Vital Information For Veterans

Administration 3,800 more of them in federal agencies. 1979 than it had in 1978.

outnumber veterans of nam era. any other war on the VA payroll.

"It's not only appropriate-- because VA has taken the lead in urging private enterprise to hire Vietnam-era veterans-- but it's just plain good business,' Cleland said.

And he cited another

"Having them at VA assures more empathy within the Agency for the needs and problems of Vietnam-era veterans who need our assistance.

The VA chief, a severely disabled veteran of the Vietnam conflict, gives major credit for the high level of employment of this group of veterans to effective use of the Authority (VRA).

This is a program that permits federal agencies to hire certain Vietnamera veterans without going through the regular civil service competitive employment process.

In Fiscal Year 1979, for example, VRA accounted for nearly half of the new Vietnam-era veterans hired by the Agency.

Since the enactment of loans made by private len- and assistance. Vietnam-era veterans the VRA in 1970, VA has ders to eligible veterans, make such good em- used it to employ 53,662 unmarried

Agency chief Max open to veterans whose maximum of \$25,000, 96-22-distinguishes bet- such damage. Cleland said that as 1980 military service was bet- whichever is lower. began the VA counted ween Aug. 5, 1964, and The VA has guaranteed captive for less than six now eligible for any den-nected dental conditions;

SAN FRANCISCO - The Cleland said. first decrease in the G.I. home loan interest rate chief Max Cleland.

- 13% - took effect Mon- necessary by day, April 28. It is a full Veterans Administration. point below the record

For a veteran buying a 100% home with a 30-year, about \$50.

Veterans Readjustment not affect existing loans, residence for applications Cleland pointed out. Once a loan is made the interest rate remains the same over the life of the loan.

> The new 13% rate was agreed upon jointly by VA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is in line with interest rate reductions in the private

guaranty covers 60% of nected. The VRA program is the loan amount or a legislation-- Public Law sidered to have suffered for VA dental care:

40,473 Vietnam-era May 7, 1975, the official loansworth\$8.6billionsso months and those who tal care, as determined veterans among its dates marking the begin- far in fiscal year 1980, were prisoners for six necessary by VA, on an within one year of 230,538 employees. They ning and end of the Viet- Since the G.I. loan months or more. guaranty program began In total, VA has 85,831 in 1944, approximately veterans of all wars on its 10.5 million loans worth \$178.6billionshavebeen guaranteed by

> SAN FRANCISCO -- Forceiling since 1976 was an- mer prisoners of war nounced today by (POWs) who were held in Veterans Administration captivity for six months or more are now eligible for The new maximum rate any dental care deemed

> Also eligible are certain 14% ceiling which has veterans whose sevice been in effect since April connected disabilities are permanently rated at

> Veterans who believe \$50,000 G.I. loan, the one they may qualify for the percent will lower the expanded dental benefits monthly payment by should contact the VA health care facility The rate change does nearest their place of

The

Dental treatment for for- are presumed not to have

unlimited treatment

35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Under certain consurviving mer POWs was previously suffered irreparable den- ditions, veterans living in ployees that the Veterans veterans, more than a spouses and active duty limited to dental problems tal damage while those localities remote from VA hired third of the total for all military personnel. The rated as service con- held prisoner for six mon- health care facilities may new ths or more are con- be authorized treatment

--veterans with comween former POWs held For this reason they are pensable service con---veterans who apply

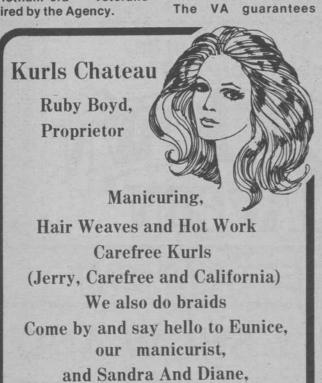
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