

MEMORANDUM

TO: National Officers
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National Interim Legislative Committee
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Hospital Service Coordinators
State Directors of Veterans' Affairs

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SUBJ: Open Letter of Appreciation to Veterans Health Administration Employees

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The recent scandal over living conditions for injured troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and reports of maintenance problems at some Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities have cast a shadow over military and VA medical care. But the dedicated men and women at VA continue to do their utmost, often under difficult conditions, to care for our nation's sick and disabled veterans. Attached is an open letter from National Commander Bradley S. Barton to Veterans Health Administration employees assuring them of our support and appreciation for all that they do to honor America's commitment to veterans.

I encourage you to give the attached letter the widest distribution within your Departments and Chapters. Also, please take the opportunity to personally express your deep appreciation to VA medical center staff and employees in your communities and assure them of our support in these uncertain times.



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