

**VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE
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VET NEWS

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING April 10, 2006

The quarterly Advisory Committee meeting will be held April 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office. Please try to have at least one representative from your organization in attendance.

Light refreshments will be served.

WWII AND VIETNAM CERTIFICATES STILL AVAILABLE

The VA office still has certificates and pins available for presentation to WWII and Vietnam veterans. In addition, we have a limited number of certificates and pins for the Korean War veterans.

Contact the VA office to arrange for presentation at an appropriate ceremony.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Veterans are needed periodically for a number of community activities:

- Speakers for school groups, interviews, TV or radio programs
- Volunteers who can donate some time at Dorn VA Medical Center to drive the shuttle, visit patients, man the information desk, etc.

Volunteers who would like to participate should contact the VA office.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Once again the Girl Scouts in the Columbia area are selling cookies. Part of their cookie program is to offer purchasers the opportunity to buy additional boxes to be sent to troops overseas by the Blue Star Mothers. Last year, they sent 8,000 boxes overseas.

To donate to deployed soldiers, contact the Blue Star Mothers at 206-6088 (Ann Ricard) or at info@BlueStarFamilies.com or the Girl Scouts at (803) 782-5133, ext. 0.

LEXINGTON COUNTY MARINE KILLED IN IRAQ



U.S. Marine Almar Fitzgerald died Tuesday, February 20, 2006, from injuries he suffered during a bomb attack in Iraq. A member of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Corps regiment, he was standing outside his vehicle when a bomb went off. Fitzgerald was taken to a Frankfurt, Germany, hospital where he died.

He was the son of Sharon Foster, a graduate of Lexington High School, and The Citadel.



DRIVERS NEEDED FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY VETERANS' VAN

Approval has been received from the DAV for the purchase of the Lexington County Veterans' Van. Delivery is expected later this spring on a 2006 Ford E350 Super Duty XL, 12-passenger club wagon.

Volunteer drivers are needed. The van will be parked at the Lexington County Auxiliary Building at 605 West Main Street, Lexington, SC. The van will be titled to the VA Medical Center which has the responsibility for maintenance, fuel, and insurance.

The designated driver will be required to take a physical examination at the Dorn VA hospital and have a current driver's license. For more information call Gary Baker at 803-785-8401.

REQUIREMENTS FOR VAN/POV DRIVERS

Need copy of current DRIVER'S LICENSE

Need copy of current AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

**Must view DRIVER SAFETY VIDEO
If you are a DAV Van and/or POV Driver**

**Must sign SC Dept. of Public Safety Request
for Drivers Information—Form MV-20**

Must have a VAN DRIVER'S PHYSICAL EXAM

**Must complete Van Drivers' Questionnaire
VA Form May 1991-10-0043A**

Must complete a DAV VAVS Form 20

VA COMMITMENT TO GULF WAR VETS

A recent funding increase for Gulf War illness research, the new research treatment centers and the creation of the pilot program at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas were measures incorporated into the 2006 VA budget. The budget was recently approved by Congress and signed by President Bush.

Under the terms of the VA budget for 2006, \$15 million per year for five years has been earmarked for specific research on Gulf War veterans' illnesses.

Ailments ranging from fatigue, weakness and respiratory problems to sleep disturbances, skin rashes and persistent headaches are among the illnesses reported by some veterans who took part in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Some studies have shown that these health care problems and other illnesses have been reported by Gulf War veterans at rates that significantly exceed those reported by veterans who served in other eras.

VETERANS TO RECEIVE INSURANCE DIVIDENDS FROM VA

More than 1.2 million veterans nationwide are in line to receive \$414 million in annual insurance dividends over the coming year, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The dividend payments from VA will be sent to an estimated 1,239,600 policyholders on the anniversary date of their policies. Sent automatically through different payment options, the specific dividend amount will vary based on the age of the veteran, the type of insurance, and the length of time the policy has been in force.

Dividends are paid each year to veterans holding certain government life insurance policies and who served between 1917 and 1956. The dividends are drawn from the earnings on the trust fund into which veterans have paid insurance

premiums over the years, and are linked to returns on investments in U.S. government securities.

World War II veterans comprise the largest group receiving 2006 insurance dividend payments. One million veterans holding National Service Life Insurance ("V") policies are expected to receive total payments of \$322.6 million. Another 45,000 World War II era veterans with Veterans Reopened Insurance ("J", "JR" and "JS") policies will share a dividend of \$11.4 million. Over 186,000 Korean War era veterans who have maintained Veterans Special Life Insurance ("RS" and "W") policies can expect to receive dividends totaling \$79.1 million.

