



# Special News Release

## **SPECIAL UPDATE**

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### **Do you – or should you? – CARE about President Elect Trump's Selection of Secretary of Veterans' Affairs?**

If there's a single thing Donald Trump just proved to the world, it's that the voice of the American People CAN be heard, and he's the man to hear it. Consider the way Trump punctuates every single rally with pauses to listen to the audience. Consider how he responds to this or that person, smiling warmly, welcoming the love, but absolutely welcoming the input. Consider how, doing a town hall or a TV talk show like Hannity, when asked a question, Trump so often turns it around and asks the audience what they think – AND THEN LISTENS! Consider how many detractors and attackers upon exiting Trump Tower after meeting him for the first time all comment on the copious questions he asks, and how intently he listens.

We might multiply the examples. But the one example that matters most is that

by showing America he listens, he won the election.

All that is my way of saying, by all means and ABSOLUTELY YES, you SHOULD care about his selection of Secretary of Veterans' Affairs. Clearly, it's the single most important posting, and that's why it's taking so much longer than all the rest. Clearly, it's the most demanding challenge. Nearly impossible. Clearly, it's the most important stain upon America's character. Clearly, it's the one problem that, if we fail to solve it, we'll keep ourselves weak in the face of a world that will NOT tolerate weakness.

Although I have thoughts about who should be selected, I'm honestly NOT qualified myself, personally, to recommend someone, but I know someone who is. His name is Jim Davis, and you'll read his recommendation below. My purpose is NOT to recommend anyone, but rather to urge that you care, and that if you do feel you know who to recommend, you MUST find your voice to speak, to speak boldly and strongly and to be as certain as you can that your voice is heard. I have a thought for you about that.

There are many ways to speak. Social Media is mighty. Letters to editors of News Papers are powerful. Letters and calls to your Congressman and Senator are really, really important. The thing is, time is short now, and if your voice is to be heard, it must be heard NOW. For that, there is – to my observation – one and only one MOST powerful medium: Talk Show Radio...and let's be clear, LOCAL TALK SHOW RADIO. No, NOT the national shows with the famous star hosts, those are often impossible to access. Rather, it is your small, local station, the one where the host often has the line open, hoping someone will call with a topic, that's where the power is.

There are many reasons, but allow me to share just this one. All local talk show hosts are active participants in our society. They all have contacts. They all report up the food chain as to what's going on. Also, especially during the morning commute, talk show radio has greater reach than any other medium in America. It has more listeners than there are readers, and that includes web sites and TV. It is, and likely will remain the most powerful medium of political and social influence in America

Last point. Let's imagine that some of you agree with Jim Davis' recommendation below. Let's imagine you persuade a few others and find your local station, call in, and there's a ground swell around one candidate. My prediction is that just two days of such coordinated and focused effort would make it's presence, it's unstoppably powerful presence known to the Trump Transition Team's decision makers. Your voice will be heard.

And with that, I turn it over to my friend Jim. You can know he knows; his counsel is worth your deepest consideration!

Pasquale Scopelliti

In moving toward the reform of the VA, we should not repeat the mistakes of the past. We do not need any more West Point graduates, failed CEOs or doctors. We need someone who is a veteran but understands how the VA ticks and who has experience with the legislative process. Commander John Wells brings with him an intimate technical knowledge of the VA benefits and health systems as well as a practitioners knowledge of VA law. In the years he has advocated for veterans legislation, he has establish close relations with Members and Senators of both parties and with the VA Committee staff in both chambers. Commander Wells has the knowledge to hit the ground running and start the reforms on day 1. He is the logical choice to make the VA great again.

We need your help to insure we get the right person in this office and you can help by clicking [HERE](#) and sending a message to Trumps Transition Team, and a little further down, you can click there and sign the petition to Donald Trump to consider Commander John B. Wells for the position of Sec VA.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Jim Davis

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## **Appoint Commander John B Wells, USN (Retired), as Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

As you know Veterans-For-Change endorses Commander John B. Wells for Secretary of the VA.

He is a Veteran for Veterans! And will go in and hit the ground running in order to achieve all the goals both he and Veterans nationwide have in order to make the VA a much better Healthcare System.

We now come to you and ask for your support an ask you to click [HERE](#) to sign the petition posted on Change.org!

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## **To Contact your Members of Congress**

To Call your Representative: 202-225-2305

To call your Senator: 202-224-3841 or 202-224-3553

To call different members of Congress: 202-224-3121

Toll FREE Number: 866-272-6622

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## Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1  
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans  
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)  
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

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## Links to Other Stories

- 1) [How to file a Notice of Disagreement on your VA compensation claim](#)
- 2) [Long List of Agent Orange Decisions Awaits VA in 2017](#)
- 3) [Secretary of the VA Position Update](#)
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