

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
VETERANS TASK FORCE FIELD HEARING

11:00 am - 4:00 pm ET

To view the program live on Facebook click here: <https://www.facebook.com/LegalServicesCorporation>

11:00 am Welcoming Remarks

- ◆ John G. Levi, *Chairman, Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation; Partner, Sidley Austin LLP*
- ◆ Lisa Dewey, *Pro Bono Partner, DLA Piper*

Veterans Task Force Update and Program Overview

- ◆ John Malcolm, *Board Member, Legal Services Corporation; Co-Chair, Veterans Task Force*

Remarks

- ◆ The Honorable Greg Steube (FL-17)

11:45 am Putting it All Together: Coordinated Services Improve Outcomes for Veterans Experiencing Challenges

How Connecticut Veterans Legal Center and the VA Connecticut's Errera Community Care Center partner to improve outcomes for veterans receiving treatment/services.

- ◆ Debbie Deegan, *LCSW/CPRP, Director, VA Connecticut's Errera Community Care Center*
- ◆ Darren Pruslow, *Supervising Attorney, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC)*
- ◆ Dr. David Rosenthal, *Medical Director of the Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team, VA Connecticut; Assistant Professor of General Internal Medicine, Yale Medical School*
- ◆ Moderator: Ronald S. Flagg, *President, Legal Services Corporation*

1:45 pm Building Strong Community Networks for Veterans

Survey of community network models to identify best practices for efficiently and effectively connecting veterans to the services that they need.

- ◆ Francisco "Cisco" Martinez, *Veteran Client of Mission United of Broward County*
- ◆ John Boerstler, *Executive Director, Combined Arms*
- ◆ Nan Heald, *Executive Director, Pine Tree Legal Assistance*
- ◆ Zach Zarnow, *Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network Project Manager, Illinois Equal Justice Foundation*
- ◆ Moderator: Lara Eilhardt, *Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

2:55 pm Separating from the Military and the Policy Implications of "Bad Paper"

Introduction to how the military makes discharge classification decisions, and the policy implications of how those classifications affect veteran access to VA and other benefits.

- ◆ Dana Montalto, *Veterans Legal Clinic, Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School*
- ◆ Major Stephen Stokes, *Staff Judge Advocate, Idaho National Guard*
- ◆ Bryan Thompson, *Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs*
- ◆ Moderator: Stefanie Davis, *Senior Assistant General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation*