



UNITED INDIAN WAR VETERANS, U. S. A.

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best of care in Fitzsimmons V.A. Hospital in Denver cost \$51.00, yet a friend of my husband's (WWI) who had a disability rating of 75%, went to a VA hospital for treatment and was told there was nothing the matter with him other than his disabilities. The pain became so severe he decided to go to a private physician eight months later. In six minutes, he diagnosed the case as cancer and said if he had come to him six months sooner he might be able to save his life - then it was too late. Armed with this physician's diagnosis he went back to the Veterans Administration Hospital and had to take a pauper's oath to get into the hospital (a man with a 75% service connected disability) because they claimed cancer is not service connected. A month later he died.

But the greatest steal of all is the new insurance plan for government employees, judges (including the J.P.'s we have serving in ^{some} municipal courts in California) and the congressmen. Their premiums end at 65. At 65 the veterans of WWI pay \$44.00 a month on their \$10,000 war insurance and if they are unable to pay even for one month the insurance they have paid premiums on for 37 ^{years} is forfeited. Maybe if it came to a draw they might give you a month's grace but no veteran who can possibly pay the premium will take a chance. He must pay \$44.00 a month until he is 70 years old. My husband hasn't needed them in eight years and there are many veterans in his class but that doesn't excuse them from paying the VA. - Skyline Incorporated. He is now 64 and pays \$25.90 a month - the period between 65 and 70 the premiums are upped almost 50% in the hopes that the veteran will be unable to make the payments. Not so with the congressmen etc. their premium for \$19,500 ^{insurance} is a mere \$10.13 a month no more no less and for \$10,000 insurance - \$5.00 a month and no say we have no class legislation?

The soldiers who served in the Ute Indian Campaign are denied pensions because they prevented bloodshed and maybe another Custer massacre by their quick action - and they wonder why there are so many reds in the US!

I hope I have not bored you but I am so bitter about the way the older disabled veterans are treated that if they have a second march on Wash DC I'll be there at the head of the parade.

If it is not asking too much I would appreciate a few lines for the February edition of the War Path. I know the members would be thrilled because by now I must have bored them.

Thanking you again for the picture and wishing you a happy New Year!
Yours
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