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HENNESSY NAMED V.A. CONSULTANT



Charles A. Hennessy, former President of OALMA (now the American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association) has been appointed a National VA Consultant in Prosthetics.

In announcing his appointment, Dr. Robert A. Stewart, Director of the VA Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, said it is planned to have Mr. Hennessy visit each Field Station having a designated Orthopedic appliance clinic team. On these visits he will observe the regular meeting of the Clinic on the first day, and will conduct a Prosthetics Seminar Station on the second day of his visit. As consultant, Mr. Hennessy will cover any special prosthetic problems noted or known to have existed at the station, in his Prosthetic Seminar.

As a part of his duties Mr. Hennessy will also visit local limb and brace facilities during the course of his trips to field stations. He will assist these local facilities on any technical problems in prosthetics, the materials presently taught in the various universities, and the new techniques and devices under development. Mr. Hennessy is the founder and President of the Peerless Artificial Limb Co., a certified facility in Los Angeles. He served as President in 1956-1957 of the Orthopedic Appliance and Limb Manufacturers Association (OALMA), now known as The American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association. Currently he is completing his term on the American Board for Certification, and is chairman of its Committee on Ethical Practices.

Mr. Hennessy played a prominent role the past four years in the teaching program in prosthetics at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is now consultant and teacher in the Northwestern University Prosthetics course, and in the Berkeley, California, Lower Extremity Program.

Though a comparatively young man, Mr. Hennessy has many years of experience in prosthetics. His colleagues in Southern California elected him President of the Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists. He is well known in Mexican prosthetic circles and was Program Chairman for the OALMA-AOPA Technical session. This was held in cooperation with the Mexican Rehabilitation Association at Tlalpan, Mexico, in October of 1959.