

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2003
ORLANDO HEARING (VISN 8)
WITNESS LIST

9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. William Coleman, WWII Veteran

OPENING REMARKS: Chairman Alvarez

PANEL #1

The Honorable Ric Keller, US House of Representatives

PANEL #2

Dr. Elwood J. Headley, Network Director VISN 8

Ms. Charlene Koonce, Strategic Planner

Mr. Fred L. Malphurs, Director, NF/SG VHS

Mr. Steve Lucas, Director, Miami VAMC

Dr. Rafael Ramirez-Gonzalez, Director, San Juan VAMC

Mr. Ed Seiler, Director, West Palm, VAMC

Mr. Smith Jenkins, Director, Bay Pines, VAMC

Mr. Richard Silver, Director, Tampa VAMC

Ms. Nancy Reissener, Chief Operating Officer, VISN 8

PANEL #3

Dr. Peter Fabri, University of South Florida

(no written testimony provided)

Mr. Richard Crotty, Chairman, Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

(no written testimony provided)

Ms. Mary Kay Hollinsworth, Financial Manager Columbia County

The Honorable Ray Kirkland, Mayor, Lake City

Mr. Ron Williams, Chairman, Columbia County Board of Commissioners

Congressman Ander Crenshaw represented by Ms. Jacquelyn Smith, District Director

Senator Bill Nelson represented by Mr. Jeff Scarpiello, Constituent Advocate Veterans Outreach

Mr. Paul G. Hay, Veterans Celebration Convention/Reunion Planning Services

(no written testimony provided)

PANEL #4

Mr. Rocky McPherson, Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Phil Youngblood, Georgia Department of Veterans Services

PANEL #5

Mr. Harold Copeland, Paralyzed Veterans of America

Mr. Murray Marcus, Disabled American Veterans

(no written testimony provided)

Mr. Keneth A. Thie, Department Service Officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mr. Mike Dixon, Central Florida Veterans Associations

(no written testimony provided)

Mr. Bill Coleman, President, Central Florida Veterans Association

(no written testimony provided)

Mr. Reggie Beverly, Department Commander, The American Legion of Florida

Mr. Albert H. Linden, Jr., Disabled American Veterans of Florida

Mr. Dave McMichael, Vietnam Veterans of America

Mr. Terry N. King, Blinded Veterans Association *(unable to attend)*

PANEL #6

Ms. Joyce Griffin, Florida Nurse Association

Mr. Fred Brittain, President AFGE Local 1976

Mr. Jody Anderson, President AFGE Local 2279

(no written testimony provided)

Mr. Jeffrey J. Shapiro, President AFGE Local 1453

(unable to attend)

CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS

Congressman Cliff Stearns

Congressman John L. Mica

Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite