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FAMILIES OF VETERANS TO RECEIVE STIPENDS TOMORROW

LOS ANGELES, CA., June, 30 - VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) will provide three families of veterans with stipends as part of the Family Caregiver Program at VA tomorrow.

“We are very happy to hear that three GLA families will receive stipends tomorrow. I would like to encourage eligible Veterans and their Family Caregivers to apply to obtain the benefits they deserve,” said Donna Beiter, GLA Director.

New services for primary Family Caregivers of eligible post-9/11 Veterans include a stipend, mental health services, and access to health care insurance, if they are not already entitled to care or services under a health plan. The stipend portion of this service will be backdated to the date of the application. Comprehensive Caregiver training and medical support are other key components of this program.

“We at the VA understand the challenge that our seriously injured veterans and their caregivers face. The stipend and other caregiver benefits acknowledge the sacrifices made by caregivers of our nation’s veterans. It’s a way of saying, ‘we thank you, and you are not alone,’” said Marianne Hunt, GLA Caregiver Support Coordinator.

VA began processing applications for eligible post-9/11 Veterans and Service members to designate a Primary Family Caregiver on May 9, 2011. On top of receiving the 625 plus applications nationwide, Caregiver Support Coordinators have also assisted nationwide nearly 1,200 other Caregivers in finding more than two dozen other Caregiver benefits VA provides.

Applications can be processed by telephone through the Caregiver Support Line at (855) 260-3274, in person at a VA medical Center with a Caregiver Support Coordinator, by mail or online at www.caregiver.va.gov

with the new Caregiver Application (VA Form 1010-CG). The website application also features a chat option that provides the Family Caregiver with a live representative to assist in completing the application form.

Should you have further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact our public affairs office at (310) 268-3340.

About the VAGLAHS: VAGLAHS is the largest, most complex healthcare system within the Department of Veterans Affairs. GLA consists of three ambulatory care centers, a tertiary care facility, and 10 outpatient clinics. GLA serves Veterans residing throughout five counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. There are 1.4 million Veterans in the GLA service area. Visit us on the web for more information www.losangeles.va.gov

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