

Veteran's Information

U.S.A.



VA Toll-free Number for Headstone/Grave Marker Program

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established a single, nationwide, toll-free telephone number to make it easier for veterans and their dependents to inquire about the veterans headstone and grave marker program.

The number, 1-800-697-6947, connects callers to the VA's National Cemetery System's (NCS) Office of Memorial Programs in Washington, D.C. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (ET).

NCS operates 114 cemeteries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. All veterans, their spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. They also are eligible for a government provided headstone or marker and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

VA Insurance Hoax Expands

An insurance hoax that first surfaced some 40 years ago continues to make the rounds, raising veterans hopes for non-existent insurance dividend from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Information claiming that Congress recently passed a bill authorizing dividends of \$260 or more on insurance policies that veterans had while in the military is false.

The most recent version of the hoax has a new twist, in that it also targets active duty military personnel for being eligible for the alleged dividend.

The phony notices claim the dividends were authorized by Congress and that veterans and military personnel are entitled to them regardless of whether they carry the insurance policy. They also are warned that they will not receive the dividend unless they ask for it.

The truth is, there has been no legislation authorizing an insurance rebate or special dividend. The VA's legitimate insurance dividends are paid automatically and annually to veterans who maintained their government life insurance policies. These policies were issued to veterans who served in the two world wars and the Korean War.

State of Oregon Employment Department Job Service Center/Veteran Service Locations

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Oregon Historical Society

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Second World War, and as an official World War II "Commemorative Community," the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) has initiated planning for a dramatic exhibition illuminating one of the most important chapters in the region's history. While the Northwest and the nation celebrate the sesquicentennial of the great wagon train emigrations of the 1840s, OHS is preparing to recognize the early years of the 1940s, when the Oregon Country was undergoing equally dramatic migrations and social, economic, and political changes. The Oregon Historical Society will launch a major multimedia exhibition to illuminate this all-encompassing and exciting episode in Oregon history.

Through vivid film, radio, print, and artifacts, the exhibition *Now the News...World War II on the Oregon Front* will tell the story of the War—particularly events in Oregon. The purpose of the exhibition is to engage Northwesterners of today with the history of the Pacific Northwest's most significant event in this century, as well as to give them a flavor of the times through the all-pervasive influence of film, radio, and print.

And *Now the News...World War II on the Oregon Front* will open in the Oregon History Center in downtown Portland on the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day—June 6, 1994. More than 60,000 visitors, including thousands of schoolchildren, are expected to tour the exhibit, which will run through November 1994.

Join the Honor Guard!

There is a need to have a permanent Honor Guard to be on hand for various ceremonies. Any Native American Veteran who is interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard, please contact Steve Rife at 444-2517.

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