

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of fiscal year 2008 was signed by President Bush on January 28, 2008. This Act extends the period of enrollment for healthcare eligibility provided a veteran who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 (commonly referred to as combat veterans of OEF/OIF) as follows:

- \* Currently enrolled combat veterans will have their enhanced enrollment period automatically extended to 5 years from their most recent date of discharge.
- \* New enrollees discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003 are eligible for this enhanced enrollment health benefit for 5 years after their most recent date of discharge from active duty.
- \* Combat Veterans who never enrolled and were discharged from active duty between November 11, 1998 and January 27, 2003 may apply for enhanced enrollment opportunity through January 27, 2011.

NOTE: Combat Veterans who applied for enrollment after January 16, 2003, but were not accepted for enrollment based on the application being outside the previous post-discharge two year window will be automatically reviewed and notified of the enrollment decision under this new authority, OR if you want to be more proactive apply at the Mills County Veterans Affairs Office, 106 Central, Room 102, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm M-F, call 527-5621.