



# Area V Is Alive!

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National Guard of the United States

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Margaret Greenfield & Karen Vicente

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Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. I can't believe how fast it's going. My garden is really taking off now and we will have tomatoes soon. Can you believe it; Conference is right around the corner. South Dakota has been working very hard to make our Conference experience the best one ever. Some things are: Opening Ceremonies at the Veterans Park, Sunday night Welcome at the Falls, All States night at the Harley Davidson Building, Monday night possible Casino night. Transportation will be provided to these events.

My hope is that Area V will have numerous members coming to Conference. If you haven't registered yet there is still time. We need all the supporters we can get. We always have a good time when we get together.

We aren't going to have the Basket Raffle from each state this year in the hospitality room. Instead we are going to do the 50-50 raffle each night in the hospitality room.

The schedule for this is: Sunday night: Wisconsin  
Monday night: North Dakota  
Tuesday night: Minnesota  
Wednesday night: Iowa

We are also going to have 1 Patriotic Basket that we will sell raffle tickets for. That drawing will be Wednesday morning. Doreen Kaphing from Minnesota will be selling Swarovski Crystal Flag Dog Tag Necklaces. Proceeds from the Basket and Necklace will go to the Area V Auxiliary.

Be sure you read up on the purposed Constitution changes that will be voted on at Conference. It's important that we understand them before we vote on them. Also remember the meeting rooms are usually cool so bring a sweater. If you haven't purchased your Luncheon tickets yet, please do so now so you won't miss out.

Everyone needs to think about the Area V Directors position. I am done after this conference; you will need one person to take the job for 1 year and another to take the job for 2 years. It's not a hard job, anyone could do it. Roxie is also done this year being the Treasurer for Area V. At Caucus Sharon Henderson (IA) volunteered to serve as Area V Treasurer, Thank you Sharon.

Just a last note, I have enjoyed working with all of you over the years. Area V has the best members to work with.

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Still Not Too Late to  
Register for the  
42nd EANGUS Conference!

REGISTER FOR INCLUSIVE FUNCTIONS ON THE EANGUS WEBSITE  
REGISTRATION IS \$150

**TENTATIVE EANGUS Auxiliary Agenda**  
**published in the July edition of THE SIGNAL**

[Those who do not receive The Signal can find all the current and past THE SIGNALs on the EANGUS website under Publications ([www.eangus.org](http://www.eangus.org))]

**OPENING CEREMONY VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK at 1300 on August 18, 2013**

**SOUTH DAKOTA HOST NIGHT AT FALLS PARK**

**1800-2100 – Sunday, August 18, 2013**

(Entertainment & Food from 1800-2100. ID check and wrist bands required)

**MONDAY NIGHT – Open Night – August 19, 2013 - 1700**

**Casino/Restaurants: 1930 – 2330**

**ALL AREA HOSPITALITY NIGHT – Tuesday, August 20, 2013**

**1800 – 2100 J & L Harley Davidson Dealership**

**All States Awards and Recognition Banquet**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013 - 1830 - 2130**



- 1-Airport
- 2-Events center/Sheraton
- 3-Ramada
- 4-Ramkota (AREA V HOTEL)  
Best Western Plus Ramkota  
3200 W Maple St Sioux Falls, SD  
(605) 336-0650
- 5-Holiday Inn
- 6-Quality Inn
- 7-Hilton Gardens
- 8-Springhill/Courtyard
- 9-Veterans Memorial Park
- 10-Falls Park
- 11-Elmwood Golf Course
- 12-J&L Harley
- 13-to Grand Falls Casino

*\* from EANGUS website as of 5-18-13*

[EANGUS\\_Conference\\_Site\\_Visit\\_Presentation.pdf](#)

**43rd EANGUS CONFERENCE**

**Phoenix, Arizona**

**10-14 Aug 2014**

Lodging will be at two hotels  
across from the  
Phoenix Convention Center  
Hyatt Regency and  
Sheridan Downtown

Registration:

There is an increase in the  
registration for the 2014  
conference.

**EANGUS registration for the  
2014 will be online shortly.**

Be an Early Bird and  
Pre-register!

On the registration form there will  
be a separate item for the  
banquet for those who want to  
attend the banquet and are not  
registered for the conference.

