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Vets Views

Ok, now hear this! I have written about this a number of times, and am doing so again because this is very important to some of you!

If you signed up for VA health benefits (that blue form, called a 10-10) before Jan 2003, and if you have NOT been to the VA or updated that form since then, you very likely have been or will be DISENROLLED from the VA health care system. That means, if you ever want to re-enroll, they will ask to see all your financial data, and if you have too much money, you will NOT be eligible for VA health benefits. Please, if you fall into this category, call me right away!

Once more, here's how it works—if you sign up for VA health care benefits, then you need to USE them. You can't sign up, and then not go to Fargo/Grafton for a couple of years, or not turn in an annual update to your blue 10-10 form. Please pass this on to those who don't read the newspaper. Thanks.

Here's some news, not sure if it affects anyone locally. Due to projected shortages in some specialties such as engineers, intelligence, military police and communications, the Marine Corps has announced that they will shortly begin involuntary recalls. They will begin by calling up 2500 members at a time, of the Individual Ready Reserve. They have decided to exempt those who are either in the first or last year of their reserve status. Marines can expect to be deployed for an average of 12-18 months but could be for as long as two years. They will receive five months to prepare before having to report for duty.

I have just found out that MN troops, who lose jobs as a result of their deployments, are eligible for unemployment benefits from the state. For more info, drop-in or give me a call at 463-3308.

Last thing—how about those Support Our Troops plates? Why not go to the license bureau and get a set? The money goes right to MN vets/families who are in need. Come on, get yours today!

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