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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

On Thursday, March 3, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing to review the California Department of Veteran Affairs and its operation of the veterans homes program. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

At the hearing, the Commission will hear from Dr. Vito Imbasciani, the Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, who will provide an overview of his vision for the department and the veterans home program. Next, three administrators of California veterans homes will share their experiences overseeing facilities and discuss strategies to engage residents, ensure quality care, reimburse costs and plan for the future. The Commission also will hear from the chair of the California Veterans Board who will discuss the role of the board in relation to the veterans homes and reforms that could be established. Finally, the executive director of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board will discuss lessons from Tennessee's experience turning around the veterans homes to become among the best in the nation, at little cost to state taxpayers.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting at 925 L Street, Room 175, in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, February 25, 2016.



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**Public Hearing on CalVet  
Thursday, March 3, 2016  
State Capitol, Room 437  
Sacramento**

**Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.**

## **California Department of Veterans Affairs**

1. Vito Imbasciani, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
2. Coby Petersen, Deputy Secretary, Veterans Homes, California Department of Veterans Affairs

## **California Veterans Home Administrators**

3. Donald Veverka, Administrator, Veterans Home of California, Yountville
4. Lael Hepworth, Administrator, Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista
5. Timothy Bouseman, Administrator, Veterans Home of California, Redding

## **California Veterans Board**

2. Charlene Taylor, Chair, California Veterans Board

## **Tennessee State Veterans Homes**

6. Ed Harries, Executive Director, Tennessee State Veterans Home Board

**Business Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 2016  
925 L Street, Room 175  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**(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). Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.**

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2016
- II. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office