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Colonel Anthony C. Aiken  
440 Creekview LN SW  
College Park, GA 30349-3937

Dear Colonel Aiken:

It was a pleasure to serve you at the Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SBRC) of the Birmingham VA Medical Center. During your training program, you were known to be a great advocate for yourself and for other Veterans in the program. Furthermore, you went above and beyond to give back to the program.

I want to thank you and congratulate you on establishing Visually Impaired Veterans of America, Inc. (VIVA, Inc.), the non-profit organization that will support the SBRC in providing travel funds for Veterans to attend SBRC, but are not eligible through Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) mechanisms. VIVA, Inc. will also support the SBRC in providing funds for personal needs of Veterans while in the program.

Colonel, you are an inspiration to us all. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship assisting Veterans in attaining the services that they need from the SBRC. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my office at (205) 933-4515.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Thomas C. Smith, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "S".

Thomas C. Smith, III, FACHE  
Medical Center Director