### EANGUS Blood Drive and DoD Bone Marrow Match

*Give the Gift of Life*

Check the final Agenda & Listen to the Announcements When You Arrive in Sioux Falls for Times and Days

On Page 32 of the [EANGUS\\_Conference\\_Site\\_Visit\\_Presentation.pdf](#) on EANGUS website, it indicates a list of restaurants that handle groups is available.

#### A LIST OF RESTAURANTS IN SIOUX FALLS THAT HANDLE GROUPS – Bus Reservations Need to be Made NLT SUNDAY 18 August 2013

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#### Restaurant

#### Cuisine

##### Central

Azteca Mexican Restaurant	Mexican
Grille 26 By Minervas	Chef-Inspired Casual Cuisine
Tre	Pizzas, Quesadillas, & More

##### Downtown

Crawford's Bar & Grill	American
Minervas	American
Parker's Bistro	Bistro/Fine Dining
Tokyo Japanese Restaurant	Japanese

##### South

Bracco World Café & Island Bar	Island Inspired, American
McNally's Irish Pub	Irish Pub Fair

##### Mall area

Fuji Sushi & Hibachi Grill	Japanese
Old Chicago Pasta & Pizza	Pizza/Pasta
Spezia	Steak, Italian and Seafood
Texas Roadhouse	American Steakhouse
Outback Steakhouse	American Steakhouse
Chevy's	Mexican
Carnaval Brazilian Grill	Brazilian/Seafood/Pasta
Chili's Grill & Bar	Southwest
Foleys Fish Chop & Steakhouse	Steaks, Chops and Fish
Rookies Sports Grill	Sports Café
Granite City	American Food

#### EANGUS MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

Effective immediately due to the implementation of the new EANGUS online membership software, EANGUS will no longer offer the option to pay for multiple years at a time. You will now have the option to opt in for an Annual Auto renewal. If you wish to be part of EANGUS for multiple years at a time, you can sign-up for the auto renewal option when renewing and or joining for the first time. If you join or renew directly through your state and not online, you will have to give your state administrator permission to opt you in for the auto renewal.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA-----SUBJECT TO CHANGES**

**EANGUS AUXILIARY AGENDA  
40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**SATURDAY, August 17, 2013**

8:00AM- 4:00PM Set Up Silent Auction .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00AM -4:00 PM Conference registration.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00AM -4:00 PM Pre-registration 2014 Phoenix, AZ .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
2:15 PM -4:00 PM Past President's Social .....Auxiliary Past Presidents

**SUNDAY, August 18, 2013**

\*7:00AM-8:30 AM - EANGUS Area Caucus –Check with your EANGUS Area Director for location  
**Auxiliary Members are encouraged to attend their area caucus.**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Silent Auction Open .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conference registration.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pre-registration 2014 Phoenix, AZ ....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:45 AM-9:15 AM Chapel Service EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary...Sioux Falls Convention Center  
9:15AM-10:00 AM Auxiliary First Timers Meeting.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
10:00 AM-10:15 AM Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
1:00PM- ? EANGUS Auxiliary joins EANGUS, Opening Ceremony-Veterans Memorial Park  
(BUSES)  
Reconvene in Convention Center  
Approx. 3:00 PM President Lainhart will speak

**“Don’t forget to wear purple”**

**SOUTH DAKOTA HOST STATE WELCOME NIGHT -  
FARMER’S MARKET PAVILLION AT FALLS PARK  
6:00-9:00 PM**

**\*MUST WEAR CONFERENCE ID**

**MONDAY, August 19, 2013**

7:00 AM- 7:50 AM EANGUS Area Caucus  
8:00 AM -4:00PM Silent Auction .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conference registration.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pre-registration 2014 Phoenix, AZ .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00AM-9:00AM Credentials Delegates.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
8:00AM-? Finance Committee Meeting .....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
9:00AM-11:00AM Executive Board Meeting .....Sioux Falls Convention Center

**\*Finance committee will join the Executive Board immediately after finance meeting.**

12:00PM-1:30PM - Training for Area Directors and State Officers - Sioux Falls Convention Center

**All committees will meet in the Convention Center Room 120B&C - Committee Chairs will communicate the time of the specific meeting with each of their committee members. If you need to meet at a different time inform your committee. A copy of your meeting minutes needs to be provided to the EANGUS Auxiliary Secretary by end of the business session on Wednesday.**

