

SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
DENVER HEARING (VISN 19)
PANEL OF WITNESSES

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE – Mr. Richard M. Throckmorton (WW II POW)
OPENING REMARKS – COMMISSIONER FERGUSON

1:00 PM

PANEL #1

Ms. Laura Lewis from the Office of Senator Craig Thomas of Wyoming
Mr. Bill Kottenstette from the Office of Congressman Bob Beauprez of Colorado
(No Written Statement Provided)
Mr. Mike Henderson from the Office of Congressman Jim Gibbons of Nevada
(No Written Statement Provided)

PANEL #2

Ken Maffet MD, Acting Network Director, VA Rocky Mountain Network (19),
accompanied by:
Leigh Anderson, MD, Acting Chief Medical Officer, VA Rocky Mountain Network
Ed Thorsland, Director, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System
David M. Kilpatrick MD Director, VA Medical Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming
James Floyd, Director, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System
Kurt Schlegelmilch, Director, VA Medical Center, Grand Junction, CO
Steve Crump, CARES Planner, VA Rocky Mountain Network

PANEL #3

Mr. Bill Conroy, Paralyzed Veterans of America
Mr. Bob Craft, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mr. Don Ewing, Veterans Affairs Commission, Wyoming
Mr. Rob. E. Lougee, Disabled American Veterans
Mr. Terry Schow, Director, Division of Veterans Affairs, Utah
Mr. Todd White, The American Legion

PANEL #4

Mr. Everett Johnston, AFGE President, Denver
Ms. Nancy Jones, AFGE President, Salt Lake City
Mr. Scott MacKenzie, AFGE Liaison Network 19, and AFGE Local President, Cheyenne

PANEL #5

Dr. Lorris Betz, Dean School of Medicine, University of Utah
Dr. James Shore, Chancellor, University of Colorado HSC *(No Written Statement Provided)*

PANEL #6

Dr. Dennis Brimhall, President and CEO University of Colorado Hospital
COL. James Malenkos, USAF, Deputy Command Surgeon AFSPC/SG
Mr. David McIntyre, President and CEO Triwest Health Care Alliance
(No Written Statement Provided)
Lt. COL. Danny Seanger, USAF, Buckley AFB
Lt. COL. Bruce Allen, ASA, TriCare Central Region,
(Unable to Attend, No Written Statement Provided)

CONGRESSIONAL AND GUBERNATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Henry Reid of Nevada

Congressman Tom Osborne of Nebraska

Congressman Jon C. Porter of Nevada

Governor Kenny C. Guinn of Nevada