Dividends totaling \$1.2 million will be paid to 8,600 veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance ("K") policies, which are held by veterans who served between World War I and 1940.

Call the VA Insurance Center at 1-800-669-8477.

HOME LOAN CERTIFICATES

Effective 1/1/2006, all mailed applications for a Certificate of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Benefits will be processed by the Winston-Salem Eligibility Center.

Mailing Address:
VA Eligibility Center
PO Box 20729
Winston-Salem, NC 27120

Overnight Address:
VA Eligibility Center
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27155

Lenders are reminded to try to obtain an automated Certificate of Eligibility through Automated Certificate of Eligibility (ACE) prior to mailing to Winston-Salem. You can contact them via e-mail at: nceligib@vba.va.gov or you can call them directly at:
Toll Free 1-888-244-6711

ONLINE GRAVESITE LOCATOR

The burial locations (as well as the information inscribed on the markers) of more than 5 million veterans for whom the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has provided grave markers are now available on the Internet.

Online since April 2004, the nationwide gravesite location (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>) helps veterans' families, former comrades-in-arms and others find the graves of veterans. VA recently added 1.9 million records for veterans buried primarily in private cemeteries to its database. The gravesite locator previously carried records on 3 million veterans buried in VA national cemeteries since the Civil War, and in state veterans cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery since 1999.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from a VA web site at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 or the County VA office.

SELFLESS SERVICE – ATHLETE WARRIORS

To play professional sports requires enormous talent; there are roughly 1600 players in the NFL with 20,000 college athletes competing for 200 some positions that become available each year. To pass on a career in professional athletics to perform civil service takes true commitment. To routinely risk your life performing that service requires selfless courage.

Pat Tillman had all three. Drafted in 1998 by the Arizona Cardinals, Tillman took over the strong safety position in his rookie year and never looked back. Yet, when the Twin Towers came down on that fateful day in September 2001, Pat Tillman chose, then and there, to take up a higher calling. Turning his back on a 3.9 million dollar contract, Pat, along with his brother Kevin, a minor league baseball player, joined the United States Army and eventually graduated the Ranger training program in 2002 and were then assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment out of Ft. Lewis, Wash. Unfortunately for Specialist Tillman, his decision to serve his country would cost him his life as he was ultimately killed in a friendly fire incident while his unit was on patrol in the mountains of Afghanistan in April of 2004.

While Pat Tillman's example of service over lucrative career as a professional football player is compelling, it is not the only such story.

Prior to playing in nine seasons, and three Super Bowls, with the Dallas Cowboys, Air Force Captain Chad Hennings was flying combat missions as an A-10 pilot during the Gulf War. Hennings, a 1998 graduate of the Air Force academy was assigned to the prestigious Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program at Sheppard AFB, where he was trained to fly the A-10 Warthog ground attack aircraft. Following his release from the Air Force Hennings fulfilled his commitment to the Cowboys by joining the team as a 27-year-old rookie. Though older than his "peers," Hennings dedication and commitment to excellence set him apart, and he would eventually earn himself a starting position in the organization and go on to play for an additional nine years. Hennings decision to attend the Air Force academy was based upon his notion of dedicated duty and selfless service, values that would serve him well at the Academy, in the Air Force, and as a Cowboy.



Drafted in the 10th round in 1964, again by the Cowboys, Quarterback Rodger Staubach "nearly bankrupted" the Cowboys organization as they shipped footballs to him in Vietnam, so he could maintain his

skills. Staubach first starred as a quarterback at the Naval Academy, where he was a Heisman Trophy winner as a junior in 1963 (at the time the 4th Jr. to receive the award.) During his four years of naval service he attended all of the Cowboy's summer training camps, using his military leave to do so, finally joining the organization in 1969, and becoming the starting quarterback in 1971. As Staubach himself said, "Confidence doesn't come out of nowhere. It's a result of something... hours and days and weeks and years of constant work and dedication."

In 1968 Robert Bleier, a business graduate from the University of Notre Dame, was in his rookie season with the Pittsburgh Steelers. In 1969, Bleier, drafted by the Army earlier that year, was on patrol in Vietnam when his unit was ambushed and he was severely wounded in both legs. "Rocky" as he was known, returned to the Steelers in 1970. Thirty pounds underweight, unable to walk without pain, Bleier played sparingly with the Steelers for the next three years, and was twice cut from the roster, though he managed both times, through hard work and dedication, to get himself back on. Finally, in 1974, Bleier, now at 212 pounds following a punishing off season workout, earned a starting position with the Steelers, where he would participate in four Super Bowls and eventually finish his career as the team's fifth leading all time rusher.

