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Voiture 99

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### From the Chef de Gare

Well we have a new set of officers, congratulations to all.

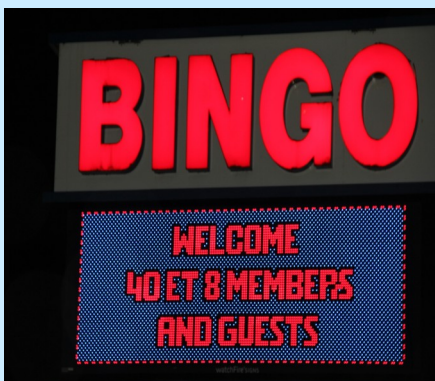
We will swear them in at the June Prom so please attend. Memorial Day is coming. It would be great to have a good turnout of Voyageurs to attend the remembrance at the bandstand at the Vancouver Barracks to remember our fallen.

I don't have much to say this month. I am going to the Grande Convention to support those from Voiture 99. Any and all suggestions from anyone about what they want to see done at the Convention, speak up and tell your representatives. It is looking like a real winner of a Grande.

Looks like there's a short time left for me as your Chef de Gare so if you have something you want to say or want done let us know it is YOUR Voiture.

You voted in the New leaders so let them know what YOU want to get done next year. I had a interesting time as your Chef de Gare.

George Golden  
Chef de Gare  
Voiture 99  
2016-2017



### Correspondants Notes

The elections are history. Here is a list of the Voiture 99 officers for the 2017-2018 year.

Chef de Gare Robert Kadow  
Chef de Train Jim Erixson  
Garde de la Porte Jerry Schue  
Lampiste Tom Stillman  
Correspondant Frank Falbee  
Comm. Intendant Marc lacy  
Aumonier Yvette Brown-Wahler  
Conducteur Ron Powers  
Historien Dixie Hotaling  
Cheminot James Meade and Russ Williams

The Grand du Washington Promenade is approaching. It will be held in Yakima on June 9 and 10. There is no pre-registration. All registrations will be at the door. But you need to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The Prom is being held at the Fair Bridge Inn and Suites, phone 509-248-7850. There are not many rooms left. Single rooms are \$69.99, double \$79.99.

The Prom activities will be held in the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center, next door to the hotel. Registration fee for Voyageurs is \$45.00. No charge for La Femmes. Meals are out of pocket, except for the Saturday night banquet which is \$30.00 for your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon.

Now is a good time to have someone walk around your car while you test all your lights. I see many cars around here with one brake light, no license plate light, one fog light and one head light. Don't put yourself at risk by driving in the dark. Find your fog light switch and turn them off. Many cars drive around with fog lights on 24/7. They are only useful when we have a heavy fog. They will shine on

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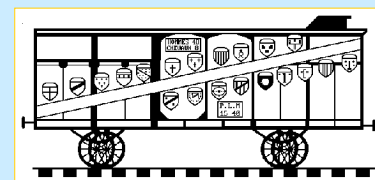
the fog line to help keep you on the road. Our foggy season is now past. While you are checking lights, look at your license plate to see if you are registered for the current year.

Phil Yasson  
Correspondant

### Veterans Hospital Patient Clothing Needs

- Men's gently used or new, clean any size sweat pants
- Zip-front hoodies (no logos)
- Long and short sleeved shirts (no logos)
- Light Jackets
- Suspenders and belts
- Men's jeans, shoes new all sizes
- Underwear and white t-shirts crew neck the same for women but few women patients

Contact Caroline Ruhmshottel 360-892-2806 with any questions.



June  
2017

# Chateau Schedule for June 2017

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:00 am.  
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

## June 1st (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8: am to 10:00 am

## June 2nd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

## June 3rd (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

## June 5th (Monday)

*V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous*

Chateau opens at 4pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings at 6:30 pm

Menu: Beef Stroganoff

Cost: \$8.00

## June 8th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8: am to 10:00 am

## June 9th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

**GRAND PROMANADE YAKIMA**

## June 10th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

**GRAND PROMANADE YAKIMA**

## June 15th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8: am to 10:00 am

## June 16th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

## June 17th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

## June 19th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

## June 20th (Tuesday)

*V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot*

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings at 6:30 pm

Menu: Ribs and Cole Slaw

Cost: \$8.00

## June 22nd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8: am to 10:00 am

## June 23rd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

## June 24th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

## June 29th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8: am to 10:00 am

## June 30th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

## July 1st (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

## Americanism

We had a great presentation with Boy Scout Troop 14, thanking them for their part in the flagpole project.

