

MOPH, Chapter 0049 Website Update April 11, 2011

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Gentlemen:

Chapter 0049's web site has been updated to reflect some of the most pressing issues in the Veteran community. The stories are as follow:

v In today's world of hurly-burly politics and budgeting, it is extremely difficult to figure out exactly how you will be affected by the current posturing. While we do not have the staff to research every crack and niche associated with budgeting and politics, we did take a look at one area and came up with an answer. That area examined how does the lack of a budget affect VA Health services and the individual veterans.

Surprisingly, the VA Health Systems comes out smelling like a rose. Thanks to the foresight of some vigilant and intrepid veteran organizations who had the foresight to lobby Congress to get off of the one-year budgeting cycle and to approve VA budgets using a two-year cycle.

See: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veterans_focus_issues

(This story is #1 in left-hand column)

v Notwithstanding the above, veterans classed at Category group 8 or Category group 7 may be subject to removal from the VA Health Care system depending on how budget negotiation proceed. The budgeting plan submitted by Rep. Paul Ryan is studying a plan to save \$6 Billion dollars annually by cancelling the enrollment of any veteran who does not have a service-related condition and is not poor. Category 7 and Category 8 veterans are targeted by definition. See:

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(This story follow-on to #1 in left-hand column)

v In "**An Assessment of VA Health Care**," the venerable Bob Dole write an op-ed piece in Politico praising the VA Health System. Senator Dole sees the innovation produced by the "***private-public enterprise***" as the best example of American enterprise working to improve a common goal. He sees the VA Health System as 10-15 years ahead of private health care systems. This is a good read, not because of

the end result but because of the analysis done by Senator Dole.

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(This story is #2 in left hand column)

v In a continuing review of Arlington Cemetery, we update the problems that seem to linger there. There seem to be no good outcome on the short-term horizon.

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(This story is #3 in left-hand column)

v A tribute to ***“Flight and Flying.”*** With May 20 – May 21st just around the corner, it an appropriate time to recognize and remember the feat of Charles A. Lindbergh. This update features some vintage film from 5 cameras at the site on the day of take-off.

Also, we pay tribute to the flight of helicopter crews in Vietnam; and we reminisce with flights of B-24 and B-17 (***in 3-D***) over the Superstition Mountain range in Arizona.

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(This story is #4, #5 and #6 in the left-hand column)

v A tribute to departed Patriots of 2011. This tab has been respectfully updated. See:

http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/respectstaps_for_departed_members

(Arrow down to Year 2011)

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

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