

New Legislation, More Services In 1968 For U. S. Veterans

New legislation and expanded service to the largest veteran population in history highlighted 1968 developments in the field of veteran affairs, W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office, pointed out today.

In a year-end report on the programs operated by the Veterans Administration, the principal events of 1968 were summarized as follows:

The growth of America's living veteran population from 26,967,000 to 26,644,000 during

the year, including an increase from 1,848,000 to 2,749,000 in the number of Viet Nam era veterans (those in service after August 4, 1964) returned to civilian life.

Payment of \$4.5 billion in compensation and pension benefits to 4.6 million veterans and survivors.

Restructuring of the \$2 billion a year pension program for non-service-connected totally disabled veterans and widows who meet the income limitations.

Guaranteeing the seven million GI home loan, bringing to

nearly 972 billion the total value of these guaranteed VA loans since 1944. During this period, VA has also made more than 293,000 direct loans with a face value of about \$2.8 billion.

Retention in force of more than four million VA-administered government life insurance policies by World War I, World War II and Korean Conflict veterans. In addition, approximately 3.7 million GI's held more than \$36 billion worth of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance policies supervised by VA.

Entrance or continuance in Post-Korean GI Bill education and training of nearly 800,000 veterans and servicemen who received \$575 million in educational assistance allowances from VA. Additionally, 17,000 disabled veterans underwent vocational rehabilitation training. Approximately 42,000 sons and daughters of veterans who died or who are permanently and totally disabled as the result of service received VA educational benefits under the War Orphans Act.

Treatment in VA hospitals of more than 762,000 veterans—12,000 more than in 1967—plus 6,564,000 outpatient visits (up 300,000 over the previous year) to VA hospitals, clinics and fee-

basis physicians. Phillips said closer and more effective cooperation between VA medicine and the nation's medical community through sharing of highly specialized medical resources, continuation of research efforts, and training of a larger part of the country's pool of health manpower.

Battlefield briefing by VA representatives of 344,000 American servicemen in Viet Nam on their veteran benefits, plus in-depth counseling interviews with 52,000 disabled servicemen in 176 U. S. military hospitals, and veteran benefit orientation of more than 500,000 servicemen at 300 separation points throughout the country.

Establishment, beginning last February, of U. S. Veterans Assistance Centers in 21 major cities. Staffed by representatives of the VA, Civil Service Commission, Department of Labor and other agencies, the USVACs offered one-stop employment, education and other veteran benefit information, counseling and placement service to returning Viet Nam era veterans, particularly the educationally disadvantaged. More than 160,000 veterans were interviewed and offered assist-

ance at these multi-agency centers and at 57 VA Regional Offices providing USVAC-type service in 1968.

Phillips said 1968 was also marked by major new and expanded veteran benefit laws passed in the Second Session of the 90th Congress. Among these laws were measures:

Raising income limitations for all pensioners and monthly payments for 1.2 million beneficiaries beginning January 1.

Increasing disability compensation payments effective the first of the year for nearly 2 million service-connected disabled veterans, with those rated 100 per cent disabled receiving an increase from \$300 to \$400 in monthly compensation, and those rated 10 to 90 per cent receiving an eight per cent increase.

Hiking the VA home loan guaranty maximum from \$7,500 to \$12,500.

Liberalizing Post-Korean GI Bill education and training benefits and, for the first time in history, granting the widows of those who died and the wives of veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as the result of military service up to 36 months of VA educational assist-

ance. Regardless of the number of dependents, the maximum allowance payable to an eligible widow or wife is \$130 a month for full-time institutional training.

IRS Center, Ga. Is Tax Address

GREENSBORO, N. C. — All Federal tax returns are now being processed at the IRS Service Center in Chamblee, Georgia, J. E. Wall, District Director in Greensboro, said today. Wall stated that the conversion to data processing of returns was completed last year in the Southeast Region, which includes North Carolina, and that beginning last year all returns have been processed at the Center.

He urged all North Carolina taxpayers to mail Federal income tax returns to Southeast Service Center, Chamblee, Georgia 30006.

High blood pressure can usually be controlled by drugs, says the North Carolina Heart Association. See your doctor regularly and have a checkup.

WINTER WOES by Pinson

In a creek, off a bridge, through a wall,
Stood icy-wet Bertram Q. Ball,
"With dead wiper blades,
Clear vision soon fades,"
Moaned Bert, "I could not see at all!"

PREVENT THOSE WINTER DRIVING WOES

The Safe Winter Driving League presents the following tip for safer winter driving from the National Safety Council: "Don't be a 'peep-hole pilot.' Brush snow completely off front, back and side windows. Replace dead wiper blades with live, new ones to prevent streaking. All your lights should be working, with headlights aimed properly. You must see danger to avoid it."

Learning Lab At Gaston College Open To Eligible Area Veterans

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible to complete your high school education in the Learning Laboratory at Gaston College and receive financial assistance while engaged in study. The Veterans' Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966 provides financial assistance to help veterans obtain education or training to fit himself for a chosen career or better employment opportunities in civilian life. This includes preparatory programs leading to the North Carolina High School Equivalency Certificate, commonly known as the GED. Benefits are paid to eligible veterans who attend a minimum of one-half to full time. The allowance schedule is as follows:

The daily schedule of the Gaston College Learning Laboratory permits a veteran to be employed full or part time and still earn enough study time to earn benefits. The Learning Laboratory is open from 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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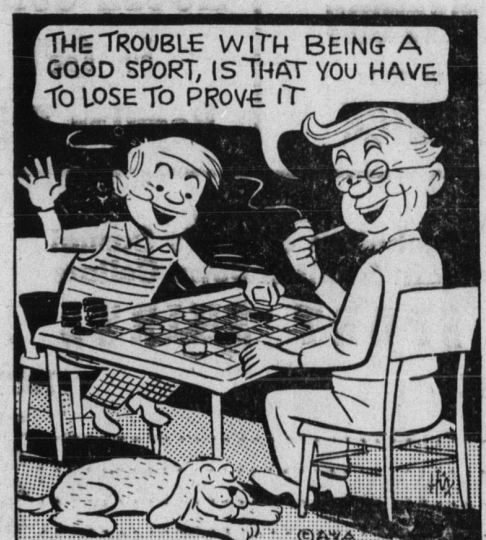
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