

# 2025 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

2025

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor  
Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

2610

## 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

05/04/2023

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

05/04/2025

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

## 8c. Actual Term Date

05/05/2025

## 9. Agency

## Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 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

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total

## Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee reports to the Secretary of VA (SECVA) through the Executive Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans Health Administration. In carrying out its primary responsibility of providing advice to the SECVA, the Committee will provide a report to the SECVA not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, which includes: (1) an assessment of the needs, supports and services for Veterans' families,

caregivers and survivors across all generations and service eras; (2) a review of the programs and activities of the Department designed to meet such needs; (3) find and provide opportunities to further integrate Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors into VA's systems of care, including recommendations on how VA can improve and/or expand delivery of Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Veterans Benefits Administration and National Cemetery Administration services and benefits; and (4) such recommendations (including) recommendations for administrative and legislative action) as the Committee considers appropriate.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee will be comprised of not more than 20 committee members, who will be appointed by the SECVA. A member's term of service may not exceed 2 years, but the Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms, if good cause for reappointment exists. Members will be comprised of a cross section of Veterans' Families, Caregivers, Survivors and stakeholders with an interest or expertise in these areas, and other subject matter experts. The Committee membership will be drawn from various sectors and organizations, including but not limited to: caregivers; Veteran-focused organizations; military history and academic communities; Veterans Service Organizations; Military Service Organizations; the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; non-profit, private and corporate partners; the Federal executive branch; research experts; service providers; Veterans' Families, Caregivers and Survivors; and leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs

may appoint a VA Program Office and other VA program officials who provide services to Veterans' Families, Caregivers or Survivors to serve as ex-officio members. Members may be Special Government Employees, Regular Government Employees or representatives from Veteran-focused organizations who have a variety of backgrounds and knowledge sufficient to provide adequate advice and guidance to the Secretary. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee will be appointed by the Executive Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans Health Administration, on behalf of the Secretary, from among the Committee members.

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

The Committee is expected to meet at least two times annually and may have additional meetings, if necessary. During this reporting period FY 2024, the Parent Committee met three times: virtually on November 30-December 1, 2023; hybrid (in-person/virtually) on May 1, 2024 ; and virtually on June 3, 2024. The subcommittees met virtually on various dates and reported to the full Committee during their meetings on May 1, 2024 and June 3, 2024.

**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?**

During this reporting period, there were no closed or partially closed 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. When applicable, tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

## 21. Remarks

During this reporting period, the Committee submitted eight (8) recommendations prior to the July 1, 2024 charter date. The recommendations are currently being processed.

## Designated Federal Officer

Betty Moseley Brown Veterans Health Administration

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beck, Meredith	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Senior Policy Advisor and Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Benson, Caira	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver, Author and Policy Strategy Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Comeau, Melissa	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver and Director Am. Red Cross Military and Veteran Caregiver Network	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeBord, Jill	11/15/2023	09/30/2025	Executive Dir. Care Mgmt & Social Work Services	Ex Officio Member
Ferrell, Holly	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	ExecDir of Veteran Warriors and multigenerational Caregiver	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Greathouse, Stacy	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver, Nurse and Volunteer with DAV	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hallett, Lisa	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Ex. Dir. Wear Blue: Run to Remember	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hartronft, Scotte	11/15/2023	09/30/2025	Executive Dir. Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care, VA	Ex Officio Member
Kelso, Catherine	11/15/2023	09/30/2025	Deputy Ex. Dir. Geriatrics and Extended Care	Ex Officio Member
Koget, Jennifer	11/15/2023	09/30/2025	National Director, Care Mgmt and Social Work Services	Ex Officio Member
Kreter, Linda	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Special Veterans/Caregiver Advocate, CEO of WiseHealth, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lopez, Shawn	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver and Co-Founding Board Director for VFEA and EDF Fellow	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Michael, Mary	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	VP Patient Advocacy and Stakeholder Mgmt for Otsuka America Pharm. Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Monk, Laura	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Surviving Spouse and Visitor Services at U.S. Army Airborne & Special Ops Museum	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Porter, Rebecca	02/20/2024	09/30/2025	President and CEO Military Child Education Coalition	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pruden, Jonathan	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Special Advisor to the Chief of Staff at Wounded Warrior Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Raza, Rafiq	04/10/2024	09/30/2025	National Dir. Survivors Assistance and Memorial Support Program	Ex Officio Member
Sawyer, Andrea	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver and National Advocacy Dir. Quality of Life Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Seals, Tori	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Surviving Spouse, Former Caregiver and Dep. Dir, Advocacy Ops at Veteran Warriors	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Simoni, Chelsey	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Lic. Healthcare Provider and Ex. Dir. HunterSeven Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Trosclair-Duncan, Lauren	11/08/2023	09/30/2025	Caregiver and Senior HR Analyst at LA Metro	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Walsh, Maggie	02/20/2024	09/30/2025	Gold Star Mother and Colorado State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 22**

### Narrative Description

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### 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?

32

### Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations from FY 2017 to FY 2024.

### 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



There are recommendations which have multiple parts. The Veterans Experience Office will request updates on recommendations from program offices (as needed). With the new charter, VHA will request updates (as needed).

**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. The Department submits a formal response to each Committee recommendation, and Department officials brief the Committee on actions taken to implement recommendations. Published Committee Reports can be found online at

[https://www.va.gov/advisory/veterans\\_family\\_caregiver\\_and\\_survivor\\_advisory\\_committee.asp](https://www.va.gov/advisory/veterans_family_caregiver_and_survivor_advisory_committee.asp).

**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 type="checkbox"/>

### **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	<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 type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

[https://www.va.gov/advisory/veterans\\_family\\_caregiver\\_and\\_survivor\\_advisory\\_committee.asp](https://www.va.gov/advisory/veterans_family_caregiver_and_survivor_advisory_committee.asp)