



# *Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.*

## **Women Veterans Committee Minutes FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008**

**Call to Order:** 1415

**Approval of October 2007 committee Minutes via internet.** Motion by Tom Berger; Second by Sara McVicker

### **Members, Liaison Present:**

Marsha Four, Chair  
Sara McVicker  
Leslie DeLong  
Connie Christensen

Sandy Miller, Vice Chair  
Dr. Tom Berger  
Carol Schetrompf  
Elaine Simmons, AVVA Liaison  
Jack Devine, VVA Vice President

### **Introduction of meeting Attendees and Guests**

### **Review Contact Lists of Members**

### **FY 09 Budget Submission**

- Discussion on line items considerations
- Production costs for a Mental Health issues tri-fold for Women Veterans (estimated cost is \$1,100 for 5,000 copies to be split with PTSD/SA committee)
- Business Plan and Justification will be included with budget submission

### **Report of the Chair: activities**

- Participation in WIMSA Anniversary
  - Reunion at the Armory
  - Celebration at the Memorial
  - Dedication of WIMSA permanent Vietnam display
- 2008 Women Veterans Summit Conference Calls
- NCHV Government Affairs Conference Calls
- HGPD Conference Calls
- Provided input for testimony on homeless women veterans
- Attend VA Homeward Bound symposium in San Diego
- Labor Union Women's Coalition presentation
- Invited as presenter for Delaware Women Veterans Symposium in April

### **Continued Business:**

- Convention Resolutions
  - Will begin full review at next committee meeting
  - Consideration of language for new resolutions for Convention
- 2008 Women Veterans Summit
  - Westin Hotel, 1400 M Street

- June 20-22, 2008 (Registration on 6/19)
- VVA will participate and have a display table
- 1330.2 VA Women Veteran Program Managers Handbook discussed
- 1330.1 VA Women Veterans Healthcare
  - 1330.1 authorization expires this summer
  - Will it address CBOC care?

**New business:**

- Business Plan submission
- Leadership Conference
  - Joint presentation with PTSD/SA committee
  - Matt Friedman presentation to include women
- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam Women Veterans Memorial
  - Chair will continue contact with Diane Evans
  - VWVF has a number of events already scheduled:  
Name reading, Candle light ceremony, Story telling  
Rose presentation, Ceremony at The Wall  
Honor Guard Presentation
  - VVA will work with VWMF on article for *The Veteran*
- Consider PTSD Committee collaboration on Women Veterans Mental Health tri-fold – see Budget above

**Comments/Remarks:**

- Rand Corporation will be doing a survey on quality of service

**Meeting adjourned: 1540**