



84th Engineer Battalion Association



"For Those Who Served"

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The 84th Engineer Battalion Association is now open to anyone who served with the 84th Engineer Battalion from all wars / conflicts and peace time!

The Association was founded in August 1998 by for men that proudly served with the 84th Engineers n Vietnam. Many hours spent in communications try to find the best way to run this small, but proud organization. A set of by-laws took a lot of time and discussions until an agreement was made.

Since August of 1998, with just a few who have inquired about the 84th Association, we have grown to over 200 members strong, and we con-

in the Horizontal Platoon. Brendon belonged to a Civial Action Team in Kosare C.A.T. 84-41. After being wonded while on deployment, he was medically retired.

We also have Michael Bur-

An open Association

tinue to grow with new requests to become listed members.

Now, through discussions with the Board of Directors, we have decided to open up our membership to anyone that served with the 84th Engineer Battalion. That includes peace time vets; Korean war vets; Iraqi vets; Afganistan vets; and literally anyone who served with the 84th Engineer Battalion. We will also accept membership to thos who may have been TDY, or somehow attached to the 84th Engineers.

I'm sure I speak for every member of this Association when I say we are all extremely proud of our service

ford. Michael proudly served with Bravo Company from 1973 through 1975. He was very fortunate to have served with the 84th in Hawaii. Thank you both for your service with the 84th Engineer Battalion and to our country!

with the 84th, no matter where we may have served. Each and every one of us provided knowledge; support and pride when we served. I know that when we Vietnam 84th vets are no longer around, we would certainly want the new , younger 84th vets to continue on with the same kind of pride and honor we all have for the 84th and this Association.

Since we have opened the Association to include all 84th vets, we have had, and are honored to announce the membership Brendon Lukkari. He proudly served with C company from 1991 through 1993. He was a heavy equipment operator assigned to Charlie Company

"Never Daunted!"



Veterans Administration News

Five Years of VA Health Care for Combat Veterans

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WASHINGTON – Military veterans who served in combat since Nov. 11, 1998, including veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, are now eligible for five years of free medical care for most conditions from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This measure increases a two-year limit that has been in effect nearly a decade.

hospital, outpatient clinic or nursing home. It also extends VA dental benefits -- previously limited to 90 days after discharge for most veterans -- to 180 days.

Combat veterans who were discharged between Nov. 11, 1998 and Jan. 16, 2003, and who never took advantage of VA's health care system, have until Jan. 27, 2011 to qualify for free VA health care.

"By their service and their sacrifice, America's newest combat veterans have earned this special eligibility period for VA's world-class health care," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake.

The five-year deadline has no effect upon veterans with medical conditions related to

The five-year window is also open to activated Reservists and members of the National Guard, if they served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998 and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

Veterans who take advantage of this five-year window to receive VA health care can continue to receive care after

their military service. Veterans may apply at any time after their discharge from the military -- even decades later -- for medical care for service-connected health problems.

The new provision, part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 signed by President Bush on Jan. 28, 2008, applies to care in a VA

five years, although they may have to pay copayments for medical problems unrelated to their military service. Copayments range from \$8 for a 30-day supply of prescription medicine to \$1,024 for the first 90 days of inpatient care each year.

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Letter From IRS Warns of Possible Scams Regarding Economic Stimulus Payments

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BRISTOL, Va. – The Internal Revenue Service is spreading the word about the 2008 economic-stimulus payment in hopes of maximizing the

check if filing jointly, and a \$300 per-child payment for qualifying children under 17 is also available.

The letter aims to iron out the details of the new process.

Titled "Economic Stimulus Payment Notice," it states, "to receive a payment in 2008, individuals who qualify will not have to do anything more than file a 2007 tax return.

number of people who will receive money while cutting down on the number of people who will fall victim to scams.

A letter reminding people to file a tax return will arrive at 130 million American households beginning this week.

The letter will be sent to everyone who filed a tax return

The IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount, and send the payment."

The IRS also will send a letter in late March to people who qualify for a stimulus check but who are not typically required to file a return.

Such recipients are people who get non-taxable aid like Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits. Those who

last year and is a reminder that filing a return this year is the only step required in order to become eligible to receive a payment from the stimulus package.

Aimed at giving the struggling economy a boost, the one-time payment will send a check of up to \$600 to qualified taxpayers. Married couples are eligible for a \$1,200

have at least \$3,000 in benefits and income are eligible for a stimulus payment of at least \$300.

Yet, to receive the money, they'll need to file a return, even if their benefits don't require it.

Stimulus checks will be issued by the government beginning in May. The check is separate from a federal tax



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refund payment.

IRS offices are available throughout the area to answer questions about the economic-stimulus package or to help with tax returns. For telephone assistance, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

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More Education Benefits Coming to Reservists, Guardsmen

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small,

you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