Burden Bears: Sharon Henderson

Continuity Chair: Pat Bishop

Constitution Chair: Richard Bryant

Legislative Chair: Barbara Rains

Finance Chair: Thom McKennie

Public Relations: Vivian Taylor

Scholarship Chair: Maryls List

Membership Chair: Dianne Williams

Nominations Chair: Sondra Monastra

Resolutions Chair: Shirley Bogdan

Ways and Means Chair: Stella Cameron

Chaplain: Sherry Blackwell

Life Membership: Vivian Taylor

### **\*\*\*FREE NIGHT- ENJOY SIOUX FALLS\*\*\***

**TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2013**

8:00 AM-9:00AM Auxiliary Area Caucus.....Sioux Falls Convention Center  
The Area Directors shall preside over the Caucus. There is an area director to be elected in each area or two if needed - submit names of nominees to Nominations Chair immediately after your caucus.

8:00AM -9:00AM Credentials Delegates (changes only) .Sioux Falls Convention Center

### **THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL BREAK - LEAVE AS NECESSARY**

9:00 AM Call to Order .....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Invocation .....Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain  
Pledge to the Flag .....Judy Wood, Vice President  
Opening Remarks .....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Roll Call.....Wanda Ryan, Secretary  
Credentials and Rules .....Lorraine Miller, Chair  
Adoption of Agenda.....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Adoption of Standing Rules.....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Reading of Minutes (2012).....Wanda Ryan, Secretary  
Treasurer's Report .....Cora Sower, Treasurer

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ways & Means .....Stella Cameron, Chair

Shadow Box.....Dorothy Inglese, Chair

Burden Bears .....Sharon Henderson, Chair

	Audit Report .....	Thom McKennie, Finance Chair
	Finance (presentation of 2014 budget) .....	Thom McKennie, Finance Chair
	Nominations (Area Director).....	Sondra Monastra, Chair
	Life Membership.....	Vivian Taylor, Chair
	Public Relations.....	Vivian Taylor, Chair
	Legislative .....	Barbara Rains, Chair
	Scholarship.....	Marlys List, Committee
	Membership .....	Dianne Williams, Chair
	Administrative Announcements.....	Wanda Ryan, Secretary
	Conference Update .....	Edna Steinberg, Conference Coordinator
11:00 AM	Benediction.....	Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain

**11:30AM-2:00PM Auxiliary Luncheon.....Sioux Falls Convention Center**

**PRE-PAID LUNCHEON TICKET REQUIRED**

**Any committee reports not presented today will continue on Wednesday  
Recess until 9:00 AM Wednesday**

***All Area Hospitality Night***

**\*Bring your state pins to trade with your friends**

**J&L HARLEY**

**6:00PM-9:00PM**

**\*Must show ID**

**WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2013**

8:00AM-9:00 AM	Area Caucus .....	Sioux Falls Convention Center
8:30 AM -9:00AM	Credential Delegates (changes only) .....	Sioux Falls Convention Center

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	Invocation .....	Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain
	Opening Remarks .....	Jenny Lainhart, President
	Roll Call.....	Wanda Ryan, Secretary
	Credentials & Rules.....	Lorraine Miller, Chair



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(Continue with committee reports from Tuesday)

Constitution –if needed.....Richard Bryant, Chair  
Finance (adoption of 2014 budget) .....Thom McKennie, Finance Chair  
Membership.....Dianne Williams, Chair

Nominations- results of area directors .....Sondra Monastra, Chair  
Philanthropic.....Carol Benda, Chair  
Resolutions.....Shirley Bogdan, Chair  
Ways & Means  
(Report of Silent Auction & Boutique).....Stella Cameron, Chair

Unfinished Business .....Jenny Lainhart, President  
New Business .....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Administrative Announcements .....Wanda Ryan, Secretary  
Conference Update.....Edna Steinberg, Conference Coordinator  
2014 National Conference Report – PHOENIX, AZ.....Representative, Arizona  
Installation of Area Directors .....Past President, Sheila Bandy  
Comments.....Jenny Lainhart, President  
Benediction .....Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain  
Adjournment.....Jenny Lainhart, President

