

VLER Executive Director Message for the VLER Information Symposium

Happy New Year and greetings to you all from the VA's Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) program office! I am Joe Paiva, Executive Director, for VLER. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an advance welcome to the VLER Information Symposium (VIS) and to give you a brief overview on the symposium. I want you to know what we plan to accomplish at the VIS and how your time will be spent, because we value your time and appreciate your interest in VLER and our information symposium.

The major objective of the VIS is to provide the "big picture" about VLER, with emphasis on how it fits within the enterprise of related organizations and the initiatives supporting our nation's Veterans. For those of you familiar with military operations, I consider the VIS analogous to "Intelligence Preparation for the Battlefield", where we impart information so that all who are engaged in supporting Veterans in whatever capacity, are equipped with knowledge and information about VLER. At this symposium, we will present the VLER "big picture", review the VA's Information Technology Roadmap and enterprise architecture, and provide insight into the enterprise compliance checklist as it relates to VLER's precise fit into the enterprise in meeting our mission objectives.

The VIS is designed to be a dynamic and interactive information exchange, we have allotted nine hours per day for the VIS. The first hour from 8:00 am-9:00 am, is set aside for registration and networking, lunch is scheduled from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, and the remaining seven hours is intended to be a split of presentation time with question/answer and discussion on the presented materials. Our goal is to impart information and make optimal use of the valuable time you are investing by attending this symposium. Lastly, I will have fellow leaders from VLER with me at the VIS to not only impart information, but to afford you the opportunity to interact and talk with the "movers and shakers" of VLER and our programs.

Thank you once again for your interest and participation in the upcoming VLER Information Symposium. I am confident that you will find the time you invest in this event of significant value. I look forward to meeting with you and a very informative and productive day of information sharing and professional interaction. As my staff continues to finalize and refine details for the VIS, please don't hesitate to contact the focal points listed in the FBO announcement if you have questions or special requirements that require attention.