Don't forget to turn in your community hours. Enjoy the sunshine as it comes and goes.

Dixie Hotaling  
Americanism Director

## VAVS

On April 27th John Landahl reported that for Bingo at the VA they had 9 volunteers working with 21 patients and they gave out \$290.00 in bingo prizes.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome. John says that the patients really appreciate having them there to talk with. See John Landahl if you think you would like to participate for dates, time and location.

Tiffany Plous plans to send care packages to Jonathan Edwards throughout his deployment.

Anyone wanting to contribute should contact her for a list of items needed.

## **Davidson & Associates Insurance Flag Exchange**

June 5 – 9, office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Are you in need of a US flag or would you like to exchange yours for a new one? Stop by Davidson & Associates Insurance Agency for a free 3'x5' flag! (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!)

**610 Esther St, Ste 101, Vancouver, WA**

## Gone but not forgotten

They will be missed by many.

**Mike Harding**  
\*Past Chef de Gare

**Richard Tortortelle**  
\*A 40 et 8 member for 31 years.



## La Femmes

The La Femmes Used Book Sale was on May 5 & 6. Thanks to all the dames who helped with the sale and thanks to everyone who bought books and donated to the sale. It was successful and would not have been so without everyone's support. Thanks for your contributions to a good cause.

The next La Femmes fund raiser will be the Rummage Sale on July 14 & 15. Save all of your used treasures and clothing to donate to the sale. We will set up on July 13 in the Boxcar Room to be ready for the doors to open on the 14th.

The Dames of Cabane 99 elected new officers at the May Rendezvous. The new officers will be installed at the Rendezvous on June 5.

The new officers are:

La Presidente – Judy Bailey;

La Sous Presidente – Betsy Ross;

La Correspondante -- Barbara Yasson;

La Sous Correspondante – Elaine Meis;

Commissaire Intendante -- Roberta Giesler;

La Avocate – Mary Snyder;

La Conducteur – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano;

La Aumonier – Judy Mead;

La Historien – Loydene Beer;

La Drapeau – Ann Stillman;

La Garde de la Porte – Gail Hankel;

3 Cheminots – Linda Tarbell, Judy Williams, Norine Bogle.

The new officers will take office immediately after the installation.

Thanks to the dames who agreed to hold an office for 2017-18, and thanks to the outgoing officers. 2016-17 was a good year and the dames appreciate your work throughout the year.

The newly printed By Laws are ready for distribution. They will not be mailed so pick up your copy at the next meeting, the June 5 Rendezvous, or on Thursday morning.

Voiture 99 will hold a Wreck on Saturday June 24. The La Femmes will gather in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. to entertain the wives of the goofs being wrecked and invite them to join the La Femmes. Plan to join us for another fun gathering.

The La Femmes are planning a meet and greet for July 18, the evening of the Cheminot. We will not have a Cheminot, but will have the meet and greet, a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and relatives to the La Femmes. More details as the date approaches.

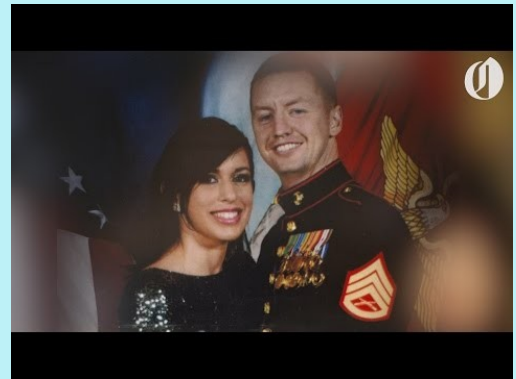
The La Femmes Thursday Morning Social meets in the Chateau. The first dames usually show up usually around 7:30 a.m. Join in on the conversation, coffee, and donuts. We carry on until around 9:30. Join us and bring a friend.

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## La Femmes (cont)

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on June 5. The next Cheminot will meet on June 20. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.



A veteran of four tours of duty in the Middle East, Jacob McGreevey relishes a good fight.

When the longtime Marine became convinced his former lender had illegally foreclosed on his Vancouver home, he didn't hesitate. He looked up Sean Riddell, his former commanding officer now practicing law in Portland, and asked if he was ready to take on one of the biggest mortgage lenders in the country.