*MEMORIAL SERVICE*

**Sherry Blackwell, Chaplain**

***EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.***  
**(OFFICERS & AREA DIRECTORS)**

***EANGUS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION***

Sioux Falls Convention Center  
"By Invitation Only"  
**5:30 PM - 6:15 PM**

***ALL STATES BANQUET/AWARDS PROGRAM***

Sioux Falls Convention Center  
**6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS!**

**SEE YOU IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA August 10-14, 2014**

**TRICARE TO STOP COVERING SOME COMPOUNDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Army Times – Patricia Kime

Starting July 24, Tricare will no longer cover compounded prescriptions drugs that contain ingredients not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Tricare pharmacy benefit manager Express Scripts sent letters this month to 44,000 Tricare affected beneficiaries notifying them of the change.

The beneficiaries will have to speak with their doctors about alternatives, or to their pharmacist to determine whether their formula can be altered to comply with the new requirement.

Compounded medications are tailored for individuals by pharmacists, combining a conventional medication with other ingredients to tweak a dosage, change delivery (from a pill to a liquid or liquid to a patch, for example) or eliminate an allergen.

Many compounded prescriptions use inert ingredients such as bulk chemicals and powders that are not subject to FDA approval, and by law, Tricare is barred from providing prescription drug coverage for compounds with unapproved ingredients, Tricare spokesman Austin Camacho said.

The move also protects the beneficiary, he added: “Most bulk chemicals and bulk powders are not subjected to FDA approval, therefore their safety and effectiveness is not established.”

Tricare decided to stop reimbursing claims for these medications because recent changes to federal standards for pharmacy claim submissions have led to an increase in oversight of all pharmacy claims, including those in government and commercial plans.

The new standards “have increased the visibility of what is

contained in a compounded prescription” and Tricare now has the ability to identify compound prescription claims that contain a non-approved ingredient, Camacho said.

Tricare received roughly 500,000 compound claims from beneficiaries in 2012, worth \$330 million.

Camacho stressed that Tricare is not halting all reimbursements for compounded prescriptions, just those with unapproved ingredients or not subject to FDA approval, such as vitamins and dietary supplements.

“This is a vital service that helps many people, including those who need medications that are not available commercially and others who are allergic to inactive ingredients in FDA-approved medicines,” Camacho said.

**Password Expiration Schedule**

**myPay** is changing over to a strong password and the rollout is based on the last 2 numbers of the Social Security Number (SSN). The next time you access myPay after your expiration date with your old format password, you will be prompted to create a strong password. Note: DoD CAC and HHS PIV users do not have to change to a strong password unless they are accessing myPay for the first time.

**SSN Range/Expiration Date**

**00-14 Jun 15, 2013**  
**15-29 Jul 1, 2013**  
**30-44 Jul 15, 2013**  
**45-59 Aug 1, 2013**  
**60-74 Aug 15, 2013**  
**75-89 Sep 1, 2013**  
**90-99 Sep 15, 2013**

**TRICARE PRIME FEE HIKE EXEMPTIONS**

Military retirees enrolled in TRICARE Prime -- the cheaper alternative to TRICARE Standard -- pay an annual enrollment fee to be a part of the program. Every year, this fee increases slightly.

A [new rule](#) from the Defense Department freezes the fee at its current rate for survivors and “medically retired members.” The fee will remain frozen “at the rate in effect at the time they are classified” as long as at least one family member is enrolled in Prime.

Previously, federal statute had required enrollment fees be uniform for all military retirees. In 2013, the enrollment fee was \$269.38 per person and \$538.56 per family.



**Important Message from  
EANGUS Auxiliary President Jenny Lainhart  
via email:**

Please read the message below from Harve Horowitz. We always support the exhibitors that support our EANGUS and Auxiliary National Conference by visiting and talking to each of them. Always thank them for their support. We thank Harve and his team for all they do. Many Exhibitors donate items to our Silent Auction and this is always appreciated.

To All,

We serve EANGUS in the area of exhibit management and share a sense of growing excitement that the EANGUS 42nd General Conference will again produce the expected results:

Attendees will

Receive updates from Senior National Guard leaders

Establish legislative goals and priorities

Conduct Association Business

Enjoy a variety of hospitality events, good fun and friends!

Plus, have an opportunity to see first-hand various products/services in YOUR Expo!

