

Attention all Program Report preparers:

Effective with the information received today from Washington, the following changes are effective with this notice:

1. Mileage calculations for using your (or an assigned) vehicle for transporting vets to a medical facility or a Doctor's office, visiting patients in the hospital or nursing home, or any similar medical facility, and for attending the final medical stop, a funeral, the rate applied (which on the new form must be calculated manually, so don't enter mileage for such trips into the form or it will use the \$.14 rate automatically) is \$.27 per mile driven both ways (to and from the appointment). Calculate manually.
2. Please use this new amount on all future reports, and help me spread the word? Also, I will be going back through all reports on file and re-figuring mileage on such trips to bring them up-to-date.
3. The rate for all other volunteer use of a vehicle has not been increased from the current \$.14 per mile. That amount is governed by a Senate Statute, while the others are not. There is, however, an ammendment proposed to change the IRS Code of 1986, and before the Congress to change the Statute to allow the charitable volunteer rates to be changed to standard mileage rates established for business purposes (which is currently \$.52 per mile). Keep your fingers crossed it will be passed soon?
4. I have coordinated this information with the State QM and we agree with the interpretation of the wording in the existing Statute. **We are assuming nothing!! It says what it says, so we're going with that for now.**

**Please help me get the word out to all the Post's and Auxiliaries across the State so everyone benefits from this information.
Thank you, CB Deal VFW State Comm. Service Chairman**