Finally, Bob Kaslu, All-America tackle out of the University of Oklahoma, was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the eighth-round in 1968, where he went on to become their Rookie of the Year, chose to fulfill his ROTC commitment by deploying to Vietnam in 1969. 1LT Kaslu was assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 11th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division, where he served as an artillery officer. Unfortunately, 1LT Kaslu's life was cut short when he was killed on July 21st, 1970 by enemy mortar fire. In recognition of his service to the organization, the Bills entered his name on their Wall of Fame (the 15th to receive the honor) and in recognition of his service to the country, the 101st Airborne Division renamed their replacement company in his honor (designating it the 1LT Kaslu Replacement Company, 101st Soldier Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault.) Kaslu would be the only active player to die during the Vietnam War, and the last player to die in military service until SPC Tillman's death in 2004.

Tillman, Kaslu, Staubach, Bleier, and Hennings all have things in common. All were professional football players who achieved their on-field fame and glory through determination, hard work, and dedication to duty. Yet what really distinguishes them from other professional athletes is what they did off the field. All were distinguished veterans of honorable wartime service as well, and in the case of Tillman and Kaslu, they made the ultimate sacrifice for that service. Some would say that these players had jeopardized their

careers by serving, but the truth is they would have not been the men and leaders that they were without it.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE – DONATIONS NEEDED

The Lexington County VA office has some medical equipment which can be loaned out to veterans. We have several wheelchairs, a Rascal scooter, potty chair, and walkers currently available.

If you are aware of any surplus or no longer needed equipment, please contact the VA office. We'll make it available to other veterans. We especially need a hospital bed.

SOME MILITARY HUMOR

The elderly American gentleman arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he fumbled for his passport.

“You ‘ave been to France before, monsieur?” the customs officer asked sarcastically. The old gent admitted that he had been to France previously.

“Zen, you should know enough to ‘ave your passport ready for inspection.” The American said, “The last time I was here, I didn’t have to show it.”

“Impossible. You Americans always ‘ave to show your passports on arrival in France!” The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, “Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach in ’44 I couldn’t find any Frenchmen to show it to.”



WHEN TO DISPLAY THE FLAG

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on:

- New Year’s Day, January 1
- Inauguration Day, January 20
- Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12
- Washington’s Birthday, February 20
- Easter Sunday, April 16
- Mother’s Day, May 14
- Armed Forces Day, May 21
- Memorial Day (half staff until noon), May 27
- Flag Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, September 4
- Patriot Day, September 11
- Constitution Day, September 17
- Columbus Day, October 9
- Navy Day, October 27

- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 23
- Christmas Day, December 25

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States
the birthdays of States (date of admission)
and on State holidays

The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

FEDERAL LAW MANDATES FLYING OF POW/MIA FLAG

- Public law 105-85 requires the National League of Families POW/MIA flag be flown on:
- Armed Forces Day, May 21
 - Memorial Day, May 29
 - Flag Day, June 14
 - Independence Day, July 4
 - POW/MIA Day, 3rd Friday of September
 - Veterans Day, November 11

If flying the flag from ONE FLAG POLE, the POW/MIA flag is flown directly below the National Colors.

If flying National, POW/MIA and State flags from TWO poles, the POW/MIA flag should be flown from the same pole as the National Colors, and beneath the American flag, with the state flag flying from the pole to the left.

The law now requires the following to fly the flag:
United Post Offices: The flag flies on the last business day before each of the specified days.

Veterans Administration:

The flag flies at Veterans Administration medical facilities **any day the U.S. flag is displayed.**

- Every Military Installation
- Certain Federal Installations
- The Capitol
- The White House
- The Korean War Veterans Memorial
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- The World War II Memorial
- Each National Cemetery

The buildings containing the official offices of:

- The Secretary of Defense
- The Secretary of State

The Secretary of
The director of the
System.



Veterans Affairs
Selective Service

Just a Common Soldier

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in, and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, everyone.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.
He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.

