



Veterans Advocate Training Program
Presented by the Thomas M. French Veterans Advocacy Fund
Friday, April 25, 2025
VLGS Campus and Virtual

- 8 a.m.** **In-Person Registration Opens**
- 8:30 a.m.** **VA Benefits: Nuts and Bolts**
Don Hayes, Esq., South Royalton Legal Clinic, VLGS
- 9:30 a.m.** **Working Claims at the RO: Evidence Development and Appeals**
Tim Mercer, Esq., The Bluestein Group
- 10:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11 a.m.** **Obtaining a Character of Service Determination: Review of New Standards**
Andrew Thibeault, Esq., The Bluestein Group
- 12 p.m.** **State of the VA**
Morgana Isenberg, Department of Veterans Affairs, Legal Administrative Specialist Contact Representative
- 12:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1 p.m.** **Beyond the RO: Appellate Process from CAVC to the Supreme Court**
David Giza, Esq., Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick LTD

**All times are listed in ET*