

VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION

Site Visit Summaries:

Seattle, WA – July 18-20, 2006

Commissioners Cassidy, Jordan, Surratt

Boston, MA – August 2-4, 2006

Commissioners McGinn, Wynn, Carroll

September 14, 2006

Seattle – VA Locations

VA Puget Sound Health Care System:

- Key VHA Leadership
- Washington Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Governor's Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee
 - Washington Veterans Legislative Coalition
 - Transition, Outreach & Family Days Partnership
- Center of Excellence for Limb Loss Prevention & Prosthetic Engineering
- Level II Poly-Trauma Rehabilitation Center
- Spinal Cord Injury Center

Seattle – VA Locations

Seattle VA Regional Office:

- VBA Regional Office Leadership
- Tour of the Service Center
- Claims Development
- Ratings Appeals
- Awards/Notifications
- BDD & TAP/DTAP
- OIF/OEF Coordinator
- VSOs
- QTC
- Vet Center

Seattle – DOD Location

Ft. Lewis & Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)

- Western Regional Medical Command & MAMC Leadership
- VA-DOD Bidirectional Health Information Exchange (Demonstration Project)
- MEB/PEB Process
- Military Severely Injured Center Counselor Advocates
- Health Outcomes & Case Managers
- Wounded Service Members/Med Holdover Soldiers
- Medical Sharing with McChord AFB
- Casualty Assistance

Seattle – Town Hall Meeting

La Quinta Inn & Suites Tacoma

- **185 Attendees**
- **31 Presenters (with 2 who declined to speak)**
- **3 Written Statements for the Record**

Boston

VA locations of site visit

- Regional Office
 - Claims Development
 - Ratings/Appeals
 - Awards/Notifications
 - OIF/OEF Coordinators
 - VR&E
 - VSOs

Boston

- **Jamaica Plain VAMC**
 - **Hospital Director**
 - **C&P Examiners**
- **National Center for PTSD**
- **Women's Science Division**

Boston

DOD Locations of site visit:

- **Hanscom Air Force Base**
 - TAP
 - MEB/PEB
 - Casualty Affairs
 - CBHCO
 - Injured Soldier Panel

St. Louis

Town Hall Meeting:

Millennium Bostonian Hotel –
downtown Boston

- 30 Attendees (MA, ME, CT, RI, NY)
- 15 Presenters

Future Site Visits

- **Atlanta – September 5-7, 2006**

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