

## 10/18/2004 Moran to Host Forum to Discuss Veterans Services in South Central Kansas

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Veterans Forum Planned for Hutchinson

HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he will host a public forum designed to give veterans in south central Kansas an opportunity to discuss the delivery of benefits and health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and share their thoughts and concerns. Charles Woolford, Director for the Robert J. Dole VA Regional Office, and Tom Sanders, Director for the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center, will join Moran at the event in early November.

"As the age and number of our veterans increase, so too will their need for benefits and health care services from the VA," Moran said. "This forum will provide veterans in the Hutchinson area with an opportunity to discuss their needs and the challenges they face with the VA Director, who is responsible for their care. Our country owes a tremendous debt to our veterans. By hearing directly from them, we can do a better job of providing veterans with the highest quality of care possible."

This is the fourth such forum on veterans issues hosted by Moran. Previous forums have been held in Salina, Clay Center and Goodland.

The event will be held on Monday, November 1 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Hutchinson at Hansen Auditorium in the Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fair grounds. Members of Moran's staff will be on hand along with caseworkers from the VA to handle any concerns that veterans or their families may have. All area veterans as well as other members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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