



Veteran’s Advisory Committee (VAC) AUGUST 2016 Monthly Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Building 8, Conference Room 121 (Telecom: 1-844-467-6272; 830655)

Facilitator: VAC Officers/Program Manager

VAC Secretary/Meeting Recorder: David Boon

I. AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE (16):

CODE 100	Teresita Smith (100), Jerry Sims (IVV-180), Kevin Reed (115), Nick Greene (160), Caroline (???)
CODE 200	Eric Holmes (227), Debbie Harding (EAP-250), Dean Patterson (210.S), Eric Harbison (224)
CODE 300	<i>No Representation at this meeting</i>
CODE 400	<i>No Representation at this meeting</i>
CODE 500	Cinnamon Wright (595), Rick Sabatino (581), William Smith (585), Christine Jhabvala (553)
CODE 600	John Woods (615)
CODE 700	Steve Wadding (720), David Almanza (703)
CODE 800	<i>No Representation at this meeting</i>
REPRESENTATIVES ALSO REFLECTIVE ABOVE & BELOW	
IV&V	Jerry Sims
WALLOPS	<i>No Representation at this meeting</i>
CONTRACTORS	John Woods, William Smith, Debbie Harding

II. VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

III. DIRECTORATE & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT-OUT/ANNOUCMENTS (ALL)

CODE 100	September is the last month to use AC Funds , if we will be using we should give to other ACs who could use before the end of the fiscal year
CODE 200	Eric brought up a discussion regarding Mental Health of Veterans, and passed out information cards highlighting <i>the campaign to changedirection</i> by the VFW (Veteran of Foreign Ward). The campaign to change direction is VFW National Commander Brian J. Duffy way of getting more community involvement and pledges of help from anyone who wants to help our Vets. Note: Eric Harbison & PM has additional cards if interested
CODE 300	No report-out

CODE 400	No report-out
CODE 500	Cinnamon mentioned that her husband is a Veteran and is also currently employed by Health and Human Services (HHS) as a Public Health Advisor and could possibly be a resource to the committee in the future
CODE 600	No report-out
CODE 700	No report-out
CODE 800	No report-out
IV&V	No report-out
WALLOPS	Invitation for VAC to attend the next Wallops D&I meeting with Wallops Senior Leadership. Eric Holmes will represent the VAC at this meeting. If you are interested in attending this meeting as an observer please notify PM

IV. LAST MONTH'S MEMBER ACTIONS

DAVID BOON	Will check with MD VA POC regarding new update Veteran material we can have available for future programs. New lead within the Team Building Subcommittee.
TUPPER HYDE	Will put together an information email regarding Veteran Burial, which can be used to send to distribution list.
TERRY BAILEY	Reaching out to the Wallops community to assist in re-engaging our Wallops Veterans.

V. NEW SENIOR CHAMPION (COMMITTEE DISCUSSION)

Process:

- ✓ Senior Champion & Officers & PM Meet to pull together first draft of recommendations
- ✓ VAC review list and provides input and/or additional names to consider
- ✓ List is vetted through Dan Krieger (D&I) and George Morrow (100)
- ✓ Final recommendations of approved names are vetted back to Senior Champion
- ✓ Final names are vetted back to VAC to schedule informational interviews
- ✓ Recommendation is made by VAC and approved by Senior Management
- ✓ New Senior Champion is identified and announced

Recommendations from Senior Champion and VAC Officers (in no particular order):

- Kathryn Hire (Retired Navy Captain and Former Astronaut)
- Tupper Hyde, Code 500
- Dean Patterson, Code 210S
- Raymond Rubilotta, Director of Management Operations Code 200
- David Reth, Deputy Director of Management Operations Code 200
- Dennis Vandertuig, CIO and Director of ITCD Code 700
- Richard Barney, Deputy Director of Safety and Mission Assurance Code 300

- Thoughts from Committee regarding above names?
 - Do we know who are Veterans amongst this list? Yes, but we should keep in mind that new Senior Champion does not have to a Veteran.
- Additional proposed names from VAC? None during meeting but AC Members were given until **Wednesday, 8/31** to provide input

VI. COMBINED AC PERFORMANCE METRICS (COMMITTEE DISCUSSION)

The VAC is currently participating in an AC Subcommittee to develop performance metrics for all Goddard ACs. The AC Subcommittee has tasked each AC to develop their top 5 performance metrics that can be applied center.

