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**6. OTHER DISCOUNTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Listed below are businesses that offer discounts to Senior Citizens, the % of discount and the AGE you must be to be entitled to the discounts.

RESTAURANT DISCOUNTS: **YOU MUST ASK FOR THE DISCOUNT!**

<b>McDonald's</b> , Discounts on coffee everyday (55+) <b>Sonic</b> , 10% off or free beverage (60+) <b>Subway</b> , 10% off (60+) <b>Taco Bell</b> , 5% off, free beverages for seniors (65+)	<b>Waffle House</b> , 10% off every Monday (60+) <b>Wendy's</b> , 10% off (55+) <b>Whataburger</b> , 10% off (62+)
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TRAVEL DISCOUNTS: **YOU MUST ASK FOR THE DISCOUNT!**

<b>Alaska Airlines</b> , 50% off (65+) <b>American Airlines</b> , Various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods(Tuesdays-Thursdays) (62+) and up (call before booking for discount) <b>Bus: Greyhound</b> , 15% off (62+) <b>Continental Airlines</b> , No initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club and special fares for select destinations	<b>Rail: AMTRAK</b> , 15% off (62+) <b>Southwest Airlines</b> , Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) <b>United Airlines</b> , Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) <b>US Airways</b> , Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
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**7. NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE NOT TAX STATEMENT:** In May I referenced you receiving a TAX STATEMENT from your Central Appraisal District (CAD). It should have been called a NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE. The TAX STATEMENTS usually go out in October. Once again I am offering my advice to you if you have filed a NOTICE OF PROTEST with your APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB). Also, on your NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE are various symbols or letters next to EXEMPTIONS GRANTED. You should check with your County CAD to be sure you are receiving all the exemptions you are entitled to. For example, "HS" stands for HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. The symbols "O65" stands for your age being over 65. "VET1" stands for the fact you are a disabled veteran or in other words you are receiving compensation for a disability rated from 10% to 100%. The following phone numbers are for various CAD's:

- Colorado County CAD, (979) 732-8222
- Jackson County CAD, (361) 782-7115
- Wharton County CAD, (979) 532-8931

**8. YOUR VOICE COUNTS!:** At the June 10th, 2015, VVA meeting we all signed a resolution to Senators Cornyn and Cruz and Congressman Farenthold to co-sponsor S.681 and H.R.969, respectively, that would clarify a presumption for filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs for ailments associated with exposure to Agent Orange. These bills were called the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act". The United States House of Representatives has passed its bill and it has been sent to the Senate for their review. The 74 signatures on the resolution made an impact with Congressman Farenthold and hopefully will indicate to Senators Cornyn and Cruz that our Many Brothers and Sisters deserve the same presumptive consideration that we have regarding AGENT ORANGE.