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**URGENT NOTICE – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

THE LOTTERY FUNDING FOR VETERAN APPLICATION EXPIRES IN ONE MONTHS TIME.

I am writing to you on behalf of World War II veterans who, due to a lack of advertising, may not have been aware that in 2011 financial grants, Heroes Return II, were available from the Big Lottery Fund to enable veterans to pay a visit of remembrance to the theatre of war that they were involved in.

Veterans, male or female, widows, and widowers of veterans, can all apply. The offer also extends to Merchant Seamen, as well as WAAF's and ATS who worked closely with active personnel.

It appears that the number of veterans claiming these grants were far less than anticipated resulting in these grants being extended to January 31st 2012. It would be extremely helpful if you can find time to make these details known so that veterans, who will now be aged 80 and over, may still take advantage of these grants and plan a visit.

The grants range from £150 to cover travel and accommodation for veteran, spouse and carer, within the UK, £1,300 to Northern Europe and £5,500 to the Far East.

As I have received a grant for a visit I made last December, I would be more than willing to advise any of your readers on how and where to claim.

It would also be most helpful, and if you have time and space, to reproduce this letter on various noticeboards.

I was motivated to write to you because I recently received 4 enquiries from one particular Police station. Naturally the enquiries were from serving officers (Sons daughters and Grandchildren) of former veterans.

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