

U.S. Rep. Van Orden: Joins Secretary Denis McDonough at Tomah VA

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TOMAH, WI - In case you missed it, yesterday Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-3) joined Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough at the Tomah VA to discuss troubling reports of misdiagnoses by neurologist Dr. Mary Jo Lanska and the need to ensure quality health care for our veterans. Secretary McDonough also announced the conclusion of an investigation which revealed that approximately 600 veterans were misdiagnosed at the Tomah facility.

As Van Orden noted, **“The issue is the number was so large with this individual healthcare provider. That really tells me that this is a systemic issue. First and foremost, I’m going to be very clear that veterans here at Tomah are going to be made whole. Then let’s look at the entire enterprise.”**

A retired U.S. Navy SEAL, Van Orden serves as Chairman of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, where he oversees the transition from active duty servicemember to veteran.

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BREAKING: Approximately 600 veterans misdiagnosed at the Tomah V.A.

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The Department of Veteran Affairs finds approximately 600 veterans were

misdiagnosed by Dr. Mary Jo Lanska. On Tuesday, Senator Tammy Baldwin's Office confirms Lanska has been officially terminated.

The announcement comes one day after the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough visited the Tomah VA Medical Center Monday afternoon.

McDonough was joined by Representative Derrick Van Orden (R-WI 3rd Congressional District) and a representative from Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).

They toured the facility to talk about the benefits available to veterans, including the PACT Act, the VA's new Women's Center of Excellence and the investigation into denied benefits due to cases of misdiagnosis.

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As veterans seek re-evaluation, Van Orden said something needs to be done across the board.

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