



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Women Veterans Committee Minutes FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT: MARSHA FOUR, CHAIR
DR. TOM HALL
DOTTIE BARICKMAN
JOHN WALLACE
PATTIE DUMIN
NANCY SWITZER (PRES. AVVA)

SANDY MILLER, VICE CHAIR
BEVERLY STUART
PAT BESSIGANO
SARA MCVICKER
DR. TOM BERGER
JACQUI RECTOR (GUEST)

JANUARY 2011, COMMITTEE MINUTES: APPROVED

REVIEW CONTACT LISTS OF MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

- o INVITED AND PRESENTED ON TOPICS OF WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS VETERANS AT THE DART CENTER ON JOURNALISM & TRAUMA WORKSHOP 04-1-11, HOSTED BY WHYY PUBLIC TV, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- o **CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:** COMPLETED REVISIONS AND EDITS TO THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
- o **REVIEW OF A RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FROM MAINE:** THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION WAS TO IMPROVE THE EVALUATION PROCESS FOR VETERANS SUBMITTING CLAIMS FOR THOSE RELATED TO MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA. THE COMMITTEE HAS ADDRESSED THIS IN ITS SUBMISSION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS.

NEW BUSINESS:

- o **NEW BUDGET:** RECEIVED BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
- o **S 658:** TO PRESERVE DOD DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ON DOD INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE MILITARY. BILL REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE
- o **HR 930:** TO IMPROVE THE DISABILITY COMPENSATION EVALUATION PROCEDURE OF VA FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD RELATED TO MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA. BILL DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE
- o **CONVENTION WOMEN VETERANS BREAKFAST:** DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS. COMMITTEE VOTED TO INVITE DEBRA FRETT, PRESIDENT, BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FOUNDATION.

THANKS GIVEN TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT TO WOMEN VETERANS AND THEIR WORK THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF SERVICE.