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Non-Service-Connected Pension Cases Reopened

During the past few years, many veterans have been denied a non-service connected pension because their disabilities were not rateable to such a degree as to meet the requirements set by the Veterans Administration, or their employment records did not show unemployability.

On Oct. 7, 1948, the Veterans Administration released an order, Extension 5, to the 1945 Rating Schedule, liberalizing the requirements for non-service connected pension for veterans who have reached the age of 35.

Veterans who are 55 or more years of age, and have been denied a non-service connected pension, may have their cases reopened by addressing a letter of request for such action to the Veterans Administration, if there is sufficient evidence in their case folders to indicate entitlement under the liberalized provisions of Extension 5.

All such letters should be accompanied by a new employment affidavit VA Form 527. It is also suggested that where the claim was disallowed several months ago, a recent medical statement showing the veteran's current condition be submitted.

Where a case is reopened and an award is granted under Extension 5, the award will generally be effective on the date the Veterans Administration received the request for reopening.

Veterans havin gpower of attorney with a service organization should send their letter and VA forms to the Claims Officer of the organization holding power of attorney, who will in turn, release them to the Veterans Administration.

Where an application for nonservice connected pension has been denied, a letter similar to the following will serve the purpose for reopening the case: Veterans Administration Regional Office

City

Gentlemen:

Please consider this letter a request for reopening my claim for Total and Permanent Non-Service Connected Pension under Extension 5, 1945 Rating Schedule.

Very truly yours,

Veteran's Name

Claim Number

The use of Extension 5 is not limited to cases previously filed but is applicable to initial claims filed by veterans who have reached the age of 55. Veterans unnder 55 will continue to be rated as formerly.

A testimonial dinner will be given by the New York Ameri- Post will donate some cash for can Legion in New York City, February 22, 1949, to its Department Adjutant Maurice Stember they did last year and then the of his 21st year in that office.

THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

If you didn't make the Covered Dish Dinner Tuesday night the 30th, you really missed a nice party. Swell dinner and some nice entertainment. The dinner was served by Auxiliary ladies and they really strut their stuff on these occasions. We will have another one in about a month and the announcement will be made in this paper, so watch out for it and set up your calendar of events and come down to the Hut and have a very enjoyable eve-

Didn't have a meeting Tuesday night on account of the dinner but I did get a little dope from our hard working Sick and Visitation Chairman, Herschel Chism, Jr. He reports the following Comrades ill: William J. Bryson is in O'Reilly Veterans Hospital at Springfield, Mo. Harold E. Lawson is also in O'Reilly Veterans Hospital at Springfield, in ward A-2. Comrade J. H. Tucker, an old time member of this post and owner of the Adams Hotel Drug Store is ill at his home, 1203 South Jamestown. He had two bad heart attacks about a week ago and as to how long he will be confined to his home is problematical—we hope not so long. Lloyd Markham who has been in the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee with a skin disease, is expected home for a two-week visit. Richard Hart, the comrade with a bad back is now at home, but he will be required to take those shots, we spoke of, for quite some time. Thanks to Mrs. E. J. Taylor for the information she has been passing on to our Sick & Visitation Chairman.

Say, one of the choice bits of entertainment we had at the dinner Tuesday night was a swell talk given by Captain Ledbetter, president of the Oklahoma Military Academy. His subject was. I should say, "Preparedness and Americanism". Belielve me you he is no gold brick, he is, in my estimation, a stiff punchin, red blooded American, who doesn't mince any words when he makes a speech. He calls a spade a spade and if you don't like it, you can lump it. If you ever get a chance to hear him don't miss it, for I can assure you it will be worth your effort.

Join the Legion or if you belong, pay your 1949 dues-NOW!

Would like to have as many show up fo rnext Tuesdays meeting. The reason is that perhaps it will be brought up on the floor regarding the Christmas for our sponsored girl at the American Christmas last year and we just Legion, Ponca City Home. I mentioned it before in this column and we need your help as it will perhaps be a sponsored party by the Post Members. Of course the Puett, throughout the year, as donate presents or cash as they him back."

