

# Chapter 1 Donation to Minot Flood Relief



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# Draft Gulf War Task Force Report Is Released

## Report Redefines How Care and Services Are Provided to Gulf War Veterans

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that the Department's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force has completed the draft of a comprehensive report that will outline how the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) addresses the concerns of Veterans who deployed during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991.

"This report provides a roadmap for our continued enhancements in our care and services we provide to Gulf War Veterans," said Shinseki. "We will be applying lessons learned from this report to Veterans of all eras."

Notification of the draft written report is published in the Federal Register, and the draft written report addresses seven areas where VA provides services for this group of Veterans.

Over the past year, the task force has examined, evaluated, designated and adjusted the initial roadmap outlined in last year's report. VA has designated steps to improve care and services to Gulf War I Veterans and these improvements are becoming a part of our culture and operations.

This year's report focuses on improvements in the delivery of health care for Gulf War Veterans. One of the most substantial additions is modifications to clinical care models used for Gulf War Veterans, which is the most critical point of service VA provides. There are better linkages between specialty knowledge and services at the basic point of care. Clinical research and development is significantly contributing new concepts and methods to clinical practice and clinical education throughout VA.

Two new positions were established in the Office of Research and Development for deployment and Desert Shield and Desert Storm health-related issues. Both

positions have been filled and are enhancing research efforts for Gulf War Veterans and will continue to do so in the coming years.

VA is also strengthening partnerships and medical surveillance to address the potential health impacts on Veterans from the environmental exposures on today's

battlefield. Additionally, VA continues to use social media to improve communication with Gulf War Veterans.

The Chairman of the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force is John R. Gingrich, chief of staff at VA, a retired Army officer who also served in the Gulf War.

"To ensure we are tracking the needs of our Veterans, we want to get feedback from Gulf War Veterans on this draft report," said Gingrich. "Their feedback is critical to our efforts to understand and serve their specific needs. Therefore, we hope they take advantage of one of the different opportunities to provide feedback that we have created for them."

As a first step, VA is seeking public comments on the draft written report before final publication. The public notice and instructions for how to submit electronic and comments via postal mail will be posted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), and the draft written report will be open for comment for 30 days. In addition, VA recognizes a great number of Gulf War Veterans use the Internet on a daily basis to share their ideas and concerns, so VA has also created a public discussion board on the seven recommendations at: <http://vagulfwartaskforce.uservoice.com/>. To view the report without making recommendations, please visit VA's website at: [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft\\_2011\\_GWVI-TF\\_Report.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft_2011_GWVI-TF_Report.pdf).




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# Chapter 1 Recognizes Community Supporters

Chapter 1 Commander, Ron Jackson, recently provided plaques in recognition of Fargo area supporters. He recognized Amy Principe who represented Walmart in Fargo. Walmart has donated many gift cards for use by disabled veterans. In addition, he recognized the support

of Empire Liquors. John Swanick represented the business. Empire Liquors has donated many items for DAV auctions and has supplied liquor products for DAV functions held in Fargo, including department conventions.



Chapter 1 Commander Ron Jackson presents a plaque to Amy Principe in recognition of Walmart's support of DAV programs.

Chapter 1 Commander Ron Jackson presents a plaque to John Swanick, Empire Liquors, in appreciation for their support of DAV Chapter and Department programs.

## A GREAT BIG THANKS!!!

# Chapter 2 Buffalo Wild Wings Pancake Breakfast

On October 29, Chapter 2 held their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Grand Forks. Members of Chapter 2, its Auxiliary, and the staff of Buffalo Wild Wings cooked and served breakfast that

morning. The event was well attended and funds received will be used to support programs for disabled veterans.



Chapter 2 members working at a breakfast fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Grand Forks. L to R: Tom Saddler, Jim Groven, Richard Martz and Doug Patenaude.

Chapter 2 and Auxiliary members working at BW fundraiser. L to R: Mike Dobmeier, Richard Bradsteen, Sandy Dobmeier, and Carol Groven.

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Camp Corral is a camp for children of military families where a service member is deceased, wounded or disabled. This week-long camp is free and children ages 8 through 15 may attend. It is conducted in North Carolina.

The cost to the families is transportation to and from the camp. This is where the DAV Auxiliary's DAVA 4 Kids program comes in. DAVA 4 kids is designed for Auxiliary units to participate in the continued support of the families of our disabled veterans, focusing on their children. The DAV Auxiliary national executive committee approved the establishment of a fund and project to make a difference in the lives of children by paying the transportation expenses so they can experience this opportunity. This fund will be donation based and reliant upon the assistance of our members.

As the project develops, more information will follow. However, for Camp Corral information and to view an inspiring video, visit [www.goldencorral.com/campcorral](http://www.goldencorral.com/campcorral).

The above is copied from the DAVA newsletter, in part, to get the information out to our members and their families.



## Veterans Affairs Announces Burial Allowance Increase

On April 4, 2011, Compensation Service provided guidance regarding statutory changes that impact delivery of VA disability benefits. This fast letter provides procedural guidance and regarding implementation of pertinent changes from Public Law 111-275, Title V, Burial and Cemetery Matters. In accordance with title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), sections 2303 (a) and (b), effective October 1, 2011, burial and plot benefits are increased from \$300 to \$700 for burial reimbursements for Veterans who died while properly hospitalized by VA, and plot reimbursement for Veterans who are entitled to receive compensation or pension benefits, or are otherwise eligible for a plot allowance. The increased rate applies for deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2011.



Beginning in fiscal year 2013, the burial and plot allowances may be increased annually based upon the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period. The first opportunity for such an annual increase is October 1, 2012. The term "properly hospitalized by VA" includes facilities in which the deceased was properly admitted for hospital, nursing home, or domiciliary care by VA. (38 U.S.C. 2303) There is no increase in burial allowance for indigent Veterans or Veterans who were not hospitalized by VA at the time of death.

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