You are encouraged to IDENTIFY A POTENTIAL EXHIBITOR - YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE! The following notice appears at the EANGUS website (Click Resources):

IDENTIFY A POTENTIAL EXHIBITOR - YOU MAY WIN A VALUABLE PRIZE!

The EANGUS Exhibition is an integral and popular feature of the EANGUS General Conference. As a member/conference attendee, you are a valuable source for identifying suppliers (including perhaps your own service!) who would benefit by exhibiting products / services of interest to a receptive audience of Army and Air National Guard "end-users" / mid-management plus TAGs.

Provide supplier / potential exhibitor contact information to:

**EANGUS EXHIBIT MANAGEMENT**

c/o Exhibit Promotions Plus, Inc.

11620 Vixens Path, Ellicott City, MD 21042

410/997-0763 301/596-3028 Fax 410/997-0764

eangus@epponline.com<mailto:eangus@epponline.com>

www.epponline.com<http://www.epponline.com>

In recognition of your support, a prize drawing will be held for a complimentary 2014 convention registration among those individuals who provide "leads" which result in a supplier's participation, as a first-time exhibitor, at the EANGUS 2013 General Conference & Exhibition.

There is still time (barely!) for your preferred vendor to join you and your colleagues in Sioux Falls. Thank you for your support of the EANGUS Expo.

Harve Horowitz

EANGUS Exhibit Management

Harve C. Horowitz, Esq., President  
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11620 Vixens Path

Ellicott City, MD 21042

410/997-0763

Area V needs to fill the position of Legislative Point of Contact (POC).  
Let Barbara Rains know if you are interested in being Area V's Legislative POC.

Barbara Rains: [jrains3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jrains3@tampabay.rr.com)

**Note from Roxie Barwick:** The July/August **Area V Is Alive!** newsletter is my last edition as editor. Thank you for all your support. The July issue of THE SIGNAL was my last edition as assistant editor. If someone hasn't already volunteered to step up to assist our EANGUS Auxiliary President Jenny Lainhart with THE SIGNAL, please step up. Let Jenny know.

**FROM THE MINNESOTA REVENUE DEPARTMENT** - If you served in a military combat zone in 2009, you could be eligible for a refundable Minnesota tax credit worth at least \$120, and, potentially, hundreds of dollars for an extended term of combat service. Don't put this off; your application must be postmarked or in our hands by October 15, 2013.

You have to meet all of the following requirements to get the refundable credit:

- You served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area any time after January 1, 2009 and before December 31, 2009.
- The IRS has identified your pay as "combat pay," which is exempt from your federal gross income.
- Your home of record during your service was Minnesota.

The 2009 credit is \$120 for each month of service in a combat zone or at other locations in direct support of military operations. To find out more about locations that qualify for the tax credit, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You can count partial months as full months. For example, if you served one day in November, it would count as one month. You have to file 2009 Form M99, Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone, to receive your credit. Depending on your service status, you have to send us one of the following documents with your Form M99:

- National Guard, Reservists, and Retired or Discharged Active-Duty Members: Attach a copy of your Form DD-214 for each period of qualifying service.
- Active-Duty Members: Attach a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement for each month of qualifying service. Mail your form and accompanying document(s) to the address on your M99 form.

Tax credits for service in a combat zone are also available for 2010, 2011, and 2012. To apply for those credits, file Form M99 for whichever of those years applies plus the appropriate additional documents listed above. You can get Form M99 and more information about the credit by visiting the Members of the Military page on our website. If you have questions, call our income tax assistance line at 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094. Visit our website: [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)



No Guard/Reserve on-site sales are scheduled at this time due to budgetary mandates under sequestration. Commissaries will continue to offer savings with sidewalk sales, truckload events and in-store promotions. Check with your local commissary for information about upcoming sales. <http://www.commissaries.com/>

**Free SAT & ACT PREP PROGRAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS - [www.eknowledge.com](http://www.eknowledge.com)**

Preparing for the SAT/ACT? **eKnowledge** is giving Military families \$250 SAT and ACT test prep programs for just the cost of providing the programs (under \$20)...the fee covers everything, including: materials, shipping, student support, and streaming. [www.eknowledge.com/EANGUS](http://www.eknowledge.com/EANGUS)