MEMBERSHIP

FRANK H. J. CRAWLEY, Service Officer

This matter of membership!

Every so often, yes once a year, your Legion dues are due. We are in the middle of the drive. We have often wondered just why this should be. Especially when the advantages to be gained from a membership in the American Legion are so apparent.

Of course times are not hard. It should not be difficult to scratch up three-fifty. But when I stop to recount the number of things that my membership in the Legion has helped me to accomplish, I do not regret the three-fifty that I have paid for 31 years I have put into the game.

I recall vividly, the fact that membership in the Department of Oklahoma has enabled more children and orphans, if you please, of our buddies to enjoy the comforts of a home and the privileges of proper education.

I recall the thousands upon thousands of stricken which have been enabled to regain their health, or to have a decent death (if a war torn boby can ever have a decent death) through the facilities of government hospitals, made available to them through the efforts of the American Legion. I can count hundreds of civic works that have been promoted and carried to a successful conclusion in towns and cities in the United States by the members of American Legion posts. It is an easy matter to carry on this list of good reasons why membersships in the American Legion should be held by every individual who is eligible. But for the life of me, I cannot understand why and one must be "coaxed" to join the organization.

I remember a day back in '18. We were going back into a big fuss after a short respite. The first time in had been just a little introduction of what was coming. My buddies, two in number, joined me in a matter of contemplation. The prospects looked dark and there were folks back in the States that we held dear.

What would happen if we failed to return?

What had we left to those most dear if we "went West?"

A cherished memory of a man who did his bit, but a little more. We decided that should either of the other be lost it would be our duty to check up and return a certain to the "girl we left behind.'

We were more or less lucky-for we all got back.

But what of the others with similar promises, or other "carrying when they returned; promises made to those who did not get

A membership in the American Legion is but keeping one of these promises—but a slight effort to show the boys "over there" who watch us from God knows where, that we are true to their

Yes, sir, a membership in the greatest of all patriotic organizations has a power of weight to the fellow who has the right to belong to the American Legion.

THANK YOU!

Gentlemen:

Your goodness and kindness has been brought to our attention so many times that saying Thanks" seems so little considering what you did for us.

You will never know how your aid durin gour time of sorrow gave us comfort. The kind words of your Chaplain, the help of your Commander, the participation of the Color Guard, Bugler, and the Honor Guard during the Memorial Services for my husband, Pvt. Willard Jennings will always be remembered by the entire family.

We are deeply grateful for such an organization as the American Legion.

> Sincerely, DOLORES JENNINGS.

see fit. We gave her a swell

can't let her down this year. Come on and be a sport and help us on this party.

At the end of the fifth round, the heavy weight staggered to his corner in a dazed and battered spending money for Imogene condition. His manager approached him and whispered in his ears, "Say, slugger, I've got a swell on the occasion of the completion members, if they so desire, can idea. Next time he hits you, hit

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"So long as there is one veteran in an Oklahoma hospital, there will be Gifts for Yanks Program."

Americans wake up we must get to work and help our boys who first helped us, all they want is a little kindness and understanding, these ex-service men and wives are bringing up our future America. I am not a religious fanatic or prude but I can see where we can help so much. I wish that every woman who is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary could go with me just one day, they could see how much work there is to be done, if they could only see these lovely intelligent children of our families who are in need, you would be only too willing to help our Auxiliary to help them.

We don't give them charity, we just try to give them a little help until they are able to help themselves to get a job and be able to hold up thir heads and be proud to carry on for their families, we know their children and our children are the future of America.

A great number of our boys are in hospitals from worry alone, come on and help us we need you. Come and adopt a family for Christmas, or offer to help to show that we still need them. Many of our most devoted workers are the mothers whose sons did not come back, and the sisters of our boys who served are wonderful workers, too.

You can help too by give a gift to a Yank who gave so much. Many of our boys now in Oklahoma hospitals would appreciate a gift from you, won't you please help. Mrs. Nathan Dundee, 1337 South Norfolk, phone 5-1843, will be glad to accept your gift for delivery, or you may deliver direct to the American Legion Hut, Geo. E. Norvell, chairman, your gift must be received not later than Dec. 8.

The Carson-Wilson Post of the American Legion is giving a Christmas party for the boys in the Muskogee hospital on Dec. 19. You are invited to go along.

By Mrs. Sam Craig, President, American Legion Auxiliary.

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Martin B. Buckner, 31, of Flint, Michigan, a past national vicecommander and Air Force veteran of 35 bombing missions over Europe during World War II, has been named director of the National Security Division of The American Legion by National Commander Perry Brown.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Publicity Chairman MRS. LEONARD J. HILL,

Many thronged the doors of American Legion's and Auxiliary's lovely Family Dinner Tuesday evening and good fellowship reigned through the mingling of mirth and music, followed by Captain Ledbetter's message to us-Serenity prevailed among the crowd of Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and guests. His message was most important and brought into our minds the actual dangers we are facing.

Our thanks goes to the following who worked in purchasing, preparing, serving this dinner-Mrs. Sam Craig, General Chairman; Mrs. Eddie Gambill, Cochairman and the following work-

Mesdames Elsie Wilkerson, L. A. Burns, Mary Johnson, Richard Tankersly, Paul Solomon, N. H. Davis, Josephine Bailey, Alfred Jarvis (tickets), Harry Kehr, Leonard J. Hill, Elwood Taylor, Don Kile, Joe Johnson, O. Q. Conrad, R. E. Jehle, Lon Markham, Lloyd Markham, Mozelle Williams (tickets), Vera Cardin, Esther Jackson.

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Guard: Walter Deppe, Ike Reese Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 American Legion, were at the chapel.

Legion Post, Okmulgee, and 42nd Rainbow Division members will conduct graveside rights. Frank Crawley, service officer.

George Frederick Sanders

World War II Died at VA Hospital, Springfield, Mo.,

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1948. Body returned to Tulsa.

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Philadelphia in 1949

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Judge Vincent A. Carroll, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Convention Commission, was questioned closely and Auxiliary headquarters contacted before the compromise was worked out. As it stands now, Legionnaires will be housed in Philadelphia and its environs and will meet in the large convention hall there: the Ladies Auxiliary will be headquartered in Philadelphia and hold its meetings in the Academy of Music in the City of Brotherly

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The Legion has not met in Philadelphia since 1926. It may not meet there in 1949 in spite of authorization. It looks, however, as if it will be a toss-up between Philadelphia and Miami and that the Legion may go to Boston in 1950 and Los Angeles in 1952. That may give New York its chance in 1951.



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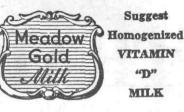
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Strife, turmoil and confusion on the home fronts have followed every war. We have seen what happened to Russia, Germany, Italy, France and other European countries following World War I. In our present economic crisis we should profit by their mistakes . . . and protect America's system of free enterprise at all costs and against all aggressors.

Even JOSEPH STALIN said: "Without American production the United Nations could not and would not have won the war."

Even JOHN L. LEWIS said: "I want FREE ENTERPRISE, FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING and Free Competition. They have acted in the past and will act in the future as a brake on profits and will bring lower costs to the consumer."

We are the only Nation in the world which is in position to assist other countries back on their feet. Inflation has not nor will not make the inroads on our National economy that it has in many European and Asiatic countries.

No nation on earth, regardless of its form of government, ever gave to human beings so much liberty and material prosperity as our own Constitutional form of Freedom. We started out as thirteen little states, ridden by poverty and threatened by savages. We now represent the utmost in individual freedom and individual prosperity. Compare our United States with any other land on earth. The workingman here is a king compared to the workingman in any other country. Nearly all of us have modern homes—electric lights and power-gas cooking-telephones-automobiles-automatic refrigeration-electric washers and irons—radios—insurance policies. Most of us own bonds and have money in the bank, plus a thousand and one other conveniences and luxuries.

WHAT OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF AMERICAN BUSINESS? Government ownership has proven woefully inefficient and wasteful where ever it has been tried. One has only to think what effect government controls would bring to this country if the individual were deprived of reward for his honest effort.

Take away incentive and competition from the American economic picture and you will cause retrogression, stagnation, depression and lower standards of living, for all the people.

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