

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

AUGUST 20, 2003
POPLAR BLUFF HEARING (VISN 15)
WITNESS LIST

9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Little, Veterans Service Representative with the St. Louis VA Regional Office, Marine Vietnam Veteran, Silver Star Recipient

OPENING REMARKS: Commissioner Raymond Boland

PANEL #1

Peter L. Almenoff, MD, Acting Network Director, VISN 15, accompanied by:

Carlos Escobar, VISN Capital Assets Manager

James E. Sanders, MD, JD, Acting Chief Medical Officer VISN 15

Nancy Arnold, Director, John J. Pershing VAMC

Linda Kurz, Director, Cochran & Jefferson Barracks

Robert Morrell, Director, VAMC, Marion, Illinois

PANEL #2

Tom Schulte on behalf of Senator Kit Bond (*no written testimony provided*)

Kristie Nitsch on behalf of Congresswoman JoAnn Emerson

Scott Faughn, Mayor, City of Poplar Bluff (*no written testimony provided*)

PANEL #3

Fred Bradley, Paralyzed Veterans of America (*no written testimony provided*)

Joe Frank, The American Legion

Ronald L. Taylor, Executive Director, Missouri Veterans Commission

Alan Gibson, Missouri State Council President, Vietnam Veterans of America

Leonard K. Harris, NSO Supervisor, Disabled American Veterans (*unable to appear*)

PANEL #4

Carol Russo, President, VA Employees Association