

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

2610

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/15/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/15/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 501

13. Effective Date

05/19/2017

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

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

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$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.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee will accomplish its purpose through advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on: on how VA can assist and represent Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors, including expanding services and benefits to Veterans' family members, caregivers, and survivors who are not currently served by VA; on incorporating lessons learned from current, and previous, successful family research and outreach efforts that measure the impact of provided care and benefits services on Veterans' family, caregivers, and/or survivors; on collaborating with family support program within VA and engaging with other VA and non-VA advisory committees focused on specific demographics of Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors; on utilizing journey mapping or other means to depict the life experience cycle of families, caregivers, and survivors of Veterans to create a more holistic understanding of important life cycle events and their impacts; and integrating Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors into key VA strategic initiatives such as access to care, the Mission Act, modernizing systems, suicide prevention, and homelessness.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee was designed to represent all relevant populations (families, caregivers, and survivors) and additionally represents all branches of service, relationships to Veterans, periods of service, race and ethnic groups, and subject matter experts. The Committee is comprised of not more than 20 committee members, who be appointed by the Secretary. The members represent a cross-section of stakeholders that support Veterans' families, survivors, and caregivers. The Committee membership is drawn from various sectors and organizations such as Veteran-focused organizations; military history and academic communities; Veteran Service Organizations; Military Service Organizations; the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; non-profit, private, and corporate partners; research experts; service providers; Veterans' family members, caregivers, and survivors; and leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations. On September 30, 2019, the Membership Package was being processed for approval. The administrative documents were signed on March 5, 2020.

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

The Committee will meet approximately two to four times a year. In FY2020, the Committee met virtually March 25, 2020 and September 10, 2020.

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

VA only offers limited programs and services to these populations and does not have a direct line to these populations to better understand their need and concerns.

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

The Committee meetings are open to the public except when the Committee is introducing tours of VA facilities or participating in off-site events. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

21. Remarks

The Committee held its first inaugural meetings on October 23 and October 24, 2017 in Washington, DC. In November 2018, their first report was submitted with 12 recommendations. In March and September 2019, status of the recommendations was provided. In September 2020, their second report was submitted with 5 recommendations.

Designated Federal Officer

Betty Moseley Brown Director, Veteran Experience and Community Engagement

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alvarado-Ramos, Lourdes "Alfie"	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Dir WA State Dept of VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carroll, Bonnie	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cobb, Paul	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Philips	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Comeau, Melissa	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	American Red Cross	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crittenden, S. Joe	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Former Cherokee Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dole, Elizabeth	09/30/2019	09/30/2021	Former Senator	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dominique, Harriet	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	USAA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dorn, Jennifer	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Former AAPA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gillums, Sherman	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	AMVETS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gunn, Mona	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Past Pres. American Gold Star Mothers	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Knapp, Everett "Denton"	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Tierney Ctr for Veteran Services and Goodwill Industries Orange County CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koffman, Robert	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Ret Navy Medical Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kubinyi, Gabriella	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	VFW	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Linnington, Michael	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Wounded Warrior Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Milley, Hollyanne	10/01/2019	09/30/2021	Military Spouse	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Porter, Rebecca 10/01/2019 09/30/2021 Military Child Education Coalition
 Shattuck, Katherine 10/01/2019 09/30/2021 Korn Ferry
 Verardo, Sarah 10/01/2019 09/30/2021 The Independence Fund
 Woodruff, Lee 10/01/2019 09/30/2021 Bob Woodruff Foundation

Special Government
 Employee (SGE) Member
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Number of Committee Members Listed: 19

Narrative Description

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

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

17

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2017 through FY 2020.

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

71%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

For FY 2020, the Committee submitted five Recommendations. Currently, pending Secretary approval.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency feedback is provided by written responses to Committee recommendations, through briefings and updates to the Committee, and by information mailed to the members throughout the year.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

Reallocated resources

Issued new regulation

- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Not Applicable