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## Support A Recovering American Soldier

Walter Reed Army Medical Center officials want to remind those individuals who want to show their appreciation through mail to include packages, letters, and holiday cards addressed to "Any Wounded Soldier" or "A Recovering American Soldier" that Walter Reed cannot accept these packages in support of the decision by then Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Transportation Policy in 2001. This decision was made to ensure the safety and well being of patients and staff at medical centers throughout the Department of Defense.

In addition, the U.S. Postal Service is no longer accepting "Any Service Member" or "A Recovering American Soldier" letters or packages. Mail to "Any Service Member" that is deposited into a collection box will not be delivered.

Instead of sending an "Any Wounded Soldier" letter or package to Walter Reed, please consider making a donation to one of the more than 300 nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping our troops and their families listed on the "America Supports You" website, [www.americasupportsyou.mil](http://www.americasupportsyou.mil)

Other organizations that offer means of showing your support for our troops or assist wounded servicemembers and their families include:

<http://www.usocares.org/>

<http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers/>

<http://www.redcross.org>

For individuals without computer access, your local mili-

tary installation, the local National Guard or military reserve unit in your area may offer the best alternative to show your support to our returning troops and their families. Walter Reed Army Medical Center will continue to receive process and deliver all mail that is addressed to a specific individual. As Walter Reed continues to enhance the medical care and processes for our returning service members, it must also must keep our patients and staff members safe while following Department of Defense policy. The outpouring of encouragement from the general public, corporate America and civic groups throughout the past year has been incredible. Our Warriors in Transition are amazed at the thanks and support they receive from their countrymen.

## Burrell In The Legislature

### Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Rep. Burrell was re-elected with 86% of the vote. He will continue to provide the constituents of House District 2 and the State of Louisiana with dynamic leadership, unquestionable integrity, and creative energy to better the lives of residents and move the progress of the State forward.

The 2008 inauguration of members will be at 10:00 a.m. in the House and

Senate Chambers on Monday, January 14, 2008.

As reported by many news sources, Governor-Elect Jindal says one of his first acts as Louisiana governor will be to call a special legislative session to reform ethics laws. At least five days prior to convening the legislature in extraordinary session, the governor or the presiding officers, as the case may be, shall issue a proclamation stating the objects of the session, the date on which it shall convene, and the number

of days for which it is convened. The power to legislate shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the proclamation. The session shall be limited to the number of days stated therein, which shall not exceed thirty calendar days. (La. Const 3 2)

The 2008 Regular Legislative Session is set to convene at noon on Monday, March 31, 2008 with final adjournment no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008.

## In The District Office and Around District 2

### **News from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities**

#### **LEH takes Caddo Parish teachers to Washington, D.C.**

On Oct. 25th, the LEH took nine Caddo Parish public school teachers on a three-day visit to Washington, D.C., as part of the LEH and Caddo Public School System's three-year Teaching American History Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. While in Washington, teachers visited the National Archives, U.S. Capitol, White House and Library of Congress. Teachers also were given time to visit other Washington landmarks during their stay. Leading the tour was Dr. William Pederson, director of LSUS's International Lincoln Center for American Studies, and LEH Deputy Director John Kemp. The LEH and Caddo School System are now in the third year of the program. Over the

last two summers, 129 Shreveport area public school teachers attended six graduate-level institutes in American history at LSU Shreveport. This past summer the LEH completed a similar program for public school teachers in Orleans Parish. Next summer, the LEH will begin a three-year Teaching American History series of summer institutes in partnership with Calcasieu Parish Public Schools and McNeese State University.

#### **Shreveport's Bethune Middle Academy teachers attend PT workshop**

Seventeen teachers from Bethune Middle Academy in Shreveport attended the Saturday teacher workshop designed to train educators in using the PRIME TIME methodology in their classrooms. PRIME TIME scholar Helen Taylor, PhD, PRIME TIME Associate Director Olivia Pass, PhD, and

PRIME TIME storyteller Janine Demerath led the one-day intensive workshop that focused on Socratic learning and discovery through discussion. Although the workshop was originally planned for only humanities teachers, math teachers and others outside the humanities learned to create open-ended questions to raise the critical thinking skills of their students. Among the comments collected from teacher evaluations were the following: "Excellent presenters and collaboration!" and "The presenters demonstrated excellent application skills and strategies that will enhance our faculty preparation, application, and interactive skills within the classrooms." Schools or school systems interested in learning more about the PRIME TIME Teacher Workshops should contact Associate Director Olivia Pass, PhD, at [pass@leh.org](mailto:pass@leh.org).

## News For Constituents

### **TECHNOLOGY, LITERACY, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

#### **Verizon Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous calendar-year basis from January 1 through November 30.

**Description:** The Verizon Foundation awards grants to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus

on preventing domestic violence, improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas:

Verizon Wireless Hopeline  
(domestic violence prevention)

Verizon Reads (literacy)

Verizon Connects (technology)

**Who May Apply:** Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://  
founda-](http://foundation.org)

## News For Constituents continued

tion.verizon.com/04002.shtml

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### Corporation for National and Community Service -- AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

**Application Deadline:** January 8, 2008

**Description:** AmeriCorps grants are generally awarded to eligible organizations to recruit, train, and manage AmeriCorps members who address community needs. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who is enrolled in an approved national service position and engages in community service. Members may receive a living allowance while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive an education award from the National Service Trust.

**Funding Amount:** Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2008, the Corporation for National and Community Service announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$21,288,000 to award new and re-competing AmeriCorps State and National grants. The grants in AmeriCorps State are State Competitive, Territories Competitive, States without Commissions, and the State Education Award Program (EAP). The

grants in AmeriCorps National are National EAP, National Direct, National Professional Corps, National Planning, and Indian Tribes.

**Who May Apply:** See specific program announcements for details.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=15106>

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### MetLife Foundation

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Grants usually fall within the following broad areas of concern: health, civic affairs, education, culture, and public broadcasting.

**Who May Apply:** The MetLife Foundation makes contributions only to organizations that have been granted exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.metlife.com/Applications/Corporate/WPS/CDA/PageGenerator/0,1674,P296,00.html>

#### Walgreens

**Application Deadline:** None

**Description:** Walgreens awards grants in the following program areas:

non-hospital-based health agencies

one-on-one tutorial programs in inner-city neighborhoods where Walgreens operates.

A small share is reserved for eligible community and social-service agencies that serve areas where Walgreens has a significant presence. Health is a major area of focus, and the largest share of the annual contributions budget is allocated to programs that address health needs.

**Who May Apply:** Most Walgreens grants are made to eligible nonprofits working in local Walgreens communities. A portion of the budget is reserved for select national organizations.

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://diversity.walgreens.com/ourcommunity/corporate\\_giving.html](http://diversity.walgreens.com/ourcommunity/corporate_giving.html)



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## News For Constituents

### New Online Application for Medicaid Now Available

Enrolling in the Louisiana Medicaid program has become faster and more efficient thanks to an online application process now available through the Department of Health and Hospitals Web site.

Louisiana citizens applying to enroll in any Medicaid program can use the online application process. This includes applying for Medicaid, LaCHIP (children's health care coverage), LaMOMS (coverage for pregnant women), the Medicaid Purchase Plan (coverage for workers with disabilities), the Medicare Savings Program (premium assistance for Medicare recipients) and TAKE CHARGE (family planning services for women).

The online application is available by going to this secure website: <https://bhsfweb.dhh.louisiana.gov/onlineapppublic/applyonline.aspx>

Once the online application is submitted, it is sent immediately to the office that will process the application. There is no delay for mailing or faxing, as might be experienced with a paper form.

A paper application can still be used for enrollment; these are available at any Medicaid office or Medicaid application center, downloading it from the Web site, or by requesting it from the toll free Medicaid hotline at 1-888-342-6207.

The online application was launched on Oct. 10, 2007. In the first ten days, 500 applications had already been filled out.

For more information on the Louisiana Medicaid program, visit [www.medicaid.dhh.louisiana.gov](http://www.medicaid.dhh.louisiana.gov) or call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-342-6207.