



EMBASSY OUTREACH

We have a tentative date of 29 Sept, for the Embassy outreach, no venue or other info has been released as of yet.

FMP REGISTRATION:

We are beginning to receive the letters regarding benefits authorization back from FMP. If you have already submitted yours, please take these two actions; (1) verify what they have listed as service connected disabilities for you, with what is contained in EBENEFITS. Once satisfied it's correct please drop off a copy of the letter to the RAO and we will provide it to Baypointe so you have a copy on file there. If you have not yet registered (sent a request to FMP) please do so immediately! You have already lost 5 days of eligibility if you get your letter by 5 Oct. It could get expensive if you have to have treatment between 1 and 5 Oct.

VA To Eliminate 7 Compensable Disabilities | DAV Chapter 3 Philippines:

This is the headline of an email/web post put out by DAV.

They report that the 7 disabilities being eliminated are; arteriosclerotic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Crohn's disease, hemorrhoids, multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis, and uterine fibroids, and they further state that Beginning in January 2018, this option would cease veterans' disability compensation for those seven medical conditions GAO identified. Under the option, veterans now receiving compensation for those conditions would have their compensation reduced or eliminated, and veterans who applied for compensation for those conditions in the future would not be eligible for it. The option would not alter DoD's disability compensation system, which focuses on fitness for military duties rather than compensation for disabilities.

The article would lead one to believe this is a done deal however, contact with VA in Manila results in "we haven't heard or seen anything to say this is going to happen"

It may be simply a proposal made by CBO in a cost saving option, but as we all know budgets and the like have a tendency to change before congress takes a shot at them. This is not to say it won't but please be aware at this point it is no stronger than a rumor, and we have all seen and heard our full share of them. Should anything come of this or any other changes be assured we will get the word out!!!!asap!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a great September!
JACK WALKER