

# The Dragons Jaw



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On March 10<sup>th</sup> "Kiwanis Radio Day" our Public Relations man Dean Morgan set up a radio interview on **WEBO 1330** for us to discuss our chapter goals, functions and Veterans Affairs. I was in great company, to my left is Jack Howey newly appointed Director of Tioga County Veterans Center in Owego who is a Korean War vet. To my right is Lew Sauerbrey former Director of the Tioga County Boys & Girls Club who interviewed us and made it a lot easier! Lew is a US Air Force Vietnam Veteran.



**In uniform our Chapter Secretary Rick Deubler, Lew Sauerbrey, Me, Jack Howey and Dean Morgan**

### VA INFORMATION

If you have a VA Disability rating of 10% or more you are eligible to receive Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses at the VA Hospital. However, in certain circumstances you may still be eligible without a disability rating.

#### **Aid and Attendance Benefit!**

The Veterans' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. This Special Pension allows for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, undressing or taking care of the needs of nature to receive additional monetary benefits. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisted living facility also qualifies. Many families overlook this most important benefit for Veterans or surviving spouses who need additional monies to help care for ailing parents or loved ones. This is a "pension benefit" and is not dependent upon service-related injuries for compensation. Most Veterans who are in need of assistance qualify for this pension. Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, nursing home or assisted living facility. A Veteran is eligible for up to \$1,470 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$945 per month. A couple is eligible for up to \$1,743 per month\*. For more info go to:

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/docs/aid-and-attendance.doc>

