

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Defense		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee		76806	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/14/2019	01/14/2021	06/30/2019
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes			06/30/2019
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Agency Determination	02/06/2011	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports 2			
16b. Report Date	Report Title		
	Vietnam War Commemoration		
04/09/2019	Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Report		
04/10/2019	FY2019 Vietnam War Advisory Committee Report		
Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2			
17a. Open	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	17d. Total 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The Committee is asked to provide advice on the concept and design of the types of commemoration events the Vietnam War Commemoration Office (VWC) should consider supporting or coordinating during the close-out phase from 2023 through 2025. The objective for this meeting is to finalize the Advisory Committee's recommendations.	02/08/2019	02/08/2019
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Secretary's Farewell to the Committee	05/10/2019	05/10/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$13,474.81	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$700.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$32,174.81	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.25	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee, of not more than 20 members, provided independent advice to the Department of Defense on the Vietnam War Commemorative Program, which will last until 2025.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee was composed of not more than 20 members, who represented Vietnam Veterans, their families, the American public or those organizations that supported the soldiers in Vietnam or their families during the Vietnam War.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee met twice a year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Section 598(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. After careful deliberation and discussions among the various stakeholders, the Department has determined that the establishment of an advisory committee would best served the U.S. Government, the commemorative program the American people, and the various veterans' organization.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings were not closed to the public.

21. Remarks

This discretionary advisory committee, the

Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee was terminated by the Department of Defense (DoD) as part of DoD's compliance with the 1/3 reduction in discretionary advisory committees directed by Executive Order 13875, "Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees", dated June 14, 2019. The Committee was terminated on June 30, 2019.

Designated Federal Officer

Marcia Moore DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alvarez, Everett	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anderegg, Clarence	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bleier, Robert (Rocky)	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	Bleir/Zagula Financial	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bucha, Paul	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Christmas, George	07/10/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clarke, Donald	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dean, Morton	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	M.E. Communications Partners	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Early, Jeanette	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ellis, Larry	04/21/2018	05/15/2019	CEO/President VetConnexx, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hull, James	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McFowler, Andrew	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mills-Griffiths, Ann	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	POW/MIA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ridge, Thomas	06/30/2018	05/15/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schultz, Roger	06/30/2017	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scruggs, Jan	06/08/2018	05/15/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The Committee provided independent advice and recommendations regarding the schedule of major events and priority of efforts during the commemorative program for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, as referenced in section 598 (c) of Public Law 110-181 (hereinafter referred to as “the Commemorative Program”), in order to achieve the objectives for the Commemorative Program specified in section 598 (c) of Public Law 110-181:

- a. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice, on behalf of the United States, and to thank and honor the families of these veterans;
- b. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces;
- c. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War;
- d. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research

conducted during the Vietnam War; ande. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee provided advice on increasing the exposure of the Commemoration with public and private entities across the nation. They recommended that the Commemoration develop a strategy to anticipate larger/significant events, partnering with veteran service organizations to identify significant dates for their organization/ membership over the next 2-5 years. With the Committee's advice, the Vietnam War Commemoration staff is developing a long-range events calendar which will help predict requirements for support and enable early engagement to help expand recognition of the Commemoration and increase the effectiveness of the event to reach Vietnam veterans and their families. The Committee also recommended that we encourage Commemorative Partners to celebrate service before self rather than asking them (often Vietnam veterans or similar in age) to celebrating ourselves [Vietnam veterans] and that the success and professionalism of today's Armed Forces is an example of the legacy of Vietnam. Speakers for the Commemoration staff have incorporated these sentiments into their speech templates.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

70

Number of Recommendations Comments

The total count was inadvertently added to the FY18 report due to an administrative error when the FACA database was under transition.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations are all very practical and are in progress for implementation or have already been implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Some recommendations may be partially implemented due to cost or staffing constraints. TBD.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The recommendations are all very practical and are in progress for implementation.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Based on advice from the Committee, the Vietnam War Commemoration has developed a strategic plan for successful completion of the Commemoration, to include measures of performance, and developed a communication plan to focus and prioritize efforts.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Transparency adequately provided.