



# VFW Statement on the State of VA

## 'We need a fully functioning VA, not distractions or self-inflicted headlines'

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**WASHINGTON** — “The news media over the past week has reported on the disingenuous actions of a few political appointees in Washington who are attempting to undermine the support and confidence of America’s veterans in their Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as in the secretary and deputy secretary who lead it,” said Keith Harman, national commander of the 1.7 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary.

“Let there be no mistake that veterans and this Administration can lay claim to a host of successes ranging from increased accountability and transparency to a beefed-up education package and increases in overall funding and patient satisfaction,” he said.

“As reported in the press, the acts of these individuals have become a cancer inside this Administration. They sow doubt, they create turmoil, and their ideological agenda clearly puts outside interests ahead of the care and well-being of millions of wounded, ill and injured veterans. I now call on President Trump to clean house of these distractors. We need a fully functioning VA, not distractions or self-inflicted headlines. That’s what veterans of today and tomorrow expect and definitely deserve.”

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