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#### FROM BILL'S DESK

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I want to thank everyone who attended our Annual County and Post Service Officer Training in Boise, and I appreciate the feedback we received. We have no new personnel changes within the Office of Veteran Advocacy, so I'll just jump in to some of the things going on within the VA. Most of this information was provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Veteran Service Office.

The 2017 Appeals Modernization Act was signed into law and, while it may take some time before it is actually enacted, it will provide the claimant three different options when it comes to appeals. Option 1 is a higher level review of the decision the claimant disagrees with. With this option, no new evidence can be submitted, the claim and decision will be sent back to the VA Regional Office that made the decision, and the decision will be reviewed for accuracy by a VA Rating Specialist who is more senior to the one how made the previous decision. Option 2 allows the claimant to submit new supporting evidence within one year of the previous decision and will then be reconsidered. Option 3 allows the claimant to send the appeal directly to the Board of Veterans Appeals for a decision. The biggest hold-up for implementation is going to be how the Secretary of the VA determines how to handle the current appeals pending with the "Legacy" appeals system.

Also signed into Law was the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017, which provides six additional months of funding for the VA Choice Program, as well improving hiring VA authorities and authorizing the Department to enter into 28 new leases for medical clinics and research.

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017 has been signed into law. This law does several different things for veterans, such as removing the 15-year "use-or-lose" restriction on the Post 9/11 GI Bill if the veteran separated or retired on or after January 1, 2013. The Bill also grants the full Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefit for Purple Heart recipients who were wounded after September 11, 2001, and increases the monthly payments made for Chapter 35 Dependent Educational Assistance (DEA) by \$200/month. However, it reduces the maximum number of month entitlement for DEA from 45 months to 36 months.

The VA has approved a new source for obtaining deck logs for Naval ships that may have been exposed to herbicides during the Vietnam era. This site contains a partial list of log books for Navy ships from the Vietnam era and is part of an ongoing project by the National Archives and Records Administration to digitize deck logs. Although this site currently has limited functionality, it may assist with narrowing a search for relevant records and may assist in getting a claim granted for herbicide exposure/presumptive conditions if the deck logs note a ship's operations in inland waterways of Vietnam. The site is located at www.archives.gov/research/military/logbooks/navy-online#v.

As of last month, the VA's National Inventory of Backlogged Claims (those over 125 days old) was at 84,000 and their goal is to have this number at or below 70,000 by December of this year.

For those with pending appeals, the current priority for Board of Veterans Appeals hearings are for those appeals certified to the Board of Veteran Appeals as of May 2015 or older. This does not mean this was the date of the rating decision or Notice of Disagreement submission date, but the actual date that the appeal was certified by the VA Regional Office and sent to the Board of Veterans Appeals. Currently, there are no Board of Veterans Appeals Travel Board Hearing scheduled for the Boise VA Regional Office for 2018.

For those veterans with claims pending in Idaho, the VA is utilizing the services of contract companies to complete the Compensation and Pension (C&P) exams. Previously, the companies being utilized were Veterans Evaluation Services (VES) or QTC. As of September 26, 2017, the two companies within Idaho that will be coordinating the contract exams are VetFed and MLSA. If a veteran receives a phone call from one of these companies, they are legitimate and they will work with the veteran to establish a date/location for a C&P exam within the local community by a private provider.

I hope everyone enjoys the fall season and please let me know if there is anything that our office can do to assist you.

# STATEMENT BY VA SECRETARY DAVID J. SHULKIN ON THE PASSAGE OF THE FOREVER GI BILL News Release, August 2, 2017

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"Congress has spoken with a strong voice in support of our veterans this afternoon. The Forever GI Bill expands the success our veterans have had with the GI Bill providing opportunities that otherwise would not be possible. In particular, it restores benefits to veterans who were impacted by school closures since 2015 and has special benefits for our reservists, surviving dependents, and Purple Heart recipients. This nation is stronger when our veterans are studying and working next to their civilian counterparts. Passage of this bill is a win for veterans and their families."

#### VA CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM RESUMES FULL OPERATIONS

News Release, July 28, 2017

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is resuming full operations of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. The resumption follows an April 17th, 2018, decision to temporarily suspend certain clinical revocations from the program to conduct a strategic review aimed at strengthening the program. "VA has taken immediate steps to improve the program's operations," said VA Secretary David J. Shulkin. M.D. "Our top focus during the review has been to listen, evaluate, and act swiftly to make changes that will better meet the needs of our veterans and caregivers. This does not mean our work is done. We will continue to refine and improve this important program."

The VA's three-month review indicated a need for better communication about clinical revocations, improved internal processes and procedures, and additional staff training. Following the review, the VA issued a new directive outlining staff responsibilities, veteran and caregiver eligibility requirements, available benefits, and procedures for revocations from the program. The VA also conducted mandatory staff training on the new directive and implemented standardized communications and outreach materials to educate veterans and caregivers about the program. Additionally, the VA will be formalizing additional ways to ensure that the experience of veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors are understood and that, where needed, new or additional assistance is explored. The VA is committed to listening to the voices of those who care for veterans of all eras and to collaborating to improve services, outreach, and awareness.

The caregiver program website has also been redesigned, and now includes a section linking caregivers and veterans of all ages to resources, and home and community-based services available through the VA's Geriatrics and Extended Care programs. More information on the program is available at www.caregiver.va.gov.

# VA AWARDS \$8 MILLION IN ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAM GRANTS TO AID DISABLED VETERANS News Release, September 28, 2017

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the awarding of up to \$8 million in grants for adaptive sports programs that will benefit disabled veterans as well as disabled members of the armed forces. Grant recipients may use the funds for planning, developing, managing, and implementing adaptive sports programs. "We are honored to partner with so many organizations across the country to provide adaptive sports programs where our veterans live," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "Adaptive sports provide opportunities for veterans, and empower them to believe in themselves and let go of what others may see as limitations."

The VA is awarding the grants to national governing bodies, which prepare high-level athletes for Paralympic competition; veterans service organizations; city and regional municipalities; and other community groups to provide a wide range of adaptive sports opportunities for eligible veterans and service members. The grants will support activities ranging from kayaking, sailing, cycling, skiing, equine therapy and equestrian sports, among other activities. The VA will distribute the grants to 96 national, regional, and community programs serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Approximately 10,000 veterans and service members are expected to benefit. Information about the awardees and details of the program may be found at www.va.gov/adaptivesports.

# VA STAFFING NEW WHITE HOUSE VA HOTLINE PRINCIPALLY WITH VETERANS News Release, August 11, 2017

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced on August 11th that the two-month pilot phase of the new White House VA Hotline that began in June has demonstrated that veterans calling the hotline respond best when their calls are answered by fellow veterans and others with first-hand experience on their issues. As a result, the VA announced it will target highly qualified veterans to staff the hotline going forward, instead of contracting the service to a third-party vendor, and is hiring additional VA personnel to complete the planned move to a 24-hour operation. "The message we've heard loud and clear is veterans want to talk to other veterans to help them solve problems and get VA services," said VA Secretary David J. Shulkin. "We're taking steps to answer that call." This decision will delay the full-time stand-up of the 24-hour service by two months, to no later than October 15th, in order to ensure the hiring and training processes are complete. Until that time, the hotline's current pilot program service is available to receive calls from veterans from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

#### VA RELEASES VETERAN SUICIDE STATISTICS BY STATE

News Release, September 15, 2017

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On September 15th, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released findings from its analysis of veteran suicide data for 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The release is part of the VA's comprehensive examination of more than 55 million records, from 1979 to 2014, which will be used to develop and evaluate suicide prevention programs across every state.

The new data include veteran suicide rates and overall suicide rates by state, age group, and gender, and list the most common suicide methods. Analysis of this information will help the VA's Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention gain insight into high-risk populations and share that information with community-based health care providers and partners, continuing to expand the network of support for Veterans.

Findings show there is variability across the nation in the rates and numbers of deaths by suicide among veterans. Overall, the veteran rates mirror those of the general population in the geographic region, with the highest rates in western states. While we see higher rates of suicide in some states with smaller populations, most veteran suicides are still in the heaviest populated areas. The suicide rate among middle-age and older adult veterans remains high. In 2014, approximately 65% of all veterans who died by suicide were age 50 or older. After adjusting for differences in age and sex, risk for suicide was 22% higher among veterans when compared to U.S. non-veteran adults. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 19% higher among male veterans when compared to U.S. non-veteran adult men. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 2.5 times higher among female veterans when compared to U.S. non-veteran adult women. "These findings are deeply concerning, which is why I made suicide prevention my top clinical priority," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "I am committed to reducing veteran suicides through support and education. We know that of the 20 suicides a day that we reported last year, 14 are not under VA care. This is a national public health issue that requires a concerted, national approach."

Veterans who are in crisis or having thoughts of suicide, and those who know a veteran in crisis, can call the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call (800) 273-8255 and press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text to 838255. For a full copy of the report, go to www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide prevention/Suicide-Prevention-Data.asp.

#### VA SELECTS PROVIDERS FOR DENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

News Release, September 28, 2017

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to once again offer private dental insurance plans as part of the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP). The program was extended until December 31, 2021, by the VA Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016. "It is important to provide this care to eligible veterans, especially those who need lower-cost insurance," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "VADIP underscores our commitment to support America's veterans and their family members." Veterans enrolled in the VA health-care system and beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) can enroll in the program beginning November 15, 2017, for coverage to start December 1, 2017.

VADIP offers eligible individuals the opportunity to purchase discounted dental insurance coverage, including diagnostic services, preventive services, endodontic and other restorative services, surgical services, and emergency services. Individuals who enroll in one of the dental insurance plans will pay the entire premium in addition to the full cost of any copayments. Enrollment is voluntary and does not affect eligibility for VA outpatient dental services and treatment. The plans are available to eligible individuals in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Delta Dental and MetLife previously offered insurance plans as part of the three-year VADIP pilot program. Coverage under the VADIP pilot began January 1, 2013, and more than 115,000 veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries enrolled in the program before it expired in January 2017. Individuals who enrolled in a plan during the pilot period must select and enroll in one of the new plans offered by Delta Dental or MetLife. While the insurance providers will remain the same, plan options, fees, and other factors may have changed from those offered during the pilot. For more information, visit www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/vadip/ or call (877) 222-VETS (8387).

# VA UNVEILS CLAIMS SUBMISSION OPTION THAT PROMISES TO COMPLETE CLAIMS WITHIN 30 DAYS News Release, September 7, 2017

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As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) continued efforts to improve timeliness of services for veterans and their families, the VA unveiled the Decision Ready Claims (DRC) initiative, a disability claims submission option with accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) that promises to deliver faster claims decisions to veterans and their families. "The DRC initiative is a collaborative effort between VA and VSOs to help veterans receive faster decisions on disability claims," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "VA works closely with participating VSOs to make sure they are properly trained in this new process and given the tools they need to participate successfully in the program on behalf of the veterans they serve."

Veterans who choose to submit their claim under DRC can expect to receive a decision within 30 days from the time the VA receives the claim. VSOs will ensure all supporting evidence — such as medical exams, military service records, etc. — is included with the claim submission. This advance preparation by the VSOs allows claims to be assigned immediately to claims processors for a quick decision. DRC was first implemented May 1, 2017, at the St. Paul, MN Regional Office, and is now available at all VA regional offices. While DRC is currently limited to claims for increased compensation (commonly known as claims for increase), and requires veterans to work with VSOs, the VA's goal is to expand the types of claims accepted under the initiative and allow veterans other ways to submit their claim under DRC.

DRC is another key step in aggressively modernizing the VA's benefits delivery to veterans in a fully digital operating environment. With electronic claims processing as a foundation, the VA's innovation will improve service to veterans, their families, and survivors.

#### VA TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SAFE & EFFECTIVE LUNG SCREENING PROGRAMS

News Release, August 31, 2017

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced On August 31<sup>st</sup> a new partnership to increase access to lung screening for veterans. Sponsored by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, the project brings together experts from within and outside the VA to develop the VA-PALS Implementation Network (VA-Partnership to increase Access to Lung Screening). Its goal is to develop early-detection programs for lung cancer, a malignancy with an 80% cure rate when caught early.

This new project will launch lung-screening services at the Phoenix VA Health Care System by December 2017, and then extend these services to nine additional VA medical facilities starting in 2018. Once fully implemented, the project has the potential to become even more widely available throughout the VA. "This partnership is another example of VA's work to improve veterans health and well-being," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "The VA-PALS lung screening initiative demonstrates our priority to work together with outside organizations to provide more efficient care aimed at addressing serious health concerns."

The VA-PALS initiative builds upon lessons learned from currently available screening programs, including those of the VA's Office of Rural Health, which is supporting the project's goal to reach veterans living in rural areas. It also adds to a portfolio of other major VA lung cancer initiatives, which include the VALOR Trial (Veterans Affairs Lung Cancer Or Stereotactic Radiotherapy) and the APOLLO Network (Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes). "Research shows that with comprehensive lung screening programs, early identification of lung cancer leads to more effective treatments and, ultimately, saves lives," said John Damonti, president of Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. "The Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is proud to partner with the VA-PALS Implementation Network in this important step to increase access to state-of-the-art screening for veterans at risk of lung cancer."

