

VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION

Public Meeting
May 9-10, 2005 - [Agenda](#)

Monday, May 9, 2005

**Opening Remarks by Chairman Scott and Comments by
Commission Members**

Remarks by VA Deputy Secretary
The Honorable Gordon H. Mansfield

Federal Advisory Committee Responsibilities
Mr. Phil Riggin, VA Committee Management Officer

Commission Ethics Responsibilities
Mr. James Adams, VA Deputy Assistant General Counsel
[Presentation](#)

VA Disability Compensation & Related Programs
Ms. Renee Szybala, Director, Compensation & Pension Service,
Veterans Benefits Administration
[Presentation](#)

Briefing on Legislative History and Literature Review
Mr. George Kettner, President, Economic Systems Inc.
[Presentation](#)

Military Retirement and Survivors Benefits
The Honorable David S. C. Chu, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
[Presentation](#)

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Opening Remarks by Chairman Scott

Address by Senator Daniel K. Akaka

Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

[Statement](#)

GAO Briefing on Past Studies and Recommended Scope of Analysis

Mr. Bob Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, & Income Security, Government Accountability Office

[Presentation](#)

Social Security Programs and Their Relationships to VA/DoD Disability and Survivors Programs,

Mr. Glenn Sklar, Associate Commissioner for Disability Programs

Mr. Barry Eigen, Social Security Policy Officer

[Presentation](#)

Social Security: Future Direction

Ms. Dorcas Hardy, Member, Social Security Advisory Board

[Statement](#)

Ms. Mary Ellen McCarthy, speaking for **Congressman Lane Evans**, Ranking Democratic Member, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Presumption of Exposure to Agent Orange for Vietnam Veterans

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Panel of Veterans Service Organizations

- DAV: Mr. Randy Reese, DAV National Service Director
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- VFW: Mr. Bill Bradshaw, Director, National Veterans Service
[Statement](#)

- The American Legion: Mr. Steve Smithson, Deputy Director for Claims Services
[Statement](#)
- PVA: Mr. John Bollinger, Deputy Executive Director
- AMVETS: Mr. Jim Doran, National Service Director
[Statement](#)
- Gold Star Wives: Ms. Rose Lee, Former President/Chair, Legislative Committee
[Statement](#)

Panel of Military Associations

- MOAA: Mr. Robert Norton, Deputy Director, Government Relations
[Statement](#)
- The Retired Enlisted Association: Ms. Deirdre Parke Holleman, National Legislative Director
[Statement](#)
- National Military Family Association: Ms. Debbie Fryar, Deputy Director of Government Relations
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- National Association for Uniformed Services: Mr. Mike Plumer, National Military & Veterans Benefits Advisor
[Statement](#)
- Air Force Association: Mr. Ken Goss, Director of Legislative Affairs
[Statement](#)
- Association of the US Army: Mr. William B. Loper, Director of Government Affairs
[Statement](#)