What neither McGreevey nor Riddell anticipated was that PHH Mortgage wasn't going to be their only adversary. Five months after the U.S. Department of Justice announced a major initiative to crack down on financial institutions taking advantage of active-duty service members, the agency intervened in McGreevey's case.

But it didn't come in on the side of the Marine. It went with the lender.

"The country that sent you to war is now choosing a corporation's interest over yours," Riddell told McGreevey.

Read more of the story [Here](#).

A follow-up to this story came out May 23rd. Motivated by the original story Oregon Representative Kurt Schrader is sponsoring a bill in Congress to set the term limits at 10 years.

Read the follow-up article [Here](#).

# Save the Dates

**THE 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEROES NIGHT**  
IN BENEFIT OF C.M.A.C.

Community Military  Appreciation Committee

**JUNE 5:00PM TO 24TH 8:00PM**

**CAMAS COSTCO**  
19610 SE 1<sup>ST</sup> ST  
CAMAS, WA 98607



Join us in recognition of our local veterans, military, and first responders that make our community thrive.

- \*Donation Drive For Veterans & Military Families in Need
- \*Veteran & Vendor Booths
- \*Everyone is Invited to Shop
- \*One Night Only Discounts
- \*Car Show 4:00pm-7:00pm

**SPONSORED BY**








Please Contact The East Vancouver Costco at (360) 258-6239 With Questions

2017 **Heroes Night**  
19610 SE 1st St, Camas, WA 98607




**CAR SHOW**

\$15 Entry Fee



Limit - 60 Cars

**4:00 To 7:00**

★ **JUNE 24th** ★

Car Entry Begins At 3:00 - 1st Come, 1st Serve

- \* No Pre-Registration Required
- \* Trophies & Ribbons
- \* Live Music By "Got Your Six"
- \* Gift Bags for Participants
- \* Dash Plaques
- \* Local Food Vendors

All proceeds & donations benefit C.M.A.C. helping local veterans and military families in need.

Cece Wanke (360) 256-5009    For More Information Please Contact    Earl Edwards (360) 513-8251

★ Food Provided By ★




## Homes with Heroes Golf Tournament

Gather a few friends or sign up yourself for our annual Golfing with Heroes Tournament at Camas Meadows Golf Club.

Come prepared to compete in the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests, followed by lunch, camaraderie and a raffle. 100% of the proceeds go toward our mission to bring Veterans together in the outdoors.

For more information go to

[www.homewithheroes.com/](http://www.homewithheroes.com/)

## Loci Season is Here!



The Loci is all fueled up, ready for a busy summer schedule. The drivers are all rested and ready. As trips come available they'll be listed in the Boxcar and on the website at <http://www.voiture-99.com/loci-schedule/>.

If you see a trip scheduled and are interested in riding along contact the driver listed for that particular event to make sure there is room for you and any guests you have.

June 3rd	Hockinson Fun Days	Jim
14th	Beaches Car Show	Bob
17th	Winlock Egg Festival	Marc/Jim
July 4th	Vancouver Independence Day Parade	Frank
4th	Ridgefield Independence Day Parade	Jim
8th	Aamboy Territorial Days	Marc
12th	Beaches Car Show	Jim
15th	Battle Ground Harvest Days	Marc/Jim
22nd	Camas Fun Days	Frank
August 1st	National Night Out-Tam O'Shanter Park,	Jim
9th	Beaches Car Show	Jim
18th	La Center - 8:00 pm	Jim/Marc



## Registration Form for GRAND du Washington PROM June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:                      Voyagers                      \$45.00                      \$Pay at the Door

No registration for Le Femmes

Check-in                      Friday                      1500-1700 hrs

   Saturday                      0800-1000 hrs

\*Only meal available is the Saturday Banquet

Saturday Banquet: (included with registration) or    \$30.00                      \$ Pay at the Door

Circle One:                      Salmon

   Prime Rib

**Please make your own hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rooms are limited!**  
**Also, be sure to mention that you are attending the 40 et 8 Grand Prom.**

**All registration & payments will be done at the door.**

### Fair Bridge Inn & Suites

Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center

PH: 509-248-7850

FAX: 509-576-4940

1507 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Yakima, WA 98901

Room Rates:    Single Queen or King- \$69.99

   Double Queen- \$79.99

   King Suite- \$99.99

## Flag Day June 13<sup>th</sup>



Sponsored by the  
Vancouver Elks Lodge #823



Join the members of Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 for a FREE stirring Celebration of our Flag. 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. Vancouver, WA On Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm The Officers of the Lodge, Emblem Club, other Members of the Lodge along with the Lewis & Clark Young Marines will present the B.P.O. Elks Flag Day Program.

