



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Women Veterans Committee Agenda

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 1420

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 08 MINUTES: ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION

INTRODUCTION OF MEETING ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

MARSHA FOUR, CHAIR	SANDY MILLER, VICE CHAIR
TOM BERGER	SARA MCVICKER
SANDIE WILSON	LESLIE DELONG
BILLEE CULIN	CAROL SCHETROMPF
CONNIE CHRISTENSEN	JUANISHIA LEE, VVA STAFF
SHARON HODGE, VVA STAFF	

CATHY WEBLEMO, STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LT. COL. DONNA VANDEVEER

PATTIE DUMIN, VVA CT STATE COUNCIL WOMEN VETERANS CHAIR

PATRICK PEDETTI, NY, COUNTY VETERANS BENEFITS COUNSELOR

ED CHOW, MD STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REVIEW CONTACT LISTS OF MEMBERS

GUEST SPEAKER: CATHY WEBLEMO, STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

- LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ON WOMEN VETERANS
 - FULL COMMITTEE HEARING ON HOMELESS VETERANS
 - ADDRESSING ISSUES OF THE GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM
 - SPECIAL NEEDS GRANTS
 - RETAINING PROVIDERS
 - HR4107 – WOMEN VETERANS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE
 - S2199 – SENATE COMPANION BILL TO HR4107
 - SENATE VERSION CONTAINS ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE INCREASED NUMBER OF STUDIES AND FULL TIME POSITION OF WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM MANAGER.
 - COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTED THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE LANGUAGE TO BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THE VERBIAGE MORE SPECIFIC AND DEFINED. SEVERAL INCLUDED:
 - CLARITY ON REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT OF CBOCs
 - INCLUDE INPATIENTS AND OUTPATIENTS IN REPORT REQUIREMENT IN SEC. 103
 - NEED TO INCLUDE GENDER SPECIFIC AND SPECIALTY CARE
 - LOOK AT INCLUDING OPTION OF CHOICE WHEN OUTSOURCING GENDER SPECIFIC CARE

- HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE TO BE OUTSOURCED AND FOR WHAT?
- THANKS TO CATHY FOR HER INTEREST AND ATTENTION TO OUR SUGGESTIONS AND TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.
- BILLS ARE ON THE WEB PAGE

FY 09 PROPOSED BUDGET SUBMISSION

- HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS SUBMITTED
- \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2008 WOMEN VETERANS SUMMIT

REPORT OF THE CHAIR: ACTIVITIES

- NCHV PLANNING PRESENTER
- 2008 WOMEN VETERANS SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALLS & SUMMIT WORKSHOP PANEL MEMBER
- CONTRIBUTED TO CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONIES
- ASSIST WITH TESTIMONY FOR FIELD HEARING IN MAINE
- CONTRIBUTED TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK AND PROVIDED CONTACT WITH OTHER WOMEN VETERANS FOR THE WRITERS TO INTERVIEW

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- 2008 WOMEN VETERANS SUMMIT
 - INFORMATION ON THE COMMITTEE WEBSITE FOR MONTHS
 - VVA IS A CONTRIBUTOR AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH
 - TABLE DISPLAY AT SUMMIT
- 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM WOMEN VETERANS MEMORIAL
 - VVA WILL PROVIDE THE COLOR GUARD PASS IN REVIEW
 - BRUCE WHITAKER HAS AGREED TO COORDINATE THE EFFORT
 - FLYER DISTRIBUTION WILL BEGIN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. DISTRIBUTION PLAN IN PLACE.
 - WILL COORDINATE TIME WITH VVMF
- DR. PATRICIA HAYES HAS BEEN NAMED THE CHIEF CONSULTANT OF THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM STRATEGIC GROUP
- "SQUAW PEAK" IN ARIZONA HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RENAMED "PIESTAWA PEAK" IN HONOR OF LORI PIESTEWA, THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE KILLED IN COMBAT

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS
 - REVIEW AND NEW CONSIDERATIONS WITH MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS 10/08

COMMENTS/REMARKS:

- SARA MCVICKER REPORTED: STATE OF MARYLAND IS CONSTRUCTING A WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT AT FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, WITH VISIBILITY FROM A MAJOR HIGHWAY

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1 605