VETERANS' GROUP

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DD214 INFORMATION

The Veterans' Group has been receiving numerous calls once again about the ease of obtaining a copy of a Veteran's DD214. Once again, all a veteran has to do is call, and within 3 to 6 weeks, you will receive a copy of your DD214.

Air Force: 314-538-4243

Army: 314-538-4261

Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard: 314-538-4141

HEPATITIS C

The Veterans' Group has been asked to repeat the "Hepatitis C" information with regard to Gulf War Vets. Anyone afflicted with "Hepatitis C" may contact the newly setup web-site at www.hepcchallenge.org for information on the illness and its treatment.

AGENT ORANGE UPDATE

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi has decided to extend benefits to Vietnam veterans with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). Compelling evidence has emerged within the scientific community that exposure to herbicides such as Agent Orange is associated with CLL.

This extension of benefits means that veterans with CLL who served in Vietnam don't have to prove that their illness is related to military service to qualify for compensation. Principi said "on the modern battlefield, not all injuries are caused by shrapnel and bullets." This decision was based upon a recent report by the Institute of Medicine that found "sufficient evidence of an association" between exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam war.

Further information about these health care, compensation, and survival benefits may be obtained by calling 1-800-749-8387. This is a toll free number.