October 8, 2013

Dear Commanders, Presidents and Comrades:

Please forward this invitation to all Veterans Organizations you are in touch with. The Coalition of Veterans Organizations (CVO) is hosting a Veterans’ Organization’s Leadership meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the Montford Point Marine Association, 7011 S. Vincennes in Chicago. We cordially invite you and your leadership team to join us. Each organization will be allowed time to present their calendar announcements; describe your membership challenges and the support that you need.

CVO is comprised of national and grassroots organizations with a mission of advocacy and education regarding full federal funding for VA, homelessness, women veteran issues, presumptive benefits and ending violence.

In addition we are concerned about the stability of veteran organizations. We often hear that many are closing their doors or losing their charters. So how do we effectively support each other? The only answer is by working together on issues that impact all veterans. We want to build a strong foundation of veterans that stand for the rights of all veterans from past wars and ensuring that we can pass the torch to younger veterans to continue our legacy.

We ask each organization to donate $20 (if you have 3 or more members attending to a maximum of 5) or $10 (if you have 1 or 2 members attending) towards the refreshments; coffee, water, breakfast bars, subway, chips etc.

Please RSVP to either of us. We'll send you the agenda when we get your RSVP. We hope all veterans organizations will attend this important meeting.

Rochelle is at 773-895-8015 and vet2crump@gmail.com. Bruce is at 773-320-1859 and Bruce@CoalitionofVets.org to RSVP or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Bruce Parry, Ph.D CVO Chair

Rochelle Crump, Co-Chair