



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, OTHER KEY OFFICIALS, AND FIELD FACILITY DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT: Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Training Conference**

The Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) will hold its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Training Conference from April 30 - May 4, 2012, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead Hotel, Atlanta, GA. The theme for this year's conference is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion."

The FAPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the interests of over 155,000 civilian and military Asian Pacific American employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments.

The FAPAC Annual Conference is a great training opportunity for professional and personal development and is open to Federal employees, with informative workshops in such areas as Interviewing Techniques, Diversity in the Federal Workplace, Navigating the EEO Process, and Veterans and Disability Forums.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) will be conducting a no-cost VA Pre-conference Forum on Monday, April 30, 2012, from 8 a.m. to noon. This Pre-conference Forum is a diversity training opportunity open to all VA employees.


For the first time, ODI has also partnered with the Center for Minority Veterans to conduct VA's Veterans Outreach Forum at FAPAC on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Veterans Outreach Forum will cover the following topics: benefits, compensation, healthcare, and VA4Vets. This session is free of charge to Veterans and registration is encouraged at [www.fapac.org](http://www.fapac.org). The ODI, along with its VA partners, will staff an exhibit booth to showcase VA Learning University information, VA internship opportunities, and VA Veterans' services.

The FAPAC Annual Training Conference qualifies as training in compliance with 5 U.S.C. Chapter 41. Supervisory approval should be obtained in order to attend the training. Employees and managers are encouraged to review additional conference and training information when deciding to participate, such as course descriptions, registration, associated costs, and schedules, at the following Web site: [www.fapac.org](http://www.fapac.org).

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To register for the VA Pre-conference Forum please access the below TMS link: [https://www.tms.va.gov/plateau/user/deeplink\\_redirect.jsp?linkId=SCHEDULED\\_OFFERING\\_DETAILS&scheduleID=1757379](https://www.tms.va.gov/plateau/user/deeplink_redirect.jsp?linkId=SCHEDULED_OFFERING_DETAILS&scheduleID=1757379). If you have questions about this conference, or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Andy Gonzalez, Asian and American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Program Manager, ODI, at (321) 397-6830 or via e-mail at [Andy.Gonzalez@va.gov](mailto:Andy.Gonzalez@va.gov). For questions regarding the Veterans Outreach Forum, please contact Ronald M. Sagudan at [Ronald.Sagudan@va.gov](mailto:Ronald.Sagudan@va.gov).



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## **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Pre-conference Time and Location Information**

The VA pre-conference event will be held from 8 a.m. until Noon on Monday, April 30, 2012, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead Hotel, located at 3300 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. **The following agenda is tentative.**

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### **Featured Speakers**

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**Mr. Andy Gonzalez**, VA National Asian and American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Program Manager, Outreach and Retention Division, ODI, will address workforce trends for AAPIs employed by VA; provide an overview of VA's labor force demographics; and deliver an update on the White House Initiative on AAPIs (WHIAAPI) Agency Plan.

**Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam**, Associate Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management Services, will address his Leadership experiences and the relationship between "Culture and Health Care: Perspectives in Public Health."

**Dr. Michael C. Mihalecz**, Senior Consultant, Department of Veterans Affairs Learning University, will present an overview of VA employee career advancement and training initiatives.

**Mr. Ronald M. Sagudan**, Veterans Liaison for AAPIs at the Center for Minority Veterans, will present an update on AAPI Veteran issues.

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### **VA Preconference Event Registration Information**

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The VA preconference event is free of charge to all registered participants. Please visit the following TMS link to register online:

[https://www.tms.va.gov/plateau/user/deeplink\\_redirect.jsp?linkId=SCHEDULED\\_OFFERING\\_DETAILS&scheduleID=1757379](https://www.tms.va.gov/plateau/user/deeplink_redirect.jsp?linkId=SCHEDULED_OFFERING_DETAILS&scheduleID=1757379). This link will take you directly to the VA TMS log in; once you log in you'll be taken directly to the scheduled offering for registration.

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### **For Additional Information**

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