

Good morning, everyone,

Over the past two weeks VFW has had a series of productive discussions with both VA and Congress on the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP). We learned that VA plans to notify 5,000 additional veterans of their eligibility on December 1, and we were also provided significant clarifications on business processes, to include draft regulatory changes for VFW to comment on. This will all culminate with a House VA Committee roundtable to discuss RAMP next week, prior to the Dec. 1 notifications.

Please keep in mind that when we receive the new list of VFW POAs for December, our staff at the BVA will scrub the list and we will provide you with the eligible participants for your office.

All in all, we are in a better position to understand RAMP than we were on November 1. With that in mind. We filmed a short video explaining RAMP to the public, which you can view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUMemL1MDa0&feature=youtu.be>

Please share this video through any channels you deem necessary, such as your Department's social media accounts.

We will be keeping close eye on RAMP and will continue to notify you of key aspects of the program as we learn them. And if you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Ryan