# Right Guide

**This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to RIGHT GUIDE, 1380 Sepulveda blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.**

**VA OUTPATIENT SERVICE**

There are facilities for medical outpatient treatment at 8 VA installations geographically located throughout the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional area for the convenience of veterans with service connected disabilities. Yet the records of these offices show hundreds of veterans are traveling unnecessary miles not knowing perhaps that treatments are available for them closer to home.

Eligible veterans may obtain treatment at any of the eight VA offices, or they are entitled to treatment by a physician of their own choice who is a member of the California Physicians' Service.

On June 16, one month ago, a large new office of the regional outpatient department was opened at 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles. This office, formerly the VA regional outpatient headquarters located at the VA Hospital Center, Sawtelle, is equipped to treat all types of outpatient cases and is now centrally located to meet the needs of downtown Los Angeles veterans.

Other VA outpatient offices are located in each of the four sub-regional headquarters: Long Beach, Santa Barbara, Bakersfield, and San Bernardino, and in the three VA hospitals in the Los Angeles area: Birmingham VA Hospital, Van Nuys, VA Center, Sawtelle, and the VA hospital near San Fernando. Only veterans with **service connected disabilities** are eligible for VA outpatient treatment.

**UNCLAIMED WAR BONDS**

Approximately $100,000 in war bonds belonging to veterans in the area of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional office lie unclaimed in the Army Finance Center. The national total of unclaimed bonds is $2,000,000 and if established percentages based on veteran population may be used for this area, the amount paid for yet unclaimed bonds by Southern California former servicemen reaches nearly $100,000. Veterans who have bonds coming to them should write to War Savings Bond Branch, Finance Officer, U. S. Army Finance Center, Office Building 205, St. Louis, Missouri.

In writing to the Army Finance Center, veterans should give complete information about their service plus the names of co-owners or beneficiaries, and the time and place of separation from the service.

**75,000 NSLI POLICIES REINSTATED**

A total of more than $600,000,000 worth of National Service Life Insurance has been reinstated for approximately 75,000 World War II veterans living in this area during the past 12 months.

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

So that more World War II veterans who have let their NSLI policies lapse can take advantage of the liberalized reinstatement regulations, General Bradley has extended the deadline for reinstatement under those terms from August 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948. Until January 1, 1948, veterans can put their policies back in force by signing a comparative health statement and paying two monthly premiums. A physical examination, in most cases, is not required. Reinstatement can be made at any VA Contact office.

**THOSE SOUVENIR FIREARMS**

There are five categories of souvenir firearms brought back by veterans from overseas which must be registered at the nearest office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Registration is required if they fit into any of the following groups: (1) Capable of firing more than one shot with one continuous pull of the trigger; (2) Having a barrel less than 18 inches long; (3) Having a muffler or silencer; (4) Revolver or pistol with accompanying shoulder stock; (5) Any other weapon, from which a shot is discharged by explosive, capable of being concealed on the person.

The Veterans Administration is cooperating with the Treasury Department in urging all veterans to comply with this law.

**MORE FOSSILS**

Bones which may be attributed to the mysterious "hand animal" which dominated the earth 150 million years ago have been found in the Arizona desert by University of California paleontologists.


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