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2001 NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CONFERENCE

This Bulletin is in reference to plans for the 2001 National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference to be held March 11-14, 2001.

The Seminar for Department Service Officers and Rehabilitation Directors will be in session at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 11 in the Capitol Room, Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference will open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 12 in Columbia A&B. The session will run the entire day during which time the Conferees will hear from the National Commander, National President of the Auxiliary, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, other VA officials, and a Member of Congress.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Legislative Rally will take place starting at 9:00 a.m.

Attached is a copy of the Conference Program.

JAMES R. FISCHL, Director
National Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation Commission

Attachment

PROGRAM FOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
REHABILITATION CONFERENCE
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL ON CAPITOL HILL
COLUMBIA A&B
MARCH 12, 2001

Monday, March 12, 2001

9:00 a.m. - **OPENING SESSION** of the 78th National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference
Thomas P. Cadmus (MI), Chairman
National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Presiding

INVOCATION – Dr. Calvin C. Turpin (CA), National Chaplain

ROLL CALL - Philip Wilkerson (MD)
VA&R Deputy Manager, Operations and Training

OPENING REMARKS
Thomas P. Cadmus

9:20 a.m. - **GREETINGS**
Ray Smith (NC)
National Commander

PRESENTATION OF VAVS WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD to
Mr. Alfred Kohler (NC), American Legion Volunteer
Asheville VAMC, Asheville, NC

9:30 a.m. - **REMARKS** - The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs

10:00 a.m. - **REMARKS** – Honorable Lane Evans
Ranking Member
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

10:30 a.m. - **REMARKS** - Mr. Roger R. Rapp
Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

11:00 a.m. - **REMARKS** - Mr. E. Dane Clark, Chairman
Board of Veterans Appeals
Department of Veterans Affairs

11:30 a.m. - **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. - **CALL TO ORDER**
Michael C. D'Arco (NM), Vice Chairman
National Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation Commission Presiding

REMARKS - Mr. Patrick Nappi
Deputy Under Secretary for Operations
Veterans Benefits Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

1:30 p.m. - **REMARKS** – Mr. Alan P. Brownstein
President & CEO
American Liver Foundation

2:00 p.m. - **GREETINGS AND REMARKS**
Mrs. Kristine S. West (NH)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Elsie E. Bailey (NJ)
Chairperson
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

2:15 p.m. **REMARKS** – The Honorable Thomas L. Garthwaite, MD
Under Secretary for Health
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

3:15 p.m. - **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Adjournment