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## **Commander: VA “has a long ways to go”**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 10, 2015) – American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett expressed frustration Wednesday after a congressional hearing that addressed accountability issues in the Department of Veterans Affairs in the aftermath of relocation compensation paid to executives implicated in a VA Inspector General’s report last month.

“Our veterans are looking for accountability at every echelon of the Department of Veterans Affairs,” Barnett said after **Wednesday’s** hearing. “American taxpayers want to give veterans the best health care possible for veterans. However, they expect VA to be fully accountable to provide that care without waste, fraud or abuse of government funds. It appears that VA has a long ways to go before achieving this mission.”

The 2.2 million member American Legion is the nation’s largest veterans service organization.