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Hi Connie, can you share this with the Policy Academy?

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Columbia VA Regional Office To Hold**

### **Claims Workshop and Director's Listening Forum**

**Who:** Veterans, their family members, military service members, and the public.

**What:** In partnership with Senator Tim Scott's Job Fair and the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, the Columbia VA Regional Office will hold a Director's Listening Forum and Claims Workshop at the North Charleston Convention Center. This event will provide Veterans with information on the disability claims process and Regional Office staff will be available to assist Veterans filing claims and address questions on pending claims. Media are invited to attend.

**When:** March 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** North Charleston Convention Center, Exhibit Hall B

5000 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418

**Parking:** Easily accessible, free parking, will be available.

*Hosted in partnership with Senator Tim Scott, City of North Charleston, the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, SC Works Trident, Operation Palmetto Employment and numerous area partners and veterans service organizations.*

**Media RSVP:** Media RSVP to [Workshop.VBACMS@va.gov](mailto:Workshop.VBACMS@va.gov) with contact information and affiliation. The Charleston Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center has also created a media RSVP at [Tonya.Lobbestael@va.gov](mailto:Tonya.Lobbestael@va.gov).

**Background:** The Regional Office Director will be available to address Veteran concerns and provide feedback regarding VA operations. The Claims Workshop is an opportunity to learn more about the VA disability compensation process with informational sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. Additional sessions will be held as time permits. Regional Office employees will be available throughout the event to provide individualized claims assistance to Veterans and their families.

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