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**OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

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Senate Tax Committee: Room # 2135

AB 533:

For the Record, I am Chuck Fulkerson, Director, Office of Veterans Services

I speak to Pages 4 thru 12, Sections 7 thru 12.3 and other sections

Monies donated by Veterans thru property tax exemption is understood to be used by the Nursing Home to purchase items not available thru the General Fund. Presently these monies are required to be deposited in the Nursing Home operating account. Any unobligated funds revert to the General Fund at Fiscal year end. Depositing these funds in the Nursing Home Gift account would allow unobligated funds to rollover at Fiscal Year end. This would allow the accumulation of funds for the purchase of large ticket items such as, Large Screen Flat TV screen for use in the Town Hall, or additional ADA equipped vans for transporting residents to off-site medical appointments and recreational off-site outings.

Page 4, Section 7 and other sections: Deleting the Wartime service periods.

*The periods of service now authorized tax exemption is set to periods of major armed conflict since World War II. I submit that since 1946 there has not been a day gone by that a member of the US Armed Forces, somewhere, some how has not been subjected to armed conflict. The troops were deployed in harms way could have been shoot at. A few examples of troops actually being shot at during times that are not presently covered are:*

*1920's US Army troops guarding trains in Russia*

*1930's U.S. Marine Corps in Central America*

*1946-1950: US Army Advisors to Republic of Korea Armed forces*

*1946-1989: US Army patrolling the Iron Curtain, US Air Force patrolling air lanes to Berlin in Europe and U.S. Navy facing off ships and submarines on a global basis:*

*1953-to present: US Army Troops on the Korean Demilitarized Zone:*

*1980's: US Armed Forces in Panama & Grenada;*