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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**September 9, 2014****VA Encourages Veterans to Attend “Town Hall”**

Veterans and their families and survivors in the Las Vegas, NV area are invited to participate in a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) town hall discussion to hear the latest on VA programs and provide their own feedback on benefits and services provided by VA.

The VA’s Reno Regional Office is inviting public participation at the September 16, 2014 town hall to be held at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, 6900 North Pecos Road, North Las Vegas, NV at 12:00pm. The meeting is open to all members of the public, including Congressional stakeholders, Veterans Service Organizations, state and local governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other community partners.

The town hall is one of many being held around the country. New VA Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald announced the town hall meetings to improve communications with, and hear directly from, Veterans nationwide as an important step toward improving the delivery of benefits and services and rebuilding trust among all those VA serves.

The Reno Regional Office is one of 56 around the country which provides a wide array of financial benefits to eligible Veterans and their families, such as disability compensation for service-related injuries or illnesses, income-based pension for wartime Veterans and their survivors, education, vocational rehabilitation and employment, home loan, and life insurance benefits.

All VA medical care facilities around the country are hosting similar events.

VA welcomes frank and open discussion of Veterans’ concerns in all VA program areas. Following the town hall, regional office officials will brief VA’s leaders on the input received and suggestions for improvements.

Claims representatives will be on hand to assist Veterans personally after the town hall with questions or issues related to their individual claims. VA representatives will also be available to assist Veterans in enrolling eBenefits, www.ebenefits.va.gov, the VA and Department of Defense online web portal with over 55 self-service options that allow users to learn about VA benefits and file claims online.

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