Memorandum

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From: Chief Research and Development Officer (10P9)
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To: Associate Chiefs of Staff for Research and Development
    Administrative Officers for Research and Development
    Research Week Coordinators

1. As the newly appointed CRADO, I’m excited to announce this year’s research week date as May 15-19, 2017, with the theme ‘VA Research - Bridging the Gap.’ This is a great time to highlight all our extraordinary research achievements that have impacted Veterans’ health and well-being.

2. I invite you to take this opportune time to showcase VA researchers’ significant discoveries and innovations that have led to advancements in Veterans’ care and the nation’s medical knowledge.

3. I would love to hear about your 2017 Research Week plan well in advance of the event. ORD leadership is eager to support your activities including sending a guest speaker. Your request can be sent along with your plans to christine.amereihn@va.gov. Please use the VAMC Summary of Plans form available on-line. Include a tentative agenda, place, date and time for the invite and submit it NLT March 17, 2017.

4. ORD Communications will provide research week guidelines and educational materials, including print copies of the 2017 research week poster and proclamation. On-line resources are available through the ORD website at www.research.va.gov/researchweek.

5. Please remember to include your local VA public affairs officers for your activities in order to maximize national VA research week awareness. Among the most positive news stories VA can promote are those related to VA Research and the numerous strides being made to improve Veterans’ health.

6. I look forward to hearing about your plans soon.

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cc: VA Public Affairs Offices