For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,

But the passing of a soldier, goes unnoticed, and unsung.
Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom, that our Country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,

Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?
He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the Soldier's part,

Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that would say:
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The 2006-2007 school year application for the
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Scholarship Fund Interest-Free Loan and Grant Program, the American Patriot Scholarship and the MOAA Base/Post Scholarship is now open to the following applicants:

- 1) Interest-Free Loan and Grant Program: Under age 24, children of MOAA members (former, active, retired and Reserve/National Guard officers), and children of active-duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired enlisted military personnel. If such a child served in a Uniformed Service before completing college, his or her maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she served, up to five years. Qualified students, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, are selected on the basis of academics, activities and financial need. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college or university during the 2006-2007 school year as a full-time student. The interest-free loans are renewable annually for up to five years of full-time undergraduate study. Assistance is available only to students who have not earned an undergraduate degree. The program provides \$4,000 loans, which are renewable for up to five years of undergraduate study.
- 2) American Patriot Scholarship Program: Under age 24, children of MOAA members, and children of active-duty, Reserve, National Guard enlisted military personnel whose military parent has died on active service are eligible to apply. The amount of this award will be at least \$2,500. The number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of the funds raised.
- 3) Base/Post Scholarship: Only the dependent sons and daughters, under the age of 24, of Active Duty officers and military personnel are eligible to apply. This includes members of the Drilling Reserves and National Guard. The Base/Post Scholarship is for a one-time \$1,000 scholarship grant to 25 students for the 2006-2007 school year. Recipients are selected randomly. Scholarships are disbursed in August, payable only to the student. Membership in MOAA is not a requirement nor is there a GPA requirement. Children attending U.S. military academies are only eligible to apply for this scholarship if it will be their first year.

A student cannot receive both a MOAA loan and an American Patriot grant. Children attending the U.S. military academies are only eligible for the Base/Post Scholarship programs. The on-line application is available at:

www.moaa.org/serv/serv_education/ser_education_new_students/index.htm.

OBTAINING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Veterans rated 100 permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities should do the following:

1. get a letter for the current year from the VA certifying that you are 100% permanently and totally disabled;
2. take the property tax letter to the South Carolina Department of Revenue (located in the State Museum);
3. along with a copy of recorded deed of home (which can be picked up at the Lexington County Recorder's Office), and copies of registration of up to two vehicles. The South Carolina Department of Revenue will provide you with a certificate of exempt property on each vehicle;
4. take these forms to the Auditor's Office located in the Lexington County Administration Building;
5. South Carolina Department of Revenue will forward a certificate of home exemption to the Lexington County Auditor via mail (you cannot hand carry it). The year this is in effect depends on who owned the home on December 31 of the previous year (the owner has to be the veteran).

Miscellaneous information: "D" vet tag not required for vehicle to be tax exempt.

VETERANS CAN REFILL PRESCRIPTIONS ON LINE

Veterans can now refill their prescriptions from the VA faster and easier, thanks to a new service available over the internet.

More than 70,000 prescriptions have been refilled using the VA's new personal online health record system, "MyHealthVet," which is located on VA's website at www.myhealth.va.gov.

When a veteran orders a prescription refill, the request is routed to VA's computer system to be filled by one of the department's outpatient mail pharmacies. The refill is then sent directly to the veteran, eliminating the need for a trip to the pharmacy and a wait in line.

Among the services available to veterans, their families and VA care providers through the online personal record are the ability to track health conditions – entering readings such as blood pressure and cholesterol levels – and to record

medications, allergies, military health history, medical events and tests.

Veterans also can include personal information, such as emergency contacts, names of medical providers and health insurance information. They can assess health information on the internet from the VA, MedlinePlus from the National Library of Medicine and Healthwise, a commercial health education library.

Future expansion of MyHealthVet will allow VA patients to view appointments and co-payment balances, access portions of their medical records and give access to their records to doctors, family members and others.

VA PRESCRIPTION CO-PAYS RISE

Many veterans whose outpatient medicines for nonservice-connected conditions are prescribed through VA medical facilities saw the cost of those drugs rise by \$1 January 1, 2006. The cost for a 30-day supply of drugs will rise to \$8 from \$7.

The price hike will not affect veterans who have an injury or illness connected with their military service resulting in a 50 percent or greater disability. Those "Priority Group 1" veterans will see no change in their current prescription drug benefit.

Veterans with less severe service-connected disabilities –those classified as Priority Groups 2 through 6—will see their prescription drug co-pays rise by \$1. Those veterans also will see their annual cap on out-of-pocket expenses for VA medicine rise to \$960 per year, up \$120 from the previous level.

Veterans who have no injury or illness related to their prior military service—referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8—also will see their co-payments increase, but there is no cap on annual payments for outpatient medicine.

Veterans with annual incomes that do not exceed the amount of VA pensions are not affected by the co-pay increase. Nor does the increase apply to medications for health problems that are service-connected or may be linked to Agent Orange, radiation exposure, undiagnosed illnesses of Persian War veterans or for new veterans within two years of discharge after serving in a combat theater.

(DAV Magazine, January/February 2006).

