

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS, INC. AND THE AMERICAN VETERANS (AMVETS)

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) proposes an agreement of mutual benefit for and between the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. (NACVSO) and the American Veterans (AMVETS).

This memorandum of understanding shall take effect upon the date of the last signatory of the President of the NACVSO and the National Commander of the AMVETS or their designees.

NACVSO proposes to the AMVETS, that it will provide names of accredited NACVSO members, that have completed TRIP training, to the AMVETS for "cross accreditation".

NACVSO will certify that these members have successfully completed a 32 hour course of instruction and passed a 100 question exam approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Thus attesting to their knowledge of veterans laws and claims submission.

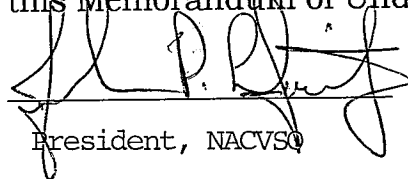
AMVETS will accept and certify to the VA on VA Form 21 submitted to them by NACVSO that these members are requesting to be appointed as accredited representatives of the AMVETS. All requests for accreditation will include a letter of recommendation from the appropriate AMVETS officer listed in Appendix A to this memorandum.

NACVSO will continue to monitor each member to ensure that NACVSO requirements are met to maintain accreditation. NACVSO requires each accredited member complete at a minimum 16 CEU's annually.

AMVETS and NACVSO will ensure that accredited NACVSO members are also members of AMVETS in accordance with Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 14.629(a).

This opportunity will provide the AMVETS with a trained and competent cadre to compliment the AMVETS accredited across the nation that are providing professional veterans advocacy to our nation's veterans. It will also provide a professional advocacy staff in VA Regional Offices for NACVSO members to work with to assist in the submission and development of veterans' claims.

The undersigned, representing their respective organizations, do hereby accept this Memorandum of Understanding.


President, NACVSO

3/31/05
Date


National Service Director

4/6/05
Date