

## VETERANS' NEWS AND NOTES

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—V-A—THERE ARE A HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS IN AMERICA—BUT THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY LEFT IN THE DARK. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, V-A HAS RESIDENTIAL AND OUTPATIENT CENTERS WHERE VETERANS CAN LEARN TO LEAD MORE INDEPENDENT, PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THESE PEOPLE, THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION—B-V-A—WORKS WITH V-A TO KEEP THE PLACES UP TO PAR. THE ORGANIZATION'S TRAINING COORDINATOR, WADE DAVIS, CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE AND INDIVIDUALIZED REVIEWS OF EACH PROGRAM. HE MEETS WITH THE STAFF AND VETERANS INVOLVED TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND SUCCESSFUL PROCEDURES AND MAKE SURE EACH FACILITY HAS THE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IT NEEDS. THIS IS JUST ONE WAY B-V-A FULFILLS THE MISSION IT'S PURSUED SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO: TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF BLINDED VETERANS SO THEY MAY TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY. B-V-A PROVIDES FREE SERVICES TO ALL BLINDED VETERANS, MEMBERS OR NOT. TO LEARN MORE, CALL (800) 6-6-9--7-0-7-9 OR VISIT B-V-A--DOT--ORG.