



# KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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## INCOMING MAIL



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### CHAPTER ROSTERS NEEDED

PRESIDENT JACK EDWARDS needs an up to date roster of each Chapter **including** the names recently added from the National list. Chapter Secretaries are urged to send names as soon as possible in order to clarify discrepancies and allow the Department to claim its share of the National rebate.

### HOSPITAL SUPPORT SHOP OPENS

THE UNITED VETERANS OF PALM BEACH has opened a Thrift Shop at 1010 West Jasmine Drive, off North Lake Blvd. in Lake Park. They seek donations of clothing, appliances, books, and anything salable. Volunteers are also needed, if only for a few hours. Proceeds will benefit the hospitalized veterans in the West Palm Beach DVA Medical Center. The store number is (407) 881-3006. **PLEASE HELP!** If you have an appointment at the hospital stop into the Thrift Shop on your way home. You may find the treasure you have been looking for.

### DEPARTMENT ENDORSES PROPOSED CEMETERY

THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA has sent a letter supporting the efforts of the Highland County Veterans Council to have a new National Cemetery located in their area. The proposed site would be a part of the existing Avon Park Air Force Range consisting of 105,000 acres, most of which are no longer used by the USAF. The centralized location, already government owned, would serve 21 of the 67 counties in Florida and bring the nearest usable National Cemetery much closer to southern Florida veterans and their families. Highland County, as the name implies, has a much higher average altitude, providing a greater area for burials in the land under consideration. Watch for information in the media and lend your support.

### HOSPITAL CLARIFIES NEW CHARGES TO PATIENTS

A LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT to the West Palm Beach DVA Hospital Director assures us that charges are not being raised for non-service connected veterans but will only effect Catagory C patients who were not registered with the hospital prior to March 1, 1996. Furthermore, the letter

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states "...we will not be charging our service connected veterans for full services...". If there are any questions, please call Adele Sullivan at (407) 882-6710. The information provided last month was based on a meeting with the Director. Newspaper articles published the same info as **INCOMING MAIL**. The Directors office has advised us that the information was incorrect.

**WE GET (news)LETTERS...**

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS are proliferating and that is GOOD NEWS! Keep up the good work and be sure to send a copy to all the other Chapters as well as to the Department. Communication with your members and inactives is the key to success.

**DEPARTMENT STAFF CHANGES**

AS THE RESULT OF repeated unsuccessful attempts to communicate with Second Dept. Vice President Michael Dallet, and his failure to attend the March 3 Department Meeting, President Jack Edwards has reluctantly found it necessary to relieve him of his duties. Phone calls, faxes and Return Receipt mail have not elicited any response. Under the circumstances, President Edwards has appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. Fred Shear to the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. office and Eddie Lyon Chapter President Joe Firriolo as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for the remainder of the current term. Vice President Firriolo will be responsible for Membership, normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.s function, while Fred continues to develop the Department By-Laws and assist Pres. Jack Edwards.

**LATEST CHAPTER OFFICERS & ADDRESSES**

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**KEEP IN TOUCH...CALL PRES. EDWARDS BI-WEEKLY**

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