

VETERAN NEWS & NOTES

How Blinded Veterans Help Themselves And Others To A Better Quality Of Life

(NAPSA)—According to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) statistics, there are over 130,000 legally blind veterans in America. Every year, another several thousand are added to the number either because of combat injuries, age, illness or other factors.

What's Being Done

Fortunately, they're not simply left in the dark. All over the country, the VA has set up residential and outpatient centers where former military persons who have impaired vision can learn to lead more independent, pleasant and productive lives.

There are two basic kinds of facilities. The Blind Rehabilitation Programs support blind and low-vision veterans and active-duty servicemembers in regaining their independence and quality of life to enable their successful integration into family and community life.

These places also support family and significant others to better understand visual impairment and foster the provision of appropriate support, to assist in enhancing home environments and to reduce caregiver burden.

The Visual Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation (VISOR) programs use a team approach to provide services based on a thorough assessment of the veteran's strengths, needs and personal goals.

Veterans and their families are encouraged to identify these goals and provide ongoing feedback regarding progress.

To enhance the quality of life for veterans and servicemembers experiencing vision loss, the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) works with VA to help keep these places up to par. Recently, that organization's Training Coordinator, Wade Davis, conducted a comprehensive and individualized Veterans Care Review at each of the 13 Blind Rehabilitation Centers nationwide. He is currently doing the same with the VISOR programs.



Wade Davis and BVA help ensure VA facilities for blinded veterans are able to provide the best possible care and training.

What Davis Does

Over several days, Davis visits each facility and meets separately with the staff and the veterans involved. He considers various aspects of the programs: orientation and mobility, living skills, manual skills, low-vision therapy, computer access training, low-vision clinic, optometry, eye clinic, ophthalmology, recreation therapy, social work, psychology, nursing, diabetic education, and pharmacy. He also talks to the Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinators individually. Davis' aim is to evaluate the full curriculum of care and to share findings with staff and the administration to promote and expand each facility's successful procedures and generally make the facility as productive and safe as it can be for blinded veterans.

He also holds information sessions for the veterans and provides literature about BVA.

Davis' BVA evaluations have brought about a number of improvements to blind rehabilitation services, such as making sure each of the facilities has the training and equipment it

What BVA Does

All this is just one way BVA fulfills the mission it's pursued since the end of World War II: to promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwithstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world. Through its free service programs, regional groups, resources, and advocacy before the legislative and executive branches of government, it makes life better for blinded veterans.

Where To Learn More

Because BVA advocates for all blinded veterans, whether they are members of the organization or not, and regardless of how their visual impairment occurred, veterans old and young and who experience vision loss can call BVA at (800) 669-7079, or visit www.bva.org, to get connected with the rehabilitative services they may need and have earned. For more about VA health care, visit www.va.gov/health.

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Money-Back Guarantees Add Appeal To Safety-Critical Auto Repairs

(NAPSA)—When your vehicle's brakes wear out, they probably "chirp" or grind. When your tires become worn, you can see the loss of tread depth.

Failed headlamp? Worn wiper blades? The evidence is right in front of you.

But how do you monitor the condition of safety critical parts that are largely "invisible" beneath your vehicle's chassis? Shock absorbers, for example, play critical roles in protecting your driving safety by keeping your tires planted firmly on the road, which in certain driving conditions can help you stop sooner, maintain more precise steering control and improve vehicle stability. That's why having your suspension inspected at least once a year is vitally important—you might not be aware that your shocks and other key safety components are no longer doing what they're designed to do.

Ask About a Guarantee

Some leading automotive parts manufacturers have established money-back guarantees to help demonstrate the importance of replacing worn



Don't be shocked by deteriorating shocks and struts. Have your suspension inspected at least annually.

components. The Monroe shocks and struts brand, for example, now promises consumers they will "Feel the Difference" in ride and handling performance following installation of select new Monroe shocks and/or struts or get their money back, plus labor and alignment (if applicable), during a risk-free 90-day or 1,000-mile trial period.

"Consumers have the right to expect a noticeable, positive difference in vehicle performance following a repair," said Mark Boyle, director of marketing for Tenneco, U.S.-based manufacturer of Monroe ride control products. "Our new Feel the Difference Guarantee is designed to offer the consumer assurance

that they are making a wise investment in their vehicle. It also helps promote confidence and loyalty in their relationship with the repair provider."

Because shocks and struts often wear out very gradually, the slow degradation of ride and handling precision can be difficult to detect—not unlike the gradual change in your eyesight. But, just as a new vision prescription can have surprising benefits, vehicle owners who replace worn shocks and struts or other undercar components can experience dramatically improved ride and handling. New ride control parts can also reduce chances of abnormal wear of other components, including tires.

"After a ride control repair, many consumers are amazed at the difference in their overall driving experience," Boyle said. "A guarantee like ours essentially is an investment in educating consumers about the 'invisible' parts that help keep them safe. And it helps ensure they get quality products from a supplier they can trust."



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