Below is a list of proposed metrics that could be used to measure the success of the Veterans Advisory Committee, offered by members during meeting to be shared with the Combined AC Metrics team:

1. Tracking of Event Surveys
2. Membership (Directorate Representatives) Participation
3. Veteran Outreach (internal/external)
4. Recruitment and Outreach (leveraging TAPS)
5. Website tracking

VII. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORT-OUTS & ACTIONS

Subcommittee	Core Duties	Members	ACTIONS
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships with Advisory committees - Partnerships with Directorates and/or Management - Memorial Day - Support for events at satellite locations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead: Steve Depalo 2. Cinnamon Wright 3. Christine Jhabvala 4. Mark Hubbard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Judy Bruner Code 300 Director as agreed to be the Keynote Speaker for Veterans Day. Dates for Auditoriums need to be identified for the month of November. ➤ Brainstorm ideas for future Brown Bags hosted by the VAC.
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships with local schools, universities, and/or community - Partnerships/Collaborations with other NASA Centers, and/or Government Agencies - TAPS - Wounded Warriors - Department of Veterans Affairs - Operation Give Thanks - Bringing external visitors to the Center 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead: Maria Romo 2. Darren "Nick" Greene 3. John Woods 4. Brennan Hay 5. Artis Weaver 6. Jerry Sims 7. Steve Wadding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Operation Give Thanks will be replaced by supporting the Marines Toys for Tots, Dewayne Washington should be contacted to discuss ways to move forward with early planning. ➤ Contact Department of Veterans Affairs for hardcopy material that can be passed out during future events. ➤ Wounded Warrior Escorts for NASM on September 21 (Lead: Art)
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website oversight (partnered with PM) - Marketing across all activities - New Veteran Employee Welcome Team (welcome letters & emails) - Efforts to Increase Membership across GSFC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patrick Michael 2. LaMont Ruley 3. Harry Stello 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing VAC Fact Sheet/Handout ➤ Message from VAC: Veteran Resources Email (i.e. Burial/Benefits/etc...)
Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for support that comes to VAC from Center Management, Directorates, and other ACs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead: Ross Bagwell 2. Catherine Gray 3. Olumide Onanuga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EOPO/D&I Combined AC Metrics Subteam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OHCM Veteran related activities - Office of Communication and/or Education Office activities 		➤ Code 500 Technician Hires
Team Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of committee achievements and committee members - Team building activities (after hour socials, community volunteering, etc.) - Retreat planning - Luncheons 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead: David Boon 2. Co-Lead: Milton Hardy 3. Rogenia "Genia" Dean 4. Joana Lauderdale 	➤ The VAC will need to know if we are doing a Veterans Picnic/Cookout before the end of September and if we will be using the AC funds.

WHAT'S NEXT/CLOSING REMARKS

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Building 8, Conference Room 121.

Veteran's Good to Know (information sharing)

Can I transfer benefits to my dependents?

If you are a member of the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009 and eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Department of Defense (DoD) may offer you the opportunity to transfer benefits to your spouse or dependent children. Commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (PHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are eligible for the transferability option effective August 1, 2011.

While in the Armed Forces, transferors use the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) website to designate, modify, and revoke a Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) request. After leaving the Armed Forces, transferors may provide a future effective date for use of TOE, modify the number of months transferred, or revoke entitlement transferred by submitting a written request to VA.

NOTE: After separating from the Armed Forces individuals cannot designate new dependents to receive transferred entitlement or amend the effective date of the initial transfer of entitlement to an earlier date.

- [For detailed information on transferability of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits click here](#)
- [To apply for transfer of education benefits via the DoD website click here \(Internet Explorer only\)](#)
- [For information on service requirements click here](#)
- [For information on who can receive transferred benefits click here](#)
- [For information on time limits for using transferred benefits click here](#)