Moran Meets with New Veterans Affairs Secretary

Encourages Strong Support for Kansas Veterans

Congressman Jerry Moran meets General Eric Shinseki, the new Veterans Affairs Secretary, in his Washington, D.C. office.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran recently met with newly-confirmed Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary General Eric Shinseki to discuss the importance of strong VA services for Kansas veterans. General Shinseki was sworn into office in January 2009.

"Providing quality care for our veterans takes top priority," Moran said. "The VA and Congress have a responsibility to work together to make sure veterans and their families receive the health care, benefits and services they deserve. I appreciate General Shinseki's attention to issues important to Kansas veterans and look forward to working with him."

Moran told General Shinseki his top VA priorities this year will be to ensure the implementation of two important bills that were approved in 2008. One is an improved GI Bill to help Iraq and Afghanistan veterans afford an education, and the other is Moran's Rural Veterans Access to Care Act. Under this legislation, Kansas veterans will participate in a demonstration project to obtain health care in their home communities to avoid traveling long distances to Veterans Affairs facilities.

Moran and Shinseki also talked about a number of issues affecting Kansas veterans, including the need for ensuring strong resources for VA medical facilities in Kansas.

Moran is a senior member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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