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FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

If you need assistance filing a claim with the Veterans Administration, need some answers about V.A. benefits or financial assistance. Do you know a widow of a veteran who is in need of some short term financial aid? Help may be as near as the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission. Their phone number is (614) 462-2500. The Commission has been serving Franklin County Veterans and their families for over 100 years.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 12th, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Join us for our monthly breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, now through May, 2006. It's \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and it's always ALL you care to eat! The menu includes: egg (any style or omelets with your choice of ham, onions, green peppers and cheddar cheese), bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, and milk. Juice is available for an additional \$.50. Guests are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

1st Vice, Tom Helmick reports that 2006 membership is up to 354 paid members. Take a minute and check your card and if it doesn't say 2006, use the tear-off on the back of this newsletter and send in your renewal today. Members who are not current by March will not be able to use the Post facilities and will be removed from the mailing list. Over 40 members have not yet sent in their renewals.

MILITARY RECORDS

Do you need to get your hands on your old military service or medical records? Now you can get the proper forms and mailing addresses or even make application to the National Personnel Records Center, on the internet. The internet address is www.vetreccs.archives.gov.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Don't forget the Friday night specials. Friday evenings, 5:30 to 7:00. The meals are \$4.00 and the friendship is free. We always need volunteers to cook and serve, just sign up.

FRAUD

Veterans are receiving phone calls from a company identifying itself as "Patient Care Group." This company is claiming that the veteran's prescriptions are now being dispensed through them and if they want to continue receiving their meds, they need to provide a credit card number. **Don't do it!** The VA has not changed the process of receiving and dispensing prescriptions. The Patient Care Group is a fraud.

LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER

Please join us for our traditional Legion Birthday Dinner, Saturday, March 25th. The canteen will be open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The menu includes Prime Rib, baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls coffee and dessert. The price of the dinner is \$9.00 per person. Reservations are required and the deadline for making reservations is Monday, March 20th. A reservation list will be posted in the canteen. I hope to see you there.

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2005 Membership Renewal

Name _____
Address _____

Legionnaires - \$30.00, Auxiliary - \$20.00 and SAL - \$20.00. If you haven't paid your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post along with your check.

MEETINGS

Auxiliary	Wednesday	February 15 th	7:00 p.m.
Legion	Thursday	February 16 th	7:30 p.m.

DRUGS, MEDICARE & THE V.A.

The Medicare drug benefit plan began on January 1st and is available to all Medicare beneficiaries regardless of income and pre-existing medical conditions. Enrollment will continue to May 15, 2006. Here are a few facts you should know.

- You can still continue to use your VA drug benefit along with the Medicare plan for non-VA associated drug services. The VA benefit is generally a better deal in most cases.
- You will not jeopardize your VA drug benefits or be charged a higher premium for the Medicare prescription drug plan just because you participate in both plans.
- If you have questions you can call the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 1-800-686-1578 or go to the Medicare web site at www.Medicare.gov.

Don't forget you can now find your post on the World Wide Web. Just go to www.alohio239.org
If you need Legion caps, pins or other legion items you can get them on line as well, just go to emblem.legion.org.

THANKS

To all the Friday Night special volunteers, the Breakfast Crew, the Euchre Club and everyone who donated money to the National Emergency Relief Fund and cell phones for the Children's Organ Transplant Association.