



**VA** Defining  
**HEALTH CARE** **EXCELLENCE**  
in the 21st Century

# News Release

For Immediate Release:  
April 7, 2016

Contact: Karla Marshall  
(504) 565-4988  
[karla.marshall@va.gov](mailto:karla.marshall@va.gov)

## VA hosts town hall meeting for Veterans

NEW ORLEANS – The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System and the local Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office will hold a joint town hall meeting April 12 at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Post 24 located at 63349 Highway 10 in Bogalusa, Louisiana, 70427. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

“These meetings are a great way for us to meet with Veterans, learn their concerns and help them get the services and resources they deserve,” said Fernando O. Rivera, SLVHCS medical center director. “Speaking with them face-to-face allows us to build trust with the people we work for; our Veterans.”

“We received valuable feedback from Veterans at our last town hall, and are looking forward to this next opportunity to hear from those we serve,” said Mark Bologna, director of the VA New Orleans Regional Office. “Working closely with VHA every day is a priority, so it only makes sense to reach out to our community of Veterans together.”

Congressional stakeholders, Veteran service organizations, non-governmental organizations and other community partners are welcome to attend.

For more information about Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, visit <http://www.neworleans.va.gov>, go to Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans](http://www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/vaneworleans](http://www.twitter.com/vaneworleans).

-END-