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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on veterans' services. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Employment Development Department Auditorium, 722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Through its study, the Commission will examine how the state is addressing the changing needs of California's veteran population and how agencies and organizations are providing services and linking veterans with the federal compensation, benefits and programs to which they are entitled. At this hearing, the Commission will further examine the roles and functions of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the operation of the eight state-run veterans homes, and the role that Veterans Service Organizations and county veterans service officers play in connecting veterans with their services.

The Commission will hear from the secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the chief financial officer for the department's Veterans Homes Division. Following their testimony, the Commission will hear from representatives of the American Legion Department of California and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California regarding the outreach efforts and work of their organizations. Finally, the president of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, who also is San Diego County's county veterans service officer, will discuss the work of service officers in California and across the nation.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Tuesday, April 16, 2013.



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Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Employment Development Department Auditorium
722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

California Department of Veterans Affairs

1. Major General (Retired) Peter Gravett, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
2. Pounh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, California Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Homes Division

Veterans Service Organizations: Fulfilling a Need Through Outreach and Service

3. Scott McKee, Department Service Officer, American Legion Department of California
4. Dean Lee, Assistant State Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California

Counties' Work in California and Across the Nation

5. Tom Splitgerber, President, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, and County Veterans Service Officer, San Diego County

Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Legislative Counsel Conference Room
925 L Street, Lower Level
Sacramento

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-IV at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2013
- II. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from Bureau of State Audits