

appointment of Doctor Emanuele Mannarino as Director of Spinal Cord Injury Services. The new director has taken steps to develop a program of medical care and rehabilitation, for the veteran with a spinal cord injury, which will again reach the high level of care which was truly "second to none" immediately after World War II.

As he continues development of such a program, we urge this committee to support adequate appropriations for its fulfillment. These costs can truly be considered as continuing costs of war. I am sure we are all aware of the valid reasons for the strong support of such a program for those who have suffered such a catastrophic disability in the service of their country.

I can assure you in the matter of treatment and care for veterans afflicted with spinal cord disorder, a positive program by the Veterans' Administration will receive our full support.

COMPENSATION

The Paralyzed Veterans of America concur with the Veterans' Advisory Commission in the need for an increase in the compensation rate payable to the service-connected disabled veteran. The pilot study conducted indicated that most totally disabled veterans do not have the capacity to earn a living.

We strongly urge an adequate increase in the compensation rates, including the statutory award payable to the totally and permanently disabled veteran.

The rising wage rates coupled with the shortage of people who are willing to serve as attendants for the totally and permanently disabled veteran clearly indicates the need for a substantial increase in the aid and attendance allowance.

From the military crises which have occurred during the past year, and it appears there may be no end in the near future, our military forces are ever exposed to extra-hazardous service. It is becoming more obvious that the differentiation of wartime and peacetime compensation is archaic and obsolete.

We urge that this prejudicial treatment of some of our veterans be corrected by the enactment of legislation which will bring parity to veterans' compensation and pension benefits.

There is vital need for legislation on behalf of the newly injured in the field of compensation for his seriously disabling condition. During the years which our organization has administered a service program, we have handled several heartbreaking cases. They involved the newly injured veteran who was transferred from a military hospital.

Because it takes so much time to get his discharge from the military, and his eligibility established by the Veterans' Administration, many months may expire before he can receive any income. This lapse in income is extremely critical to the young family man who has no other means of income to support his family. Surely there must be some means of overcoming this problem administratively or legislatively.

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