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The Military Coalition Welcomes Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Bob McDonald, in a Joint Meeting to Discuss the Current Status of VA

Washington D.C. (May 15, 2015) – Today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Bob McDonald, addressed The Military Coalition (TMC), an influential Washington DC based consortium of 32 military and veterans groups, on the priorities at VA and the direction the Department is headed.

“We appreciate Bob McDonald’s continued commitment to transparency and his unprecedented efforts to communicate and receive feedback from veterans and military associations on the status of VA,” said Herb Rosenbleeth, president of TMC and National Executive Director of Jewish War Veterans (JWV).

“The vision and plan for VA that Secretary McDonald communicated to the Coalition today is encouraging and we stand behind him in his effort to put veterans first and to reform the VA.”

The meeting was held at Reserve Officers of America (ROA) headquartered on Capitol Hill. Secretary McDonald gave an update on the status of VA and was followed by an open discussion with coalition members. “It is a privilege to host Secretary Bob McDonald and The Military Coalition at ROA headquarters for such an important discussion,” said MG Jeffrey Phillips, Executive Director, ROA. “We look forward to future opportunities to host TMC discussions impacting our service members, veterans, and family members.”

“TMC is encouraged that the Secretary is committed to transforming the VA while putting the veteran at the center of everything the VA does,” said TMC Veterans Committee Co-Chair Bob Norton, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). “The 32 associations and nearly 6 million members represented by the coalition share the vision of the Secretary of putting the Veteran in control of how, when, and where they wish to be served.”

“The coalition looks forward to continued dialogue with Secretary McDonald and the VA with a shared goal of taking care of those who have sacrificed so much for this great nation,” Norton concluded.

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