



RAO NEWSLETTER 3-18

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**RAO CLOSURES:** The RAO will be closed on 29-30 March for Holy Days

**HOT NEWS FROM GUAM MEDICAL:**

Just received word from a member who transported his dad to Guam for heart related treatment to Guam. After spending 8 days there and about \$3500.00 later he found that Guam does not have a heart surgeon on the Island. There were also no cardiologists available. He was told they would do angioplasties and place stents but it is a at your own risk situation. Vets who have heart related complications have basically two options should they need surgery. You can go to the U.S. and have it done or you can go to the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City. I can speak toward both as I have received treatment at both. Obviously going to the U S should be considered as a lot of the worlds most renown heart specialists are there. Transportation and treatment costs are a consideration. The Philippine Heart Center is also a very valid option. They have the equipment, technology and highly qualified doctors, and have a great record of success. Please pass this to your friends and family.

**RAO MEMBERSHIP IN GREAT PHYSICAL SHAPE:**

During a recent survey we found that less than 9% of the membership, is registered through the Foreign Medical Program, thats based on the number who have provided us a copy of their authorization letter. It may be a greater possibility that we have a lot of vets who havent filed claims for ailments they live with daily, because they look at it as welfare, even though they signed the contract to be a bullet stopper and got hurt during their career and its the nations turn to fulfill their part of the contract. Maybe its just a case of procrastination. Another possibility the numbers seem low is we have folks who have failed to register with fmp, and arent aware they may possibly not get treated without the letter. It is also possible they have registered and havent dropped off a copy so we can send it to Baypointe and Medical City. If you fall into any of the reasons above please stop by and we'll help you get it fixed.

**RUMOR MILL RUNNING WILD-- there is no validity to the rumor coming out of SanAntonio, that the Agent Orange BLUEWATER Bill has been signed. The best part of the rumor is all applicable vets will be receiving \$200,000.00 dollars as participants. Please pass this on when you stop laughing, I did.**

