



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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Innovative Long Beach Program to Help Paralyzed Veterans  
Secure Good Jobs and Careers in a Tough Economy

## **NEWS CONFERENCE**

**12 Noon, December 2**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Patio of the Spinal Cord Injury Center, VA Long Beach Healthcare System,  
5901 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90822

**Al Kovach Jr.**

National Vice President of Paralyzed Veterans of America

**The Honorable Anthony J. Principi**

Former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs who now serves as QTC's Executive Chairman

**Department of Veterans Affairs leaders**

**Business leaders**

**Paralyzed veterans who aim to secure jobs and careers through the program**

LONG BEACH, CA— With the national unemployment rate for veterans with severe disabilities at 85 percent, a unique Long Beach program aims to make a difference, helping those who wore the uniform and were seriously injured, get good jobs and careers in a tough economy.

Officially opening on December 2, the Long Beach Paralyzed Veterans of America Vocational Rehabilitation Office will empower veterans with disabilities with the services and tools they need to reintegrate into the job market—while matching them with businesses and organizations with career positions.

Join Paralyzed Veterans of America's National Vice President Al Kovach and former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Anthony Principi, who now serves as QTC's Executive Chairman, and Betty B. Louie, President of The Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation for the launch of this important initiative. Speakers will include VA officials, local business leaders, paralyzed veterans who have secured good jobs through the program's existing offices around the nation, and veterans with disabilities from the Southern California area who are already enrolled in the Long Beach program.

The office, part of an emerging network, is based at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. It is being established through an innovative public-private partnership between Paralyzed Veterans of America, The Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation, QTC Management, Inc., and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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