Many different flags have flown over our fine country since 1775. Examples of our Nations flags will be presented during the History of the Flag.

The Lewis & Clark Young Marines will open the event with Posting of the Colors and close the program with folding the flag and Retirement of the Colors.

Light refreshments will be served following the program.

*Flag Day*  
at  
**FORT VANCOUVER**

Presented by  
DAVIDSON & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE  
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PEMCO Insurance

*Wednesday, June 14*  
**5 p.m.**  
**The Bandstand at Fort Vancouver Historic Site**  
[fortvan.org/flagday](http://fortvan.org/flagday)

### VBMA's May Military History Talk

**Thursday, 15 June 2017, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Military History Talk**

**Speaker: Mr. James Moody**

**Topic related to The Spanish American War, and Moro War**

**Title: *The Other Spanish American War***

**The Marshall House**

**1301 Officer's Row, Vancouver, WA 98661**

**Marshall House phone number, 360 693-3103**

Many people associate the Spanish American War with Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders charging up San Juan Hill, in Cuba. Fewer people know that the Spanish American War was fought in the Western Pacific, in places like Guam, and the Philippines. Local historian James Moody knows a lot about that part of the war, and the conflict that raged afterward in what some people call the Moro War, or the Philippines Insurrection, because one of his ancestors fought there. Come listen to James talk about this conflict, with its very personal associations.

### Military Exchange Shopping

This could be a nice little benefit, should be able to save some money.

Hope this works for everyone, check it out !

The Army, Air Force and Navy exchange will start allowing all honorably discharged veterans to shop online, (think Amazon, but only cheaper with no taxes.) The target start date is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. but you must register first. registration begins June 1, 2017. you must call [1-844-868-8672](tel:1-844-868-8672), after June 1 to register.

Here is the site with more information:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1049558/dod-opens-online-exchange-shopping-to-veterans/>

## UNION CONSTRUCTION CAREERS FOR WOMEN VETERANS

Union construction careers pay \$22 - \$51 per hour in addition to benefit packages between \$10 - \$31 per hour.

As a military veteran you have skills that are transferable to a high-wage, high-demand career in the construction trades.



Wednesday June 7, 4:30pm - 8:00pm at



16021 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97230  
Free

Childcare and light dinner provided  
More Information and to pre-register:  
<http://bit.ly/CareersforWomenVets>



Construction training is through Registered Apprenticeship which is often tuition-free and eligible for college credit and GI Benefits. Earn a percentage of Journeylevel wage which increases as you advance in your on-the-job and classroom training.

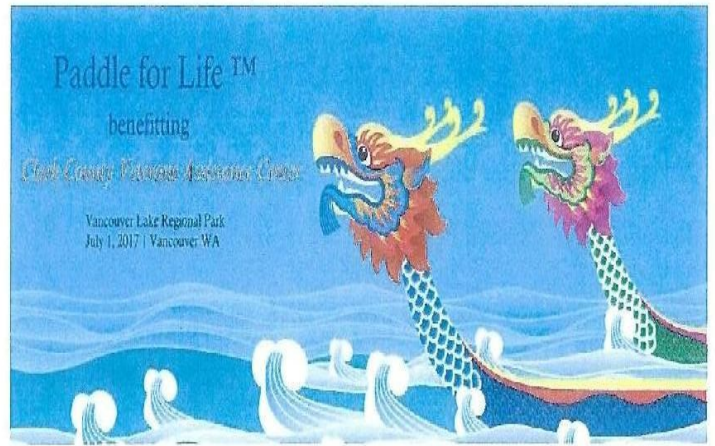
We will be raffling some items, including a Klein 14-piece Electricians Tool Set (\$200 value)

Please come prepared to apply for some immediate openings. Photocopies of: Educational and Military Transcripts, DD-214, Driver's License, Resume, Letters of recommendation  
*You could start working soon after!*

- \* Meet Veteran Tradeswomen and hear their stories
- \* Meet with Oregon and Washington representatives:
  - Brick Masons - \$23.13 - \$35.79/hr\*
  - Electricians - \$32.78 - \$40.20/hr\*
  - Roofers & Waterproofers - \$28.53/hr\*
  - Construction Craft Laborers - \$27.72/hr\*
  - Sheet Metal Workers - \$39.36/hr\*
  - Pacific NW Carpenters Institute - \$24.51 - \$36.71/hr\*
  - Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR ESTIMATES THAT  
NEARLY **7 MILLION** JOBS  
IN THE CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRY WILL NEED TO  
BE FILLED BY 2024.

