



**The American Legion
Department Service Officers School
Combined Schedule
Columbia Club
Stardust Ballroom (10th floor)**



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Optional Evening Session: Basic Training and Questions & Answers Session**

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Opening Remarks**

- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **VA Overpayments & Debt Management
Damien Rossi, Supervisor, Financial Program Specialist, DMC**

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM **Military & VA Records
Kevin Pratt, Assistant Director for Military Records,
National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)**

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM **VHA Clinical Appeals
Tina Hewitt-White, Patient Advocate Manager, Indianapolis VAMC**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Refer to your Track Schedule Sheet**

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **National Association of Department Service Officers (NADSO) Meeting
(Optional)**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Voluntary Session**

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Refer to your Track Schedule
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Refer to your Track Schedule
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	DSO School Reception

Saturday, July 29, 2017

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Refer to your Track Schedule
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Advocacy Test (Combined Track)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Test Review
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Survey Completion/Certificates



**The American Legion
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Track I – Beginner Session
Columbia Club
Stardust Foyer (10th floor)**



Thursday, July 27, 2017

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Code of Procedures (Lakeisha Bracey)
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Compensation Claim Basics (Lakeisha Bracey)
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	Ancillary Benefits (Lakeisha Bracey)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Pension Claim Basics (Lakeisha Bracey)

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8:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Claims Development (Zachary Hearn)
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Medical/Legal Advocacy (Combined Track)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Agent Orange Outside Vietnam (Combined Track)
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Appeals Basics (Zachary Hearn)
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Questions and Answers

Saturday, July 29, 2017

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Hearing Preparation (Zachary Hearn)
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	646 Preparation (Zachary Hearn)
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Advocacy Test (Combined Track)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Refer to your Combined Schedule Sheet



**The American Legion
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Track II – Advance Session
Stardust Ballroom (10th floor)**



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Optional Evening Session: Basic Training and Question & Answer Session**

Thursday, July 27, 2017

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM **Introduction and Overview**

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM **Reimbursement of Non-VA Medical Expenses and the *Staab* Case**

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM **BREAK**

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM **Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance (S-DVI): General Information and Waiver of Premiums**

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM **Failure to Notify and the Finality of VA Decisions: The *Uresti* Case**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Optional Evening Session: Recent Court Decisions You Can Use and Hypotheticals Based on Real Legion/NVLSP Cases**

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **VA Benefits for Injury or Death Caused by VA Health Care (“1151 Claims”) and the *Ollis* case**

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM **New Free NVLSP VA Disability Claims App Demonstration and How It Can Help You**

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Medical/Advocacy Lecture: Unforeseen Events and 1151 Claims
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Proving Exposure to Agent Orange: A Comprehensive Review of the Rules and Advocacy Advice
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Establishing Service Connection through Chronicity & Continuity of Symptomatology

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8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	PTSD and Suicidal Ideation: The <i>Bankhead</i> Case
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	PTSD and TDIU: The <i>Morris</i> Case and Exploring What Constitutes a Reasonably Raised TDIU Claim
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Advocacy Test (Combined Track)
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Refer to your Combined Schedule Sheet