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**BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS**

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

A compilation of reports received by the State's Office of Veterans' Affairs for the month of February from 41 counseling centers reflects 13,259 contacts. This is an average of 323.4 contacts per center for the month, and 16.2 contacts per day per center. Of the total contacts for the month, 63.24% were repeat visits by veterans.

Requests involving educational and vocational opportunities remained high this month, constituting 19.30% of total requests—an increase of 1.20% over similar requests in January. In this category, job training requests show the most marked increase; having risen steadily since the middle of 1947, going from 1.90% of total requests in July to 3.44% in February 1948.

This steady increase might be accounted for by the growing scarcity of employment opportunities, especially for untrained workers. Veterans are turning in greater numbers to opportunities afforded by on-the-job and apprenticeship training as a means to better equip themselves for a stable future.

**Special Complex Problems**  
On the other hand, the fact that 63.24% of all contacts at centers were made by veterans returning for further assistance bears out the contention that, for the most part, the men who are visiting the centers today have special and complex problems. This group is composed of veterans who will be visiting the centers for the next five years, at least, and who will expect to receive the further help necessary to affect complete adjustment in their individual lives.

The community counseling centers act as authorized agencies of the Office of Veterans' Affairs in carrying out the programs sponsored by and operated by the Office of Veterans' Affairs, in addition to the many other services which they render to veterans and their dependents.

Veterans who become permanently and totally disabled, even though their disability has no connection with war service, may be entitled to a minimum pension of \$60 monthly, officials of the Veterans Administration branch office in Columbus, Ohio, explained.

This pension is payable to eligible veterans whose annual income is less than \$1,000 if they have no dependents, or \$2,500 if they have dependents. The pension automatically is increased to \$72 after a veteran has received it for 10 years or has reached the age of 65.

To qualify for this type of pension, the applicant must show that the disability is not due to his own misconduct. The veteran must have served at least 90 days, unless discharged for line-of-duty disability, and must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

This pension provision applies only to veterans whose disabilities are not service-connected.

Three rules which govern admission to Veterans Administration hospitals have been reiterated by VA branch office officials in Columbus, Ohio.

They are:  
(1) Priority is given to those veterans who require immediate hospital attention because of an emergency condition. They are entitled to a bed at once.

(2) Those veterans who have service-connected disability also are entitled to prompt admission to a VA hospital.

(3) Veterans who have non-service connected injuries or ailments are entitled to VA hospital care if they state that they are unable to pay for private medical care, and if a bed is available in

a VA hospital to take care of them. Requests for admission to a VA hospital should be made to the nearest VA office or hospital.

House passage and presidential approval are considered foregone conclusions with respect to Senate Bill 1393 which has passed the Senate, increasing amounts of money veterans may earn while trainees in on-the-job and apprenticeship training under the G. I. Bill.

The bill provides that trainees without dependents may earn as much as \$145 a month; those with one dependent as much as \$180 a month; and those with two or more dependents as much as \$200 a month and still receive the full subsistence allowance, provided such training is under the G. I. Bill. When earnings exceed these amounts, subsistence allowances are reduced proportionately.

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