**DEPENDENCY & INDEMNITY COMPENSATION
(DIC)
TO SURVIVING SPOUSES
(Effective Dec. 1, 2005)**

Veteran died on or after 1/19/93

The monthly rate of DIC payable to a surviving spouse is \$1033. The additional allowance payable where the veteran was rated totally disabled for at least 8 years prior to death is \$221. For each dependent child under the age of 18 add \$257.

Veteran died before 1/1/93

Veteran's Pay Grade	Monthly Rate 2006
E-6 and below	\$1,033
E-7	1,069
E-8	1,128
E-9	1,177
E-9 Special	1,271
W-1	1,092
W-2	1,135
W-3	1,169
W-4	1,236
O-1	1,092
O-2	1,128
O-3	1,207
O-4	1,277
O-5	1,406
O-6	1,585
O-7	1,712
O-8	1,879
O-9	2,010
O-10	2,204
O-10 Special	2,365

The monthly rate of DIC payable is increased:

For each dependent child under 18: \$257
 Where spouse is an in-patient in a
 nursing home, blind or in need of A & A: \$257
 Where the spouse is housebound: \$122

THE PASSING OF THE TORCH

World War II Veterans

By Jim Mueller, Commander-in-Chief
 Veterans of Foreign Wars

Someone I knew died the other day. I didn't get a chance to say goodbye, but I have thanked him for the life he led as a member of America's Greatest Generation.

He came from an ordinary family that taught traditional values like right from wrong and respect for others. He learned that the measure of a man was in deeds, not words, and that hard work wasn't something to fear. He also learned to take care of his neighbors, so when the world needed our help during World War II, he and 16 million other Americans answered that call to military duty.

World War II was a defining moment for America. We saw the end of the Great Depression and the emergence of the United States as a world leader, but we also witnessed the impact of the war on the home front, and the tremendous resiliency of the American public to overcome all challenges. Women entered the workforce in greater numbers and in nontraditional roles. Families had to ration sugar, coffee, gasoline, and other commodities we now take for granted, and entire communities banded together to recycle rubber and metals.

America has been blessed to have had three Greatest Generations: one founded our country, another saved our Union, and the most recent one helped save our world from tyranny.

Fewer than 3.5 million World War II veterans remain, a number that is expected to halve within the next five years. I was able to thank my friend for his service to our country before he passed, now I urge all Americans to do likewise. They are living national treasures, and they and their generation deserve our eternal gratitude and remembrance.

Tours Of Peace

Vietnam Veterans and families have opportunities to participate in a Tour Of Peace to Vietnam. Veterans and family members see Vietnam as it is today, while visiting areas in which they served. They visit with former South Vietnamese who still feel a bond with Americans, and meet North Vietnamese who want to reach out to former enemies. Cost for the 2-week Tour is approximately \$3,000. (A limited number of sponsorships are available for those with financial hardship.) The price includes airfare, hotels and meals.

TOP (Tours Of Peace) Vietnam Veterans

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 Suite 100-W
 Tucson, Arizona 85704-6342
 Phone: 520-326-0901
 Fax: 520-844-8485

**STAIR CLIMBING MOBILITY SYSTEM
NOW COVERED BY VA**

Eligible veterans with disabilities now have the opportunity to purchase the innovative INDEPENDENCE®iBOT® 4000 Mobility System, developed by Independence Technology, through medical coverage provided by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

In 2003, Congress recommended the VHA study the iBOT®. At the conclusion of the study, the test subjects were unanimous in their positive recommendation for the iBOT®. A second study was expanded from three to eleven veterans due to demand and interest. Assessments are now being conducted at hospitals in Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) across the country.

The Balance Function can raise one to eye level for business or social interactions, even when you are on the move.

The Stair Function enables the user to safely climb up and down stairs, with or without assistance, giving them accessibility to previous inaccessible places.



The 4-Wheel Function enables the user to climb curbs as high as five inches and to travel over a variety of uneven terrain, such as sand, gravel, grass, thick carpet and other surfaces.

The Standard Function enables the user to operate the device in the same manner as if in a traditional power chair enabling them to fit their Mobility System under a table or desk.

The Remote Function allows the user or an assistant to drive the Mobility System unoccupied into a vehicle. For more information and a video, visit: www.ibotnow.com or call 866-813-0788 and speak to a representative.

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MARCH OUTREACH PROGRAM

March 7th	8-12	Batesburg-Leesville
March 14th	9-12	Chapin
March 21st	8-12	Swansea

NEW OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Lexington Main Office:	785-8400
From Batesburg-Leesville:	332-8400
From Chapin:	941-0231

These are toll-free calls