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Your love and support
are my motivation and inspiration

To My Sons, Michael, Nick and Chris

-and-

In memory of my son, Jimmy

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Your Rights as a Tenant
Your Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act
You've Been Fired: Your Rights and Remedies

INTRODUCTION

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" - Abraham Lincoln.

This is the mission of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and today applies to this nation's 24 million veterans, both male and female, who have served this country.

Veterans of the United States armed forces are eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This Almanac sets forth those rights and benefits afforded the nation's military veterans, including health care, education and vocational rehabilitation, compensation and pension benefits, home financing, life insurance, and burial and survivor benefits. The benefits available to the dependents and survivors of military veterans is also discussed. The role of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in coordinating and administering these benefits is also explored. In addition, protections afforded a member of the armed forces under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) are also examined.

The Appendix provides resource directories, statutes, sample forms, and other pertinent information and data. The Glossary contains definitions of many of the terms used throughout the Almanac.

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