

**THE AMERICAN VETERAN  
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**SEGMENT TITLE: NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**KANE FARABAUGH, HOST:** NOW... FOR SOME NEWS YOU CAN USE.

IT 'S EASIER FOR NEXT OF KIN AND LOVED ONES TO REQUEST  
PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES.

THE ENGRAVED CERTIFICATES ARE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
EXPRESS THE COUNTRY'S GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE VETERAN'S  
SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

YOU CAN GET THE REQUEST FORM ONLINE AT [WWW.VA.GOV/VAFORMS](http://WWW.VA.GOV/VAFORMS).

HELPING INTEGRATE WOUNDED WARRIORS BACK INTO SOCIETY...  
THAT'S THE MISSION OF THE COALITION TO SALUTE AMERICA'S  
HEROES. RECENTLY... COUNTRY MUSIC SINGER LEANN RIMES HELPED  
OUT. SHE PRESENTED INJURED SEA BEE NAVY PETTY OFFICER FIRST  
CLASS PETER REID AND HIS FAMILY A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE VAN  
DONATED BY CHEVROLET.

THE REID'S SAY IT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE COALITION OR IF YOU  
ARE A RECENTLY WOUNDED OR DISABLED VETERAN... CHECK OUT  
THEIR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SALUTEHEROES.ORG](http://WWW.SALUTEHEROES.ORG)  
STOP

A GEORGIA COMPANY IS OFFERING ONE OF ITS MOBILITY ASSISTANCE  
PRODUCTS FREE TO WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS.

CAN-AM CARE... IS OFFERING ITS "HUGO" FOLDING CANE.

CAN-AM CARE SAYS IT'S A WAY FOR THEM TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE  
THE SERVICE OF WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

CALL THEM TOLL FREE AT 1-888-412-4992 OR CHECK OUT THEIR WEB  
SITE AT [WWW.HUGOSALUTES.COM](http://WWW.HUGOSALUTES.COM)

ALL SERVICE MEMBERS RETURNING FROM IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN WHO SEEK TREATMENT AT VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS ARE NOW BEING SCREENED FOR ANY TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

VA SECRETARY JIM NICHOLSON SAYS "WHETHER THEY COME TO US WITH A TOOTHACHE OR A SORE KNEE... WE SCREEN THEM FOR ANY FORM OF BRAIN INJURY... AND WE ARE NOW SCREENING EVERY ONE OF THEM FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER."

SO FAR... TREATMENT HAS TENDED TO FOCUS ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES INVOLVING OPEN HEAD WOUNDS RATHER THAN MORE SUBTLE... CLOSED-SKULL TRAUMA... THAT MAY ACCOUNT FOR MANY MORE COMBAT INJURIES.

A NEW LOAN PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP VETERANS LOOKING TO START OR GROW THEIR OWN BUSINESSES.

VETERAN BUSINESS OWNERS CAN BORROW UP TO A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS WITH A "PATRIOT EXPRESS LOAN..." WHICH CAN BE USED FOR START-UP OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS... EQUIPMENT PURCHASES... WORKING CAPITAL... INVENTORY OR BUSINESS-OCCUPIED REAL-ESTATE PURCHASES.

THE PATRIOT EXPRESS LOANS FEATURE THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S LOWEST LOAN RATES AND FASTEST TURN AROUND TIME FOR LOAN APPROVALS.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT OFFICE FOR LISTINGS OF LENDERS IN YOUR AREA. ALSO CHECK THE SBA WEBSITE AT [WWW.DOT.SBA.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.DOT.SBA.DOT.GOV) BACKSLASH PATRIOT EXPRESS

FINALLY... YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT A SPECIAL INSURANCE BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN SEVERELY INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

THE VETERANS' MORTGAGE LIFE INSURANCE... OR V M L I... IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE VETERANS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES WHO HAVE RECEIVED A VA SPECIALLY-ADAPTED HOUSING GRANT.

THE INSURANCE COVERS UP TO \$90,000 OF OUTSTANDING DEBT ON THE HOUSING GRANT IN THE EVENT OF DEATH.

NEW LEGISLATION IS PENDING TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE YET TO SEPARATE FROM THE MILITARY.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AT: [WWW DOT HOMELOANS DOT VA DOT GOV](http://WWW.DOT.HOMELOANS.DOT.VA.DOT.GOV)

IT'S TIME TO WRAP UP THIS EDITION OF THE AMERICAN VETERAN.

AS ALWAYS... IT'S OUR HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BRING YOU THESE STORIES EACH MONTH.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR ANY REASON... HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO DO SO...

WE LEAVE YOU WITH PICTURES FROM THE 27TH NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES.

JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR A LOOK AT SOME OF THESE REMARKABLE ATHLETES.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN VETERAN STAFF... I'M KANE FARABAUGH....

SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.

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