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Executive director to discuss problems and efforts to solve them before national television audience.

The executive director of The American Legion's Washington D.C. office will appear Wednesday, March 12, on a Fox & Friends live television broadcast to discuss VA claims-processing delays and accuracy problems uncovered after recent site visits by the nation's largest veterans service organization. He will also discuss ways in which the Legion is working with VA to improve the problem. The appearance is set for 6:20 a.m. Eastern Time.

Executive Director Peter S. Gaytan, a U.S. Air Force veteran, supervises the Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, whose staff has been conducting site visits at VA Regional Offices for the last two years to seek ways to reduce the backlog of undecided VA benefits claims. The American Legion also has more than 2,500 accredited service officers who work free of charge to help veterans and their families apply for benefits.

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