



VVA 1069 BENEFITS PRESENTATION 11/11/2015

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2. **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS:** Each year (usually the first week in February), if you are receiving disability benefits, you will receive information from the VA that is a **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS** that you are currently receiving. These two pages contain Personal Claim Information, Military Information, VA Benefits Information, How To Contact The VA, Benefit Details, and Wartime Service Periods. I received my last one (dated January 23, 2015) on February 9, 2015. **KEEP THIS SUMMARY OF BENEFITS IN YOUR THREE RING BINDER!**
3. **WALGREENS FLU SHOT:** Free flu shot for veterans enrolled in the VA health Care System. Free until March 31, 2016. Use CODE 5933XBAYV and your VA Health Care card. Call your Walgreen's for any other information before going.
4. **VVA LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Special offer on VVA life membership until December 31, 2015, \$100.00. See John Steelman for the form.
5. **DRIVER'S LICENSE "VETERAN" DESIGNATOR:** Honorably discharged veterans may elect to have "VETERAN" designator on their driver's license. To qualify for a "VETERAN" designator, submit a copy of your DD-214, NGB22, VA disability letter, or proof of service/verification of honorable service card, the renewal fee and DR-32 (Form from the DPS) when renewing by mail. The option to add "VETERAN" when renewing by phone or online is not available.
6. **PRESUMPTIVE DISEASES:** The VA presumes that certain disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans were caused by their military service. VIETNAM veterans (boots on the ground) have these diseases presented in **THE VVA SELF-HELP GUIDE TO SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE**, pages 4 & 5. GULF WAR veterans have nine presuptive diseases that may make them eligible for VA compensation. ALL veterans who are diagnosed with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** "Lou Gehrig's disease", at any time after discharge or release from qualifying service, are eligible for compensation if the veteran had 90 days or more of active, continuous service.
7. **AMENDMENTS:** #1: Boling ISD \$1.04=\$104.00; EBISD \$1.2259=\$122.59; El Campo \$1.198=\$119.80; Louise \$1.20=\$120.00; Wharton \$1.1971=\$119.71; Edna \$1.2967-\$129.67; Ganado \$1.1983=\$119.83; Columbus ISD \$1.17=\$117.00; Tomball ISD \$1.34=\$134.00: #2 Passed overwhelmingly by 90% to 10%.

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 **LIFE LINE SCREENING** – Member discounts on potentially life-saving health screenings. 1-800-779-4965 or www.LifeLineScreening.com/Legion


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 **LIFESTATION** – Receive special discounted rates on a medical alert system and a FREE extra item. Call 1-855-705-5885 or visit www.lifestation.com/legion.

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 **LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH MUTUAL OF OMAHA** – Members aged 45-85 are eligible for guaranteed issue whole life policies. Insurance plans may not be available in all states. 1-800-780-0319

 **BUDGET TRUCK RENTAL** – 1-888-633-3875, Account #56000048881


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 **DISCOUNT ON TRAVEL** – American Legion members and their families are eligible for this exclusive veteran travel benefit powered by Gov Vacation Rewards. Go enroll today and create a free account to start saving now! Visit www.govvacationrewards.com/americanlegion or call 1-866-691-5109.

 **VETERANS HOLIDAYS** – Enjoy a week-long stay for a price that most resorts charge for a single night. Call 1-877-772-2322 or visit www.veteransholidays.com/legion for further details.

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Note: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices. Valid at participating locations in the U.S. Subject to change.



8. **TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Every time a veteran is awarded a service-connected compensation claim and that veteran comes to me, the first additional benefit I inform the veteran about is tax exemption on property the veteran owns. Section 11.22 of the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE states for a vet at least 10%-20% disability, \$5,000 is exempted of the APPRAISED VALUE of THE PROPERTY the veteran DESIGNATES; 30-40%, \$7,500; 50-60%, \$10,000; 80% and over, \$12,000. If the veteran is age 65 or older and at least 10%, the full \$12,000 of APPRAISED VALUE is applied to the exemption. Section 11.131 Of the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX states that a veteran who is 100% service-connected disabled OR 100% due to INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY, is entitled to exemption of the TOTAL appraised value of the veteran's residence HOMESTEAD. NOTE: If you are 100% under Section 11.131, you can receive TOTAL exemption on your residence homestead and up to \$12,000 of appraised value exemption on OTHER property you own. SEE YOUR COUNTY CAD ABOUT THIS.