

# **VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION**

## **Site Visit Summaries**

- Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL
  - San Antonio, TX

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## **Tampa/St. Petersburg**

### **VA Locations of site visit:**

#### **St. Petersburg Regional Office**

- Claims Development
- Ratings (PTSD, neurological, &  
musculoskeletal)
- Appeals
- Awards/Notifications
- VR&E
- VSOs

## **Tampa/St. Petersburg**

### **Town Hall Meeting:**

- 200 Attendees
- Over 30 Presenters

### **Commission Meeting**

- VHA Polytrauma Briefing
- CNA & IOM updates
- Public Comments

## **Tampa/St. Petersburg**

### **VA Locations of site visit (continued):**

- **Bay Pines Health Care System**
  - C&P Examiners
  - Seamless Transition
  - Blast Injury Outpatient Tour
  
- **James A. Haley (Tampa) Medical Center**
  - C&P Examiners
  - Seamless Transition
  - Polytrauma & SCI Center Tour

## **Tampa/St. Petersburg**

### **DOD locations of site visit:**

- **MacDill Air Force Base**
  - TAP/DTAP
  - BDD
  - Casualty Assistance
  - MEB/PEB Process
  
- **Plant City Army Community Based Health Care Organization (at MacDill)**

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### Facilities Visited and Activities Briefed:

Day One (Monday)

- **Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital of the South Texas Health Care System**
  - Briefing from VAMC Director – Mr. Coronado
  - Briefing from VARO Director – Ms. Henderson
  - VAMC C&P Exams
  - Seamless Transition discussion
  - Transition Assistance Program (TAP)/Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP)/Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)
  
- **VA Benefits Office @ Frank J. Tejada Clinic**
  - VR&E
  - Ratings
  - Claims Development
  - VSOs

# San Antonio, TX

## Facilities Visited and Activities Briefed:

Day One (Monday) continued

### QTC Management Inc. offices

- C&P exam receipt and scheduling tour/briefing
- Met C&P examiners

### Town Hall Meeting at the Gonzalez Convention Center:

- 181 attendees (included local VA, DoD and VSO representatives)
- 22 presenters

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## DOD Facilities Visited and Activities Briefed:

Day Two (Tuesday)

### **Brooke Army Medical Center** (at Ft. Sam Houston)

- Command briefing
- Briefing on the Center for the Intrepid
- Met with Case Managers
- Met with USMC and USN medical hold patients
- Briefing on Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visited Amputee Care Center (met with patients and families)
- Visited Burn Center (met with patients and families)
- Visited Soldier and Family Assistance Center

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## **DOD Facilities Visited and Activities Briefed:**

Day Three (Wednesday)

### **Lackland Air Force Base**

- Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) briefing/discussion
- Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) briefing/discussion
- Met with PEB Evaluatees
- PEB Counsel briefing/discussion
- VSO representative briefing/discussion

## **Future Site Visits**

- **Chicago – April 11-13, 2006**
- **St. Louis – May 8-11, 2006**
- **San Diego – June 5-7, 2006**
- **Seattle – July**
- **Boston – August 2-4, 2006**
- **Atlanta – September 5-7, 2006**

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