

** REVISION **

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 10, 2014

PLACE: Texas A&M - Texarkana

CHAIR: Senator Leticia Van de Putte

The hearing will be held at Texas A&M-Texarkana, 7101 University Avenue, Eagle Hall in University Center, Texarkana, TX 75503

**** MEETING CANCELED ****

The VAMI Committee will examine the following charges:

Charge #1 Investigate the impact of federal actions (including the federal government shutdown, sequestration, military force reductions, and potential base closure or realignment) on active-duty service members, the Texas Military Department, veterans, their families, defense-related contractors, small businesses, local governments, and state agencies.

Charge #3 Provide an update on the State Strike Force teams' progress and recommendations on any additional steps necessary to ensure that veterans promptly receive all federal disability benefits to which they are entitled.

In addition to the formal Interim Charges, the VAMI Committee will be looking into recent allegations that the VA has denied health and mental health care and manipulated waiting lists to access care. The Committee will also consider whether or not the state has a role in assisting veterans in Texas with VA health care as it did with the Strike Force Teams for VA disability claims.

The VAMI Committee will hear invited and public testimony.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **