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I received the following info from my spies. Important to read, if it applies to you!

Veterans who received a prostate biopsy at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center between 9/27/00 and 4/3/06 will receive a letter from the VAMC informing them of a problem that was discovered with the equipment used to perform such tests. The problem device was used by several Medical Centers, including the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, from September 27, 2000 until April 3, 2006. VHA has elected to notify patients who received a prostate biopsy at the Minneapolis VAMC during the above dates, and will offer them the opportunity to have blood drawn and tested, and make consultation and educational services available, as required. If you underwent one or more surgical prostate biopsies during that time, you may call the Minneapolis VA Medical Center at 1-866-414-5058, ext 5600 or (612) 467-5600, on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 1200 to 1600. Staff will be available to receive your call, answer questions, and make an appointment for you in a specially designed clinic, at your request. They will arrange for lab tests, and schedule a return appointment as appropriate, with experts, to provide further information and follow up. All of this will be AT NO CHARGE TO YOU. Your current travel benefit(s) will apply. If your questions or concerns are not adequately addressed, please contact **Linda Kraemer, Minneapolis VA Medical Center Patient Safety Manager at (612) 467-3022.**

OK, now for some more interesting news! The French, or at least some of them, appear to be thankful for what our troops did for them in 1944-45. French Consulates are offering a certificate of thanks to American WW II vets who served in France or its territories in '44-'45. If interested, contact: Order of Lafayette, 243 West 70<sup>th</sup> St, Apt. 6F, New York, NY, 10023-4321. You can email them at: [orderoflafayette@hotmail.com](mailto:orderoflafayette@hotmail.com).

Let me know how it goes.

How about those Support Our Troops license plates? Ask Tim O. about his. I have seen a few others around, but the license bureau folks tell me they still have many available. Come on, the money raised goes directly to help our own MN vets!

Anyone having trouble reaching an actual human being regarding pharmacy re-fills? You know that prescription re-fill number? The 800-661-0827 number, that you call and then push option 4 to re-fill your meds? I tried for about 3 hours one day to get to a person...I failed. So I called some other numbers, finally got an actual live, human being and here's what I found out: If you have problems re-ordering your prescriptions and if you need to talk someone about it, call this number—**800-410-9723, extension 92681 (7:30-4:00 PM M-F)**. If you wait long enough, I guarantee a person will talk to you. Then just tell them what your re-fill question/problem is and they should help you.

Last thing. I know I've written about this a number of times, but I'm not sure anyone reads this far down, so here it is again. Next time, I'll have to put it at the very beginning. If you really need/want to see me, please call and make an appointment, that way, I'll have time to "get smart" on your issues, do some homework, and when we do meet, we'll have some peace and quiet and enough time to do your situation justice.

Over and Out