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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN VETERANS  
Room 1010 - Omar Bradley Conference Room  
Veterans Administration Central Office  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1983

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Coffee in Dining Room

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome -  
Mr. Harry N. Walters  
Administrator, Veterans Administration

Introduction of Committee Members -  
Dr. Nora S. Kinzer  
Special Assistant to the Administrator

Opening Remarks -  
Col. (Retired) Lorraine A. Rossi,  
Chairman, VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Dr. Earl Brown  
Associate Deputy Chief Medical Director for  
Operations  
Department of Medicine and Surgery

10:35 - 10:50 a.m. Coffee Break

10:50 - 11:25 a.m. Miss Dorothy Starbuck, Chief Benefits Director  
Department of Veterans Benefits

11:30 - 12:00 noon Mr. Paul Bannai, Chief Memorial Affairs Director  
Department of Memorial Affairs

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Mr. Robert Coy, Deputy General Counsel  
Discussion of Eligibility

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Dr. Susan Mather, Program Chief for Pulmonary  
and Infectious Diseases  
Discussion of General Accounting Office Report

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Continuation of Discussion of General  
Accounting Office Report

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
Hotel Washington - 15th and Pennsylvania

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1983

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Dr. Arthur Blank, Director Readjustment  
Counseling Service  
Vietnam Outreach Program

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Dr. Barclay Shepard, Director Agent Orange  
Projects Office and LTC Alvin L. Young,  
Special Assistant for Environmental Sciences

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Dr. John Mather, Assistant Chief Medical  
Director for Geriatrics and Extended Care  
Aging

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Mary Leyland, Assistant Director  
Education Service  
Educational Benefits

11:30 - 12:00 noon General Discussion

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Virginia Oldham, Federal Women's Program  
Manager  
Women Employees in the Veterans Administration

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Patricia Hughes, Stars and Stripes  
"Special Concerns"

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Dr. Jack Ewalt, Director Mental Health and  
Behavioral Sciences Service and  
Dr. Stewart Baker, Associate Director for  
Alcohol and Drug Dependence  
Special Needs of the Women Veteran in  
Psychiatry

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Issues and Discussion

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1983

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Coffee
9:00 - 12:00 noon	Col. Lorraine Rossi Discussion and Recommendations
12:00 noon	Adjourn

VA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN VETERANS MEETING  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CENTRAL OFFICE  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
OMAR BRADLEY CONFERENCE ROOM - Room 1010

TENTATIVE AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 8, 1984

- 8:30 - 9:00 Coffee - Executive Dining Room - VACO
- 9:00 - 9:30 Opening Remarks - Col. Rossi  
Executive Committee Report  
Old Business
- 9:30 - 10:00 Discussion
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 10:30 Welcome  
Mr. Harry Walters  
Administrator
- 10:30 - 12:00 Mr. Marvin Spatz  
Director, Estimating Service  
Office of Construction  
"Design and Construction"
- Mr. Robert Neary  
Director, Facility Planning Service  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Construction Planning and Design"
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (in building)
- 1:30 - 2:30 Dr. Hollis Boren  
Assistant Chief Medical Director for Research  
and Development  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Research Programs"
- 2:30 - 2:45 Break
- 2:45 - 3:30 Dr. Robert Love, Jr.  
Associate Director, Medical Inspector and  
Evaluation Office  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Functions of the Evaluation and Analysis Office  
Regarding Female Veterans"
- 3:30 - 4:00 Mr. Joseph Mancias  
Director, Office of Public and Consumer Affairs  
Office of Associate Deputy Administrator for Congressional  
and Public Affairs
- 4:00 - 5:00 Discussion
- 6:00 Dinner - House of Hunan  
18th and K Streets, N.W.

FEBRUARY 9, 1984

- 8:30 - 8:45 Coffee - Executive Dining Room - VACO
- 8:45 - 9:00 Picture taking session by  
Col. Norman Burzynski, Editor, The Officer  
Reserve Officers Association of the United States
- 9:00 - 9:30 Mr. Conrad R. Hoffman  
Director (Controller), Office of Budget and Finance  
Office of the Deputy Administrator  
"Budget Process"
- 9:30 - 10:00 Mr. Robert Schultz  
Director, Office of Reports and Statistics  
Office of Associate Deputy Administrator for Logistics  
"Statistics and Update on Survey of Women Veterans"
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 11:00 Dr. Edwin Olsen  
Director, Development and Management Service  
Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Hospice"
- 11:00 - 11:30 Dr. Andrew Rouff  
Director, Emergency Management Service and  
Mr. James Simmons, Program Analyst  
Emergency Management Service  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"VA/DOD Sharing"
- 11:30 - 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:30 Room 119  
Mr. Richard Percival  
Director, Veterans Canteen Service  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Dressed to Feel at Home in a VA Medical Center"
- Return to Room 1010 for remainder of meeting
- 2:30 - 2:45 Break
- 2:45 - 3:30 Miss Marjorie Quandt  
Assistant Chief Medical Director for Administration  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
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- 3:30 - 