\*Journeylevel wage after completing training



Saturday, July 1, 2017

Vancouver Lake Regional Park  
Vancouver, WA

Paddle for Life benefitting *Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC)*

**OREGON'S 'FALLEN WARRIORS'**

WE WILL NEVER LET THEM BE FORGOTTEN

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE

THE VOLCANOES WILL HONOR MEN & WOMEN WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON THE FIELD DURING OUR PREGAME TRIBUTE

TUESDAY 7/4 2017

GATES OPEN - 5:00  
CEREMONY - 5:45  
GAME - 6:35  
FIREWORKS - Postgame



### Spirit of '45 Day

Willamette National Cemetery  
Sunday, August 13, 2017, 11 AM

Officer of the Day  
Master of Ceremonies - Willamette National Cemetery

Prelude	Bret Lucich
Invocation	Chaplain
Assembly	Rod Lucich
Presentation of Colors	US Jr. ROTC Cadets
National Anthem	Rod Lucich
Pledge of Allegiance	
Welcome	George Allen - Willamette National Cemetery Director
Wealth Presentation	WWII Veterans -- Escorted by US Jr ROTC Cadets
Keynote 'Air Power' Addresses	
Jonna Doolittle Hoppes - Granddaughter, Aviation Pioneer Jimmy Doolittle	
Benjamin Berry, Jr. - Son of Tuskegee Airmen 'Flaps' Benjamin Berry	
Congressional Recognition (Invited)	U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
Legacy Spirit of '45 Anthem	Bret Lucich
Oregon Spirit of '45 Remarks:	Barbara Jensen - Oregon Spirit of '45 Founder & President
"One Hero At A Time"	Bret Lucich
21-Gun Salute	Legion Post 180
"Taps"	Rod Lucich
"Amazing Grace"	Military Honors By The Pipes
Benediction	Chaplain
Retirement of the Colors	US Jr ROTC Cadets
Dismissal & Postlude	Bret Lucich



Our Mission: To commemorate the achievements and virtues of the World War II generation, on the 2nd Sunday of every August, so as to inspire future generations.

Our Role: Collect WWII hero photos submitted to build the Oregon Wall of Honor and enhance the national Wall of Honor to be unveiled in Washington DC August 2020.

For 2020, our 5 year vision through dozens of 75th Anniversaries continues ceremonial and parade activities across the state so that the legacy of the World War II generation is remembered and inspires generations to come. We will continue to raise funds to increase participation to support the Wall of Honor, Faces of Heroes and parade posters that engage youth teams to 'REMEMBER AND BE INSPIRED.'

As Oregon best prepares for the 75th Commemoration of the end of WWII, Oregon Spirit of '45 will:

**Partner on a state level** to honor the 152,000 Oregonians who served; e.g., Willamette National Cemetery, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Dignity Memorial.

**Collaborate on a national level** to honor the 16.1 million who served e.g., National Spirit of '45 Coalition, Friends of the National World War II Memorial and National Parks.

**Liaison on an international level** to honor the nearly 100,000 fallen who rest offshore; e.g., European cemetery sites of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

## VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM (VCP) PHONE LINE IMPOSTER

FACT SHEET  
APRIL 27, 2017

### VCP Phone Line Imposter

It has come to VA's attention that a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the VCP phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly.

We want you to know that we are taking this seriously and to keep you aware of the steps we are taking. VHA Office of Community Care (VHA CC) has reported the "mimic" line to the VA Office of Inspector General for a possible civil or criminal investigation.

### "Mimic" Phone Line

The phone line established to "mimic" the VCP phone line is 1-800-606-8198. You know you have reached the wrong VCP phone line when:

- The phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate *if* the caller provides a credit card.
- The phone line does *not* state the caller has reached U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the VCP phone line.

**Be aware** that this phone number incorrectly confirms callers had reach the VCP *if the caller asks that question*.

### VCP Phone Line

The correct VCP phone line is 1-866-606-8198. This line is for Veterans to check their eligibility for the VCP and ask questions about the program.

If you are unsure if you have reached the correct phone line, hang up and dial 1-866-606-8198 again. The phone line will state the called **has** reach the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

