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2002 NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CONFERENCE

This Bulletin is in reference to plans for the 2002 National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference to be held March 10-13, 2001.

The Seminar for Department Service Officers and Rehabilitation Directors will be in session at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 10 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 11 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 12, 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 11, 2002

Monday, March 11, 2002

9:00 a.m. - **OPENING SESSION** of the 79th National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference
Thomas P. Cadmus (MI), Chairman
National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Presiding

INVOCATION – Dr. David F. Russell (VA) National Chaplain

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

OPENING REMARKS
Thomas P. Cadmus

9:20 a.m. - **GREETINGS**
Richard J. Santos (MD)
National Commander

PRESENTATION OF VAVS WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD to
John A. Grill (MD), American Legion Volunteer
Baltimore VAMC, Baltimore, MD

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

10:00 a.m. - **REMARKS**
The Honorable Constance Morella
United States House of Representatives
8th District (R-MD)

10:30 a.m. - **REMARKS**
The Honorable Robin L. Higgins
Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

11:00 a.m. - **REMARKS**
The Honorable 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
Ron Henke
Director
Compensation and Pension Services
Department of Veterans Affairs

1:30 p.m. - **REMARKS**
R. Keith Pedigo
Director
Loan Guaranty Service
Department of Veteran Affairs

2:00 p.m. - **GREETINGS AND REMARKS**
Sherry McLaughlin (IA)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

Katherine Morris (TX)
Chairperson
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

2:15 p.m. **REMARKS** – The Honorable
Frances M. Murphy, MD
Deputy Under Secretary for Health
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

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