### **HOUSE OF HARLEY 110TH ANNIVERSARY MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AND BENEFIT RIDE**

The House of Harley Davidson Milwaukee is hosting Military Appreciation Day on Wednesday, August 28th during their 110th Anniversary Celebration August 28th – September 2nd. Events will include a simulated indoor marksmanship trainer with competitions throughout the day, live

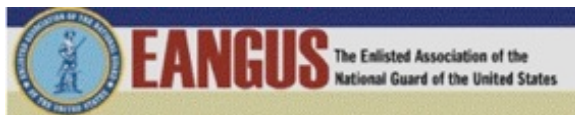
music, military vehicle displays, fly over by military airplanes, and a benefit ride for the Fisher House. The ride will begin at 2 p.m. at the House of Harley (6221 West Layton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) and will continue to the Civil War Memorial at Zablocki VA grounds.

For more information or to register for the ride, contact the House of Harley-Davidson Milwaukee at 413-282-2211 or visit the [110th Anniversary Celebration website](http://www.houseofharley.com/). (<http://www.houseofharley.com/>)

**CVS/pharmacy®** and Veterans Advantage Inc. announced a new in-store savings program for Veterans Advantage's VetRewards Card members, honoring military and veteran families with savings on thousands of CVS/pharmacy Brand products at its 7,400 stores nationwide. U.S. Active Duty Military, Veterans, National Guard & Reserve and their families using the VetRewards Card can save \$2 off every \$10 purchase of CVS/pharmacy Brand merchandise in stores. To take advantage of the offer, members are verified at [VeteransAdvantage.com](http://VeteransAdvantage.com) for access to a special downloadable coupon good every day at CVS/pharmacy. This coupon offer complements the existing 10% online-only discount for purchases made on [CVS.com](http://CVS.com) for Veterans Advantage members that was launched in 2012.

All CVS/pharmacy Brand products, ranging from pain relief, stomach, allergy and cough/cold/flu remedies, to [first aid](#) and vitamins, as well as other healthcare, food and snack, general merchandise, and beauty/personal care, are eligible for the Veterans Advantage discount. The discount also applies to the newest addition to the CVS/pharmacy family, Total Home, which includes a wide range of essentials for everyday home care, ranging from cleaning and cooking to organizing. Exclusive CVS/pharmacy lines are also included in the discount, such as the best-selling Essence of Beauty

Fine Fragrance bath and body line, Gold Emblem, a top-quality snack, dessert, beverage and grocery items collection, Caliber school and [office supplies](#) and body care products. CVS/pharmacy stands behind the quality of all products included in its store brand or any of its exclusive lines, offering a 100 percent money-back guarantee on all store brand products to ensure customer satisfaction.



## Legislative Matters The National Guard Needs Your Support

To view all The Calls use this link

<http://capwiz.com/eangus> Your VOICE Counts!

Use Capwiz!

Currently, there are more than 52,000 Military Technicians wearing the U.S. Army and Air Force uniforms to work every day, and they represent more than half of the National Guards full-time force. They have to take 11 furlough days before the end of the fiscal year. These military technicians should merit an exception to the furloughs. Unlike regular civilians employees, military technicians are required to be a member of the National Guard, attend weekend drills and annual training with their National Guard unit, maintain all fitness and readiness standards of their active-duty counterparts, and can be involuntarily ordered to active duty at any time. National Guard military technicians are the primary maintainers of National Guard ground equipment, airframes, equipment upgrades, and administrators of training at the unit level. Go to EANGUS capwiz and contact your congressional members IMMEDIATELY.

### S. 734/H.R. 32

Contact your Representatives and Senator: Support S. 734/H.R. 32, Bills that Would Repeal (eliminate) the SBP-DIC Offset.

Under current law, the surviving spouse of an active or retired servicemember who dies from a service-caused condition is entitled to \$1215/month in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Veteran's Administration. If the military retiree was also enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), DIC is deducted from the surviving spouse's SBP annuity. Lets get this legislation passed this year.

### H.R. 2510

Contact your representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 2510 - To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish within the Department of Defense centers of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to open burn pits.

There is a growing body of evidence that Open-Air Burn Pits used in the war zone have had tragic effects on the health of our returning veterans. We need to deal with this problem proactively to ensure that our veterans get the best possible care and support.



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