

VETERANS VOICE

What is the Affordable Care Act?

The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to affordable health care coverage to all Americans, lower costs, and improve quality and care coordination. Under the health care law, people will have:

- health coverage that meets a minimum standard (called "minimum essential coverage");
- qualify for an exemption; or
- pay a fee when filing their taxes if they have affordable options, but remain uninsured.

The Health Insurance Market place opened and is now a new way to find health coverage. On the Marketplaces, some people may be eligible for lower costs on premiums and out-of-pocket costs based on their income.

If I'm enrolled in a VA health care program, do I meet the requirement for health care coverage?

If you're enrolled in (or are a beneficiary of) any of the programs listed below, you're considered to have minimum essential coverage under the health care law and you do not need to get additional coverage:

- VA health care program
- Civilian Health and Medical program (CHAMPVA)
- Spina bifida health care program
- Tricare
- Tricare for life

What are the benefits of VA health care programs?

- Medical care rated among the best in the U.S.
- Immediate benefits of health care coverage. Veterans may apply for VA health care enrollment at any time.

- No enrollment fee, monthly premiums, or deductibles. Most Veterans have no out-of-pocket costs. Some Veterans may have to pay small copayments for health care or prescription drugs.

- More than 1,700 places available to get your care. This means your coverage can go with you if you travel or move.

- Freedom to use other plans with your VA health care, including Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, or private insurance.

- You have met the new requirement to have health care coverage.

If I'm not enrolled in a VA health care program, how can I apply?

The VA health care program only covers those who have military service. It does not cover dependents. Contact the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office and we can determine your eligibility for the VA health care program and assist you in completing the application form.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides blind and vision rehabilitation programs to eligible veterans and active duty service members who are visually impaired. Veterans Health Administration is the first national healthcare system to completely and seamlessly integrate rehabilitation services for patients with visual impairments into its health benefits. This ensures that patients receive the finest medical and rehabilitation care, as well as free cutting-edge assistive technology.

There are approximately 157,000 Veterans in the United States who are legally blind, and more than one million Veterans who have low vision that causes a loss of ability to perform necessary daily activities. Those figures are expected to increase in the years ahead as more Veterans from the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam conflict eras develop vision loss from age-related diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

The VA implemented a progressive plan to expand vision and blind rehabilitation to veterans and eligible active duty Service members with visual impairments, ranging from earliest vision loss to total blindness. New programs provide opportunities to keep those with early vision loss active and integrated in their families and communities.

As a reminder, take the time to file your discharge paperwork in this office. It is very difficult for me to have to tell a family member that I am unable to file the paperwork for a flag and other benefits until I obtain the discharge paperwork. To obtain the records from other resources can take several months.

If you served in the military and have not joined a local Post, please consider taking the time to do so. These Organizations are a fighting voice for us in Washington to maintain and acquire benefits for all of us who have served in the military. Please contact my office to discuss eligibility.

To apply or obtain more information on the above benefit, contact Joe Aulik at the County Veterans Service Office at 388-7198 or e-mail at aulikj@kewauneeeco.org to sign up for the veterans benefit e-mail list to keep up-to-date on benefits. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KewauneeCVSO.

AMVETS POST 42

29TH ANNUAL FUND RAISING DANCE

The annual AMVETS Post 42 fundraiser will take place at the Rendezvous Restaurant, E896 County Rd N, Luxemburg, WI 54217,

on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Mark Jirkovec will provide music and dancing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5.00 each and \$7.00 at the door. With the purchase of a ticket, you are then eligible for a cash raffle prize: 1st place - \$300, 2nd place - \$250, 3rd place - \$200, 4th place - \$150, and 5th place \$100. You do not need to be present to win. There is also a \$1.00 coupon on the back of each ticket that can be used at Subway Restaurants in Algoma, Kewaunee, and Luxemburg. Come out for a great afternoon of fun and dancing. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Marvin Dequaine, AMVETS Post 42 Commander, at 920-487-2248

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YOUR VETERANS POST NEEDS YOU!

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VETERANS DAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Veterans Day is the day we honor ALL American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11th of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free. Take time out of your day on November 11th to "Thank a Veteran" for their service. Also, take time out of your day to attend one of the special events taking place in Kewaunee County.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 KEWAUNEE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

A Veterans Day gun salute will be held in downtown Kewaunee at the corner of Ellis and Milwaukee Streets on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by a wreath ceremony at the Kewaunee County War Memorial at the Kewaunee County Courthouse. The wreath placement will be by AMVETS Post 42. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for this event. This event is also open to the public. For more information, contact Lloyd Nimmer at 920-388-2318.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 262 LUXEMBURG VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

American Legion Ralph Klein Post 262 will hold several Veterans Day Ceremonies on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Ceremonies will be held at the Luxemburg-Casco Intermediate School at 8:00 a.m., Luxemburg-Casco High School at 9:00 a.m., and at the Veterans Memorial at the Bank of Luxemburg site in Luxemburg at 10:30 a.m. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for this event. This event is also open to the public. For more information, contact Len Yanda, Post Commander, at 920-365-6155.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 262 LUXEMBURG VETERANS DAY BANQUET

American Legion Ralph Klein Post 262 Luxemburg will have their annual Veterans Day Banquet at The Rendezvous, Luxemburg, Tuesday November 11, 2014. Cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 per person which include family style chicken, beef tips, and one free beverage. For reservations call Len Yanda, Post Commander, at 920-365-6155.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 319 CASCO VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

American Legion Thibodeau-Drossart Post 319 will have a Veterans Day ceremony at the Luxemburg-Casco Middle school on November 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for this event. For more information, contact Chuck Zellner, Post Commander, at 920-255-6767.

VETERANS DAY PATRIOTIC CHURCH SERVICES

There will be two patriotic church services this year. St. Therese in Pilsen will hold a church service on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 4 p.m. St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a service on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Montpelier. Lunch will be served after this service. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for these services. This service is also open to the public. For more information, contact Rick Philipps, County Commander, at 920-553-9663.

VETERAN'S DAY ALGOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH AND BAND CONCERT

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Algoma Elementary School's students and staff will be hosting a Veterans Day Celebration to honor those that have so bravely served our country in the military. This celebration will include a dinner for Veterans and senior citizens provided by the schools' POPS (Powers of Positive Students and Staff) organization. It will be served by the students in the elementary school's cafeteria starting at 12:45p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the school office at 487-7001 by November 3rd, 2014. The

dinner will be limited to 100 people.

There will also be a Veterans Day program, open to the public, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the elementary school's auditorium. This program has become an annual tradition at Algoma Elementary School and one of the school's favorite events of the year. This program will include patriotic presentations by the students, school bands, and choruses. No reservations are needed to attend this event. For more information on the Veterans Day dinner or the program, please call Angela Kinjerski at 487-7001, ext. 1202.

VETERANS DAY ALGOMA COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

The Algoma Community Band will give a Veterans Day concert on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Algoma Grade School auditorium. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for this service. There will be a reception following the program. This service is also open to the public. For more information, contact Tom Mueller at 920-265-0971.

VETERANS DAY KEWAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The Kewaunee High School will have a Veterans Day Band Concert at the Kewaunee High School on Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Plastico Theatre. All veterans are encouraged to attend. Please wear your Post cap or military uniform for this event. The event is also open to the general public. For more information, contact the Kewaunee High School at 920-388-2951.

Veteran's Day Freebies Website:

www.militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals/



CAMP AMERICAN LEGION DONATION BY AMERICAN LEGION

The Kewaunee County Commander and American Legion Post 262 made donations of Children's Arts and Crafts, Paper Supplies and a monetary check to Camp American Legion in July 2014. Shown are Nellie P. DeBaker, Kewaunee County Council Commander, Don Pritzl and Commander Len Yanda of Post 262 Luxemburg. Nellie personally delivered the items on July 3, 2014 to Camp which is located at Lake Tomahawk.

Submitted by Nellie P. DeBaker



KEWAUNEE COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY MAY 7, 2014

Kewaunee County Council Commander Nellie P. DeBaker is welcoming the County High School Students for a day to learn about government.

Submitted by Nellie P. DeBaker



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Kewaunee will be holding their annual Poppy Drive. It will be held in October on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th at Holy Rosary Church and Piggly Wiggly Kewaunee.

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Kewaunee Post 29 Casco Post 319
Algoma Post 236 Carlton Post 538
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Kewaunee Post 3392

AMVETS

Kewaunee County Post 42
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Sons of the American Legion

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