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September 23, 2011

Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Handbook 5011, Hours of Duty and Leave

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

The National VA Council #53 agrees with the changes made to VA Handbook 5011, Hour of Duty and Leave that related to that authorizes employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. §7405 (a)(1)(D) or §7406 to be eligible for military leave and court leave. NVAC understands that employees appointed under §7405 (a)(1)(D) are "other professional", clerical, technical and unskilled personnel (including interns, residents, trainees and students in medical support programs). Employees appointed under §7406 are performing residencies and internships.

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your review and comment is VA Handbook 5011, Hours of Duty and Leave.

This handbook contains mandatory procedures on hours of duty and leave. The pages in this handbook replace the corresponding page numbers in VA Handbook 5011. Revised text is contained in [brackets].

Significant changes include:

- a) Authorizes employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7405(a)(1)(D) or 7406 to be eligible for military leave and court leave. **Note:** Employees appointed under 7405(a)(1)(D) are "other professional, clerical, technical, and unskilled personnel (including interns, residents, trainees, and students in medical support programs). Employees appointed under 7406 are performing residencies and internships.

We intend to implement the revised policy on October 19, 2011. If you would like to bargain or schedule a briefing on this matter, please contact Edson Morales no later than November 2, 2011. Edson can be reached at Edson.Morales@va.gov or (631) 261-4400 extension 2746. Questions regarding this handbook should be addressed to George Miller at (202) 461-7989 or George.Miller@va.gov.

Sincerely yours.

for Leslie Wiggins
Leslie Wiggins
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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