailed profile of the veterans population is available," Nimmo said.

According to the study, the number of women on military active duty is also on the rise, indicating a continued increase in female veterans in the coming years.

The study found that women who are former members of the U.S. armed forces totaled 742,000 on September 30, 1981, or 2.5 per cent of all living veterans. In the past five years the number of female veterans has increased by 26

per cent. This large increase since the mid-1970's becomes even more apparent when comparisons are made with the number of male veterans. The ratio of male veterans to female veterans stood at just over 50 to 1 during the first half of the 1970's but dropped to 39.5 to 1 by the end of September 1981.

Other findings include: Age - The median age of female veterans exceeded that of the male counterparts each year until 1979, after which their relative age pattern has been reversed. The age structures of these two groups is expected to become more and more divergent during the next few years. As of September 1981, the median age for female veterans was 46.2 years compared to 50.3 years for male veterans.

Period of Military Service - The distribution of female veterans by period of military service was fairly similar to that of males at the end of 1981. The major difference, and the one which largely explains the variances in the overall age structures of these two subgroups, is that a much greater proportion of women (17 per cent) than of men (4 per cent) had served in the armed forces during the post-Vietnam era only.

Expectations for the Future - The number of women in the armed forces will very likely continue to grow by significant numbers, and the female veteran population will maintain a course of steady growth in the future years. Female veterans totaled 742,000 on September 30, 1981, or 2.5 per cent of all living veterans.

The study points out that as the number of female veterans grows, an increasingly vital aspect of the VA's mission will be the special consideration given to the problems of female veterans with respect to the administration of various types of veterans' programs, such as medical care, counseling, loan guaranty, and education.

Copies of "The Female Veteran Population: An Overview of Its Growth in the Last Decade" are available free of charge while supply lasts from the Office of Reports and Statistics (711), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

For additional information concerning the study, contact: Mark Russell at (202) 389-2625 at the VA Central Office.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our husband and father, Lloyd Burke, who passed away one year ago, June 6, 1981.

Little did we know when dawned that morning, what sorrow the day would bring. The end was sudden, the shock severe, to part with one we loved so dear.

He went away without farewell. He said goodbye to none. His loving hands will toil no more, His work on earth was done.

We miss him now. Our hearts are sore, as time goes by, we miss him more. His loving smile, his gentle face, no one can fill his vacant place.

His Wife, Louise Burke
And Children,
Lenora Harris
Catherine Gallop and
William Burke, pd.

"Best Legislator"

Senator Helms' rating compares to an overall Senate average of 47.9 per cent, an average Senate Republican score of 70.3 per cent and, an average Senate Democrat score of 22.8 per cent.

The ratings were based on votes cast during the past year in Congress on 10 economic, foreign policy, and social issues. Among the issues included were; support for the tax cuts and budget reductions, reduction of U.S. financial support for international aid organizations, and reductions in the budgets of federally subsidized legal advocacy groups.

Commenting on the ratings, ACU Chairman, Rep. Mickey Edwards, (R-OK) said, "Jesse Helms has shown that he has the real interest of taxpaying Americans at heart. His voting record over the last year shows that he is committed to fiscal responsibility, family values in social planning and a strong national defense."

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Releases Gardening Book

Continued From Page 12-A humorous view of the information presented.

Much of the information contained in "Inside - Out" was compiled from The Perquimans Weekly columns. New material, weekly diary - planner pages and a variety of planting and cooking charts were added, and it was designed to lay flat when open to make it a very handy reference.

"Inside - Out" is available in bookstores and a variety of retail outlets throughout eastern North Carolina and Tidewater, Va. It retails for \$9.95.

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Installation Service

The Gale Street Baptist Church will have installation services for their newly elected pastor, the Reverend T.M. Jones, Jr., June 13, at 6 P.M. The speaker for this occasion will be the Reverend J.E. Trotman of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, N.C. The public is invited to attend.

Money multiplies the power of man either for better or for worse.

Jaycettes Hold Monthly Meeting

The Edenton Jaycettes held their monthly meeting at Walker School cafeteria on June 3. There were 16 members present.

A program was presented by Frances Boyce and Mrs. Margie Lassiter on the Community Crime Watch program in Chowan County. The club received some very helpful hints on what they could do to become a part of the Watch to help prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

UHT Milk

Continued From Page 12-A taste between fresh and UHT milk, leading dairy officials to be optimistic about the future of the product.

"It is our hope that through development of UHT, consumers will begin to drink more and increase the demand for milk in the long run," said Leonard Bianton, director of the Food and Drug Protection Division of the NCDA.

UHT milk is expected to be available to the public in the near future.

During the business meeting, reports were given on the baby shower given for Kim Johnson, the bloodmobile, Jaycette State Convention and the status of the Buckle Up Babes program. Claire Mills visited with the Edenton Jaycees and she and Tammy Boyce visited the Perquimans Jaycettes to present the Buckle Up Babes program in search of support.

The Jaycettes then discussed future fund raising projects and also their plans for a membership drive this year.

During July, the Edenton Jaycettes will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the club. There will not be a July meeting but all past Jaycette members will be invited to a dinner given by the present Jaycettes to commemorate the club's 20 years.

Card Of Thanks

The members of the family of the late Mrs. Mildred Moore Blount wish to thank Dr. Bond, the Chowan Hospital staff and everyone for the kindness shown them during their hour of sorrow. May God Bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.

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