



AMERICAN LEGION POST 295 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



So Maryland District HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

*Post 295's contestant will compete
in the SMD High School Oratorical
Contest on*

*Feb 9th, at 10 am at
CLINTON POST 259
9122 PISCATAWAY RD
CLINTON, MD 20735-0044*

Membership Data

The information reflected here is what is in the Post records for your membership. (as of 2.5.2013)

Thank you for your service in the **Custom Text 1** Your membership is paid for **Custom Text 4** with **Custom Text 5** continuous years. (if 2012, your membership is expired).

Membership #Custom Text 3

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Should the information above reflect 2012, you dues are dues now*.

*If your check has been sent, it may not have reached us. contact us to ensure any errors are corrected.

Dear Robert, (*Contact First Name*),

Greetings,

With the looming debt crisis, Post 295 is still moving ahead. The Post is only at 80% of our membership goal. If your information on the left reflects 2012, dues are due. If you have an issue with funds, contact me. If it reflects 2013 THANK YOU!

In this issue there is alot of information from the MD Veterans Affairs. Take a moment and ensure you know your benefits.

It does not look like there will be a compromise and the Defense Budget will be cut automatically. What does that mean for our military. All DoD Civilians will be furloughed and will loose 1 months pay. During the furlough period military members will not be able to take leave. The net effect will be a loss of morale, income and jobs. With the budget cut, programs and contracts will have to be eliminated. For our National Security, contact your Congressman or woman and tell them to compromise. Compromise has been the cornerstone of our Democracy.

The Southern Maryland Oyster Bowl is on February 23rd at Harry White Wilmer Post 82 in La Plata. There are oysters and steamship round available, not to mention beer is included.

The NATIONAL COMMANDER of The American Legion will be here in March. The National Commander's Banquet will be again held at Post 82 on March 8th.

See you on Feb 14th at the Montgomery Village Golf Club's Grill Room.

Bob Ouellette

Dues are still only \$30, that is .08 cents a day for all of the great benefits.

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Post Commander

Maryland 2013 Regular Legislative Session Veterans Bills Update #2

This is the weekly legislative update for Maryland's veterans. These weekly updates are provided during the legislative session to inform you of legislation of interest to Maryland veterans and their families.

Click the link to access the update in PDF format.

[MD General Assembly Update - #2 - 2013](#)

2013 Regular Session bill profile information current as of January 25, 2013 - 8:12 a.m.

PROFILE MILITARY AND VETERANS

Follow these instructions to access the complete text of each bill:

- Open the PDF file
- Click on the bill number (ex. HB 35)
- Click on the bill title located at the top of the session bill overview page (see example below)

VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS (VAIC) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHO MAY APPLY

The **Veterans** of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to United States armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are current high school seniors, and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution.

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Veterans Benefits Administration Transformation

Question: How will Veterans Benefits Administration transformation affect me?

Answer: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is undergoing the most extensive transformation in recent history in response to the ongoing military drawdown, an increase in National Guard and reserve claims, an increase in the number of contentions per claimant on applications for compensation, and an expected increase in annual claims to more than 1 million new claims per year for the next three years.

In terms of how things work now, correspondence is received in the VA regional office through the mailroom. It is first routed to triage to discern what type of claim it is and where it should go, and then it is routed to the proper section. The claim is assigned to a development team based on the terminal digit of the file number. A veterans claims representative then "develops" the claim in preparation for a rater to apply law in making an adjudicative decision. This development may include scheduling exams, requesting federal records and soliciting pertinent information from the claimant.

Once development is complete, the claims file is forwarded for rating. Once rated, it is sent to authorizations. The overview of this system seems to provide a picture of a very efficient assembly line type operation. However, all of these respective tasks are partitioned and take place in different physical locations, thereby creating a lack of processing continuity. But this will change with the Intake Processing Center (IPC).

The IPC will facilitate much quicker movement of incoming correspondence to the proper team. Cross-functional teams will provide a case-management approach for claims, which will enable establishment, development, processing, rating and authorization by

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one self-contained entity rather than by several different sections separated by geographical space.

The other facet of the transformation is the implementation of three segmented lanes: special operations, express and core. This model will increase processing speeds by consolidating claims by type.

The special operations lane will handle claims requiring specialized expertise, such as traumatic brain injury or military sexual trauma. These claims should make up about 10 percent of the overall workload. The express lane will handle claims with only a few claimed contentions, or fully developed claims, which include all evidence to be considered at the time of filing. These claims are anticipated to encompass 30 percent of the workload. The remaining multi-issue claims, such as diabetes mellitus and individual unemployability, will represent about 60 percent of the workload and will be managed in the core lanes.

The impact of the claimant, as proposed by VBA, is a 15 to 20 percent increase in productivity and a 4 percent increase in quality. The plan for the transformation of claims processing is coupled with a drive to increase the use of fully developed claims, utilization of internal quality-review teams and electronic processing software to save time in rating.

Visit benefits.va.gov/transformation/ for more information.

Do you have a question about the claims process or veterans benefits? Email it to askso@legion.org.

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So Maryland Oyster Bowl



\$25 per person

Menu

Join Post 295 at the
So Maryland Oyster Bowl
Saturday, February 23rd

Doors Open 5 pm
(raw oysters served)

Dinner 6 pm

**Raw, Steamed & Fried Oysters
Oyster Stew**

Steamship Round,
Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans,
Cole Slaw, Desserts

Draft Beer included

Cocktails & Wine Available



Awards 7 pm

*Harry White Wilmer Post 82
6330 Crain Hwy,
La Plata, MD 20646*

Purchase Tickets by: February 14th

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