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SUBJECT: AMVETS Accreditation

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Recent discussions between ODVS and the AMVETS National Service Officer have confirmed the national organization will not grant accreditations to Ohio's certified CVSOs unless membership can be proven. While ODVS strongly supports cross accreditations with all VSOs keeping offices within the VA's Cleveland Regional Office, CVSOs are not REQUIRED to become members of AMVETS. Newly certified CVSOs are no longer required to seek accreditation with AMVETS.

CVSOs seeking accreditations with AMVETS under the agreement between AMVETS and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) are required to show proof of membership. This policy change will not affect accreditations granted under that agreement.