#### GO GREEN AND GET THE BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

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In our continual effort to reduce costs and lessen our "ecological footprint," the Office of Veterans Advocacy is again asking for your help. In order to reduce printing and mailing costs, as well as the amount of paper used, we are asking you to volunteer to receive the bulletin via email.

The bulletin will arrive in your in-box every quarter as a Word document, which will allow to you forward or print and disseminate as many copies as you like. In addition to receiving the quarterly bulletin, you will also receive our annual Veterans Resource Directory via email.

If you can help us with our goal of reducing costs and the saving paper, please email Jennel Binsky at jennel.binsky@veterans.idaho.gov. Thanks for your help with this most worthwhile endeavor! And don't forget you can always view and print the Bulletin and Resource Directory by visiting our website at www.veterans.idaho.gov.

#### VA AWARDS GRANTS TO HELP HOMELESS & AT-RISK VETERANS & FAMILIES

News Release, September 13, 2017

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On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has awarded \$343 million in grants to 288 nonprofit organizations to help low-income veterans and their families. The grants were awarded under the VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. "With these important grants, we are able to leverage the expertise of local experts to help our most economically vulnerable veterans avoid or exit homelessness," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "This is another VA program that moves at-risk veterans toward housing and independence."

SSVF funding, which supports outreach, case management, and other flexible assistance to rapidly re-house veterans who become homeless or to prevent veterans from becoming homeless, was awarded to organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. SSVF served more than 148,800 participants, including approximately 95,300 veterans and 31,950 children in fiscal year 2016. As a result of these and other efforts, veteran homelessness is down significantly since 2010. In addition, approximately 360,000 veterans and their family members have been permanently housed, rapidly re-housed, or prevented from falling into homelessness as a result of the VA's homelessness programs and targeted housing vouchers through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Today's recipients competed successfully for grants under a December 7, 2016, Notice of Fund Availability. The funding will support SSVF services in fiscal 2018. Information about the SSVF program, including the complete list of grantees, may be found at www.va.gov/homeless/SSVF/.

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The University of Florida has announced their Disabled Veterans Entrepreneurship Program offered annually at the University of Florida. The Veteran Entrepreneurship Program (VEP), with **all costs covered for the veteran**, is a rigorous entrepreneurial learning and development opportunity for service disabled veterans and those who have uniquely distinguished themselves in the military. VEP is designed for veterans interested in starting a new venture as a means to financial independence and for veterans who have an existing business which they would like to grow.

The VEP is comprised of three phases; a five-week self-study component, an intense eight-day training program at the University of Florida, and an eight-month mentorship period with online peer-to-peer networking. This three phase program offers an innovative and effective combination of focused, practical training in venture creation and growth, as well as a support structure for graduates of the program.

For the upcoming 2018 VEP Program, applications are now being accepted. The deadline is February 15, 2018, but they make acceptance decisions as applications come in. The eight day boot camp will take place from May 12-19, 2018. For more information and to view an online brochure, just visit warrington.ufl.edu/centers/cei/outreach/vep.

#### DATES TO DEMEMBED

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October 9				
October 13	U.S. Navy established, 1775			
October 14	Star Spangled Banner adopted as National Anthem, 1931			
October 19	Revolutionary War ends, 1781			
November 5	Daylight-saving time ends, set clocks back one hour			
November 7	Election Day			
November 10	U.S. Marine Corps established, 1775			
November 11	Veteran's Day (see history below)			
November 19	Lincoln gives Gettysburg Address, 1863			
November 23	Thanksgiving Day			
December 7	Pearl Harbor bombed, 1941			
December 9	Army-Navy Football Game, Philadelphia, PA, 3:00 p.m. EST			
December 16	Boston Tea Party, 1773			
December 25	Christmas Day			
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Marine Corps League				
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#### Military Order of the Purple Heart

National......July 30-August 3, 2018, Spokane, WA

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mid winter ...... January 11-14, 2018, Boise, ID State ......June 10-13, 2018, Jackpot, NV National.....July 22-26, 2017, New Orleans, LA

#### Vietnam Veterans of America

National.....To be determined

#### THE HISTORY OF VETERANS' DAY

Formerly Armistice Day, Veterans' Day is a holiday observed annually in the United states in honor of all those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. armed forces in wartime.

Some states observe the holiday on November 11th and others on the fourth Monday of October. Armistice Day, the forerunner of Veterans' Day, was proclaimed in 1919 to commemorate the termination (at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918) World War I. On the first anniversary of the truce, U.S. President Woodrow Wilosn issued a proclamation eulogizing fallen Allied soldiers and referring to November 11th as Armistice Day. It became a holiday in the United States, France, Great Britain, and Canada.

