



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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

Subject: VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Getting in G.E.A.R. Pilot

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA NCA GEAR Pilot within the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this VHA Directive. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named NVAC 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) 554-4866.

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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