



**Department of Veterans Affairs  
 CARES Commission  
 Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services**

**August 28, 2003  
 Coatesville Hearing – VISN 4  
 Panel Members**

<p><b>Opening Remarks –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman Alvarez</li> <li>• Commissioner Richard Pell, Hearing Chair</li> <li>• Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. James Porreca</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski, U. S. House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawrence Biro, Network Director</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. John Katz, American Legion</li> <li>• Mr. David Parkinson, Paralyzed Veterans of America</li> <li>• Mr. James E. Uckele, Disabled American Veterans</li> <li>• Mr. Norm Sooy, Director of Veterans Affairs, Camden County, New Jersey</li> <li>• Ms. Laura G. Schwanger, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsha Four, Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service &amp; Education Center</li> <li>• Col. Emil H. Philibosian, New Jersey’s Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs (<i>unable to attend</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rena Barnett, President PSNA/SEIU, Wilmington Chapter</li> <li>• Ms. Peg Winters, President AFGE Local 1966                      (<i>on behalf of Curtis Jackson, President AFGE, Highland Drive Division, Pittsburgh Healthcare System</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kevin Grigsby, College of Medicine, Pennsylvania State University</li> <li>• Dean George E. Downs, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (<i>unable to attend</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panel 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Joseph Capozzolo, Mayor, Bangor, Pennsylvania</li> </ul>
<p><b>Congressional Letters and Testimony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Letter from Senator Joseph R. Biden, Senator Thomas R. Carper, and Congressman Michael N. Castle</li> <li>• Joint Letter from Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo and Chairman Christopher Smith, House Committee on Veterans Affairs</li> <li>• Congressman Robert E. Andrews</li> <li>• Congressman Alan B. Mollohan</li> </ul>