The holiday acquired its present name and broadened significance in the United States in 1954. In Canada it is known as Rememberance Day, and in Great Britain, it is known as Rememberance Sunday.

#### DAV VAN SCHEDULES TO AND FROM VA MEDICAL CENTERS

#### **BOISE & SURROUNDING AREA TO BOISE VAMC**

All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance.

For more information call Jim Rossette at the Boise VA Medical Center (208) 422-1000 ext. 7555.

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Pickup points:	Star	
	Middleton	Downtown Shell Station
		Shell Station at exit 25 of I-84
	Notus	
	Parma	
	Wilder	Shell Station
	Homedale	
		Chevron at 10th Avenue South & the freeway
		Emergency entrance of West Valley Medical Center
		Maverick at 10th Avenue South & Ustick
		20248 Hoskins Road
		Karcher Mall near Ross Dress for Less
		Albertson's at 7th Street & 12th Avenue South
		D and B Supply on 12th Avenue South
	Melba/Bowmont	Chevron at Greenhurst & Southside
		McDonalds at exit 38 of the freeway
	Kuna	West side of the Winco parking lot
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	Fruitland	Shell Station at Palisades Corner
		Shell Station at the highway
	Middleton (Caldwell)	
		Lowell's Market at 5 Corners
		Hamilton Corners at Highways 52 & 30
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		Maverick Station at Highway 95
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	Glenns Ferry	
		Foothills Chevron, Albertson's, & Exit 90 Chevron/Burger King
* Cassia, Minidoka		l Georgia Greenwell (208) 678-3599 or 878-2565.
Pickup points:	Burley	
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Southeast Orego		alfway, Huntington, John Day:
		Warner (541)523-5340 or the VFW Hall (541) 523-4988.

#### DAV VAN SCHEDULES TO AND FROM THE SPOKANE VA MEDICAL CENTER

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Wednesdays: Spokane VA Medical Center. 6:00 a.m. departure from the State Veterans Home at 821 21st Avenue.

Picks up in Genesee, Moscow, Viola, Potlatch, Tensed, Plummer, and Worley. Arrives Spokane at 9:30 a.m.

Fridays: Spokane VA Medical Center. 6:00 a.m. departure from the State Veterans Home at 821 21st Avenue.

Picks up in Uniontown, Colton, Pullman, Colfax, Steptoe, Rosalia, and Spangle, WA. Arrives Spokane at 9:00 a.m.

#### All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance.

Call the DAV Transportation Office at the Spokane VA Medical Center (800) 325-7940.

\*\*\*If you are interested in being a volunteer driver, please call Voluntary Services at (509) 434-7503\*\*\*

#### LIBBY & SURROUNDING AREA TO SPOKANE VAMC

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. departure from Libby, MT.

Picks up in Troy MT, Bonner's Ferry, Sandpoint, Priest River, and Newport WA. Arrives at Spokane VA Medical Center at 9:00 a.m.

#### All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance.

Call the DAV Transportation Office at the Spokane VA Medical Center (800) 325-7940.

#### COEUR D'ALENE & SURROUNDING AREA TO SPOKANE VAMC

Daily: Door to door pick up and return, times variable.

#### All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance.

Call the DAV Transportation Office at the Spokane VA Medical Center (800) 325-7940.

#### **SANDPOINT & SURROUNDING AREA TO SPOKANE VAMC**

#### Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays:

Picks up in Noxon, Clark Fork, Hope, Sandpoint, Laclede, Priest River, Newport, Diamond Lake, Chattaroy. Arrives at Spokane at 9:00 a.m.

#### All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance.

Call the DAV Transportation Office at the Spokane VA Medical Center (800) 325-7940 ext. 7019.

#### WALLA WALLA VA MEDICAL CENTER VAN TO AND FROM LEWISTON

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**Thursdays:** Walla Walla VA Medical Center Van. 8:00 a.m. departure from the CBOC at 1630 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Building 2. Arrives at Walla Walla at 10:00 a.m. Departs Walla Walla at 1:30 p.m. Arrives Lewiston at 3:30 p.m.

\*\*\*If your appointment runs past the departure time of 1:30, there is no alternative for returning to Lewiston \*\*\*

#### SALT LAKE CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER

October 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 24, 26, 30

November 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 21, 27, 29

**December** 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 27, 29

#### All appointments for rides should be made 72 hours in advance.

Call the VTS/DAV Transportation Office at (800) 613-4012 ext. 2003 or 1027.

