

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Veterans Affairs	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation	41849

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	10/29/2008		

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	n/a	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Public Law 110-389	10/10/2008	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue 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

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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on establishing and supervising a schedule for the periodic review and update of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD). The Committee shall assemble and review relevant information relating to the needs of Veterans with disabilities; provide information relating to the nature and character of the disabilities arising from service in the armed

forces; provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the VASRD; and provide ongoing advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation in the future. In carrying out its duties, the Committee shall take into special account the needs of Veterans who have served in a theater of combat operations. Not later than October 31, 2010, and not less frequently than every two years thereafter, the Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report on the programs and activities of the Department that relate to the payment of disability compensation. Each such report shall include an assessment of the needs of Veterans with respect to disability compensation; and such recommendations (including recommendations for administrative, regulatory or legislative action), as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee may submit to the Secretary such other reports and recommendations as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee delivered its previous Biennial report in October 2022, which was signed by the Secretary of VA on April 24, 2024.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee consists of not more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary from among individuals who have experience with the provision of disability compensation by the Department, or are leading medical or scientific experts in relevant fields. The Secretary determines the terms of pay and allowances of the members of the Committee. The terms of service for Committee members may not exceed four years and are staggered to ensure that the dates for the termination of the members' terms are not all the same. The Secretary may reappoint any member for one or

more additional terms of service. The Secretary selects a Chair from among the members of the Committee. Several members may be Regular Government Employees, but the majority of the Committee's membership will be Special Government Employees. Committee members were selected, as noted above, from among recognized subject matter experts, Veterans (stakeholders), and others with special competence in areas such as disability claims adjudication, vocational rehabilitation, disability program management, workers' compensation, rehabilitative medicine, mental health research, military medical services management, Veterans' benefits advocacy, and survivor benefits advocacy.

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

By charter, the Committee will meet as often as necessary to perform its functions and provide timely advice to the Secretary. In FY 2024, the Committee held eight (4-Parent and 4-Subcommittee) meetings: March 28-29, 2024 (Virtual Parent meeting); May 29 - 30, 2024 (Hybrid; Subcommittee meeting; Washington, D.C.); June 24 - 26, 2024 (Virtual Parent meeting); July 30-August 1, 2024 (Hybrid Parent meeting, Columbia, SC); August 2-3, 2024 (Hybrid Subcommittee meeting, Columbia, SC); August 20-22, 2024 (In-person Subcommittee meeting, Indianapolis, IN); September 4-6, 2024 (Hybrid Subcommittee meeting, Boston, MA); and September 26-27, 2024 (Virtual Parent meeting).

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

The Committee was established under section 214 of Public Law 110-389 to specifically advise

the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Schedule for Rating Disabilities. Advice from the committee members, individuals with varied expertise to do so (as described above), is essential for an objective review of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities.

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

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (ACDC) meetings are, generally, open to the public. If a VA facility site visit is conducted, the meeting will be partially closed in accordance with law to protect Veteran privacy. This is in accordance with FACA: FAC (Federal Advisory Committee) meetings may be closed in whole or in part under limited circumstances, such as when discussing trade secrets, personal information, and/or criminal matters. Per FACA, there are three common exemptions to "close" a meeting: 1.) Discussion of classified information (i.e., Veterans' PII) 2.) Reviews of proprietary data submitted in support of Federal grant applications (i.e., research committee) 3.) Deliberations involving considerations of personal privacy (i.e., Veterans' PII, VA Medical Center tours, etc.) Only numbers (1.) and (3.) above would apply to the ACDC should a site visit occur during a scheduled meeting.

21. Remarks

The Committee received valuable input from various VA business lines to aide the Committee's deliberation in constructing recommendations for the Secretary. Although VA has already been actively engaged in the processes and procedures set forth in a number of the recommendations,

such recommendations reiterated the importance of those processes and procedures and broadened the scope for the Secretary's consideration.

Designated Federal Officer

Jadine S. Piper Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Evans, Richard	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Accredited claims agent for the Machinists Union	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hazell, Bradley	11/06/2018	12/31/2024	Assistant Director for Compensation and Pension Policy with Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jacobs, Molly	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Evelyn	11/06/2018	12/31/2024	Co-developed the Warrior centric healthcare training system, US Army Medical Research and Material Command and AMEDD Advanced Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Ronald	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Fourth Grade Teacher	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LoGalbo, Frank	03/24/2021	12/31/2024	Wounded Warrior Project, Benefits Training Manager	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maney, Thomas	03/24/2021	12/31/2024	Chairman of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Council and on the Okaloosa County Vet Center Stakeholders Board;	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ridgway, James	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Partner at law firm that deals solely with Veterans compensation. Was BVA law judge; etc. Teaches law.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taméz, Eloisa	03/24/2021	12/31/2024	Professor and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, School of Nursing, Univ. of Texas (Rio Grande Valley)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turner, Jarrad	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Serves on the Board of Directors at the Shepherd Center. Serves as the Director of Warrior Engagement for the The Warrior Alliance (TWA)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wagar, Fred	12/07/2023	09/30/2025	Retired as Director of NDVS on January 26, 2024	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wolf, Steven	03/24/2021	12/31/2024	Currently employed with DAV	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on establishing and supervising a schedule to conduct periodic reviews of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) and provide the most appropriate means for responding to the needs of Veterans.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>

Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" 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

NA

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

123

Number of Recommendations Comments

123 reflects the number of formal recommendations from FY 2010 through FY 2024 that have been conveyed formally to the decision maker. The 2022 Biennial Report was finalized on April 24, 2024.

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

28%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The FY 2024 annual comprehensive report on percentage of implemented / partially implemented recommendations updates this calculation by using enhanced analytics.

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

36%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

A thorough review of the recommendations which have been submitted by the Committee since establishment is underway. As of 9/30/2024, 27 recommendations out of 123, were found to have been partially implemented. 44 recommendations are being reviewed to determine whether VA fully (or partially) implemented them.

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 Department submits a formal response to each Committee recommendation, and Department officials brief the Committee on actions taken to implement recommendations. The Committee's reports can be found at:

https://www.va.gov/advisory/advisory_committee_on_disability_compensation_statutory.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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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/advisory_committee_on_disability_compensation_statutory.asp