



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53
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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Denise A. Biaggi-Ayer, Executive Director
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Handbook 5017 Employee Recognition and Awards

Dear Ms. Biaggi-Ayer:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2, C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VA Handbook 5017 Employee Recognition and Awards as cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee named above with any/all information/data concerning the cited subject above. The negotiations on this subject should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator in this matter receives NVAC's demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions, please call me at (217) 554-4979.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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