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Statement by Acting VA Secretary Peter O'Rourke – President Trump signs historic MISSION Act

Today President Trump kept his promise to our Nation's Veterans and signed the historic VA MISSION Act into law. His leadership today in the Rose Garden is testament to his commitment to Veterans, caregivers, and their families. The bipartisan support fostered by the tireless work of both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairmen Rep. Phil Roe and Sen. Johnny Isakson, along with members of the committees, led to the overwhelming passage of the Act.

We also recognize the outstanding efforts from our Veterans Service Organization partners to deliver this promise to those who served this great Nation.

As President Trump told Veterans today, "In every generation there have been heroes like them, patriots who answer the call to serve, who do whatever it takes, wherever and whenever we need them to defend America. They put everything on the line for us. And when they come home, we must do everything that we can possibly do for them. And that's what we're doing." VA looks forward to implementing the law to give Veterans the best possible care by increasing flexibility and streamlining access to healthcare.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2018

VA Updates Disability Rating Schedule to Better Align with Modern Medicine

WASHINGTON — Effective May 13, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will update portions of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD, or rating schedule) that evaluates the organs of special sense eye conditions, as well as gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast.

The VASRD is the collection of federal regulations used by Veterans Benefits Administration claims processors to evaluate the severity of disabilities and assign disability ratings.

VA is in the process of updating all 15 body systems of the VASRD to more accurately reflect modern medicine and provide clearer rating decisions.

"VA remains committed to providing Veterans with the benefits they have earned through their service," said VA Acting Secretary Robert Wilkie. "And, with modern medicine advancing at a rapid rate, it's important to ensure VA's disability rating schedule reflects these advancements."

Several revisions were made to the general rating formula for diseases of the eye, including a new definition of incapacitating episodes that more clearly measures level of disability. Additionally, three diagnostic codes — diabetic retinopathy, retinal dystrophy and post-chiasmal disorders — were added. No conditions were removed from either portion of the rating schedule.

Several diagnostic codes were added to the schedule for gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast, including malignant neoplasms, benign neoplasms and other injuries of the breast. Several more diagnostic codes were restructured and revised.

Updates to dental and oral conditions and conditions related to the endocrine system were completed in 2017.

By updating these portions of the rating schedule, VA allows claims processors to make more consistent decisions with greater ease and ensure Veterans understand these decisions. VA remains committed to improving its service to Veterans continuously and staying at the forefront of modern medicine.

The Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County

VETERANS' DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER 4, 2018



The Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County in cooperation with the City of Cheviot, Ohio is sponsoring a Veterans' Day Parade through the streets of Cheviot. The parade will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018, with the starting time of 2:00 pm.

You are cordially invited to participate in the patriotic parade. Enclosed is a registration form. Parade rules prohibit any sign of a political nature. Entrants are requested to decorate their vehicles.

The parade theme will be celebrating the United States of America and our "Freedom".

A brief memorial service will be held after the parade.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 4, 2018

VETERANS' DAY COMMITTEE OF HAMILTON COUNTY

PROGRAM AD ORDER FORM

Name of organization

ADDRESS

City, State, Zip

telephone number

Thank you for agreeing to purchase an ad in the Veterans' Day program book. The proceeds from these ads help to underwrite the expenses associated with the Veterans' Day Parade. Please attach a copy of the ad as you wish it to appear in the program book. A hand written copy of the text is sufficient, as we will retype the ad. We have in our file the emblems of most of the organizations. If you wish to include an emblem please mark the position. The deadline for ads is September 20th.

Please make check payable to: Veterans Day Committee of Hamilton County. Thanks again for your donation. If you have questions: call Pat Canfield 513-213-8133.

Please mail the ad and payment to: Pat Canfield

2482 Wahl Terrace

Cinti, Ohio 45211-8128

The prices for ads: Full page \$55.00(color \$80)

Half Page \$30.00(color \$45) Quarter Page \$20.00 (color \$30)

Business Card \$15.00 (color \$25)

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Veterans' Day 2018

VETERANS' DAY PARADE – NOVEMBER 4, 2018

The 2018 Veterans' Day Parade will be held in the City of Cheviot. There will be a short Memorial Service following the parade in front of City Hall. For information about the parade contact Bill Gettler 513-706-5475 or George Thornton 513-251-4233. The Parade theme will be our "Freedom".

VETERANS' DAY BANQUET – NOV. 2, 2018

The Veterans' Day Banquet will be held in Harrison, Ohio at the Harrison Township Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, 45030. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:30-8:30pm, this year we will have a BYOB, followed by our guest speaker and program. For banquet and ticket information contact Mary Heis 385-4260.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM ADS

The proceeds from advertisement in the Veterans' Day Program Book are needed to cover the parade expenses. Ads are available at the following rates: full page \$55.00 (color ad \$80.00), half page - \$30.00 (color ad \$45.00), quarter page - \$20.00 (color ad \$30.00), business card - \$15.00 (color ad \$25.00) for information call Pat Canfield 513-213-8133.

PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

The _____

name of group or organization

will participate in the Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 4, 2018

Veteran Group: yes _____ no _____

Type of Entry: Band _____ Float _____ Vehicle _____ Other _____

Description: _____

Number of persons in group: _____ **Vehicles** _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone # : _____ **e-mail** _____

We agree to abide by all rules and regulations of The Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County Inc. laws and ordinances of the city of Cheviot, the sponsors and insurance companies. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the sponsors for any and all personal injury, property damage or loss, or any other liability in connection with this event.

Signature of responsible party

date

Please mail as soon as possible to Bill Gettler 6030 Riel Drive, Okeana, Ohio 45053 or e-mail: ragtopsusa@zoomtown.com. Or 513-738-3844 Need registration forms by October 15th for parade positions. George Thornton @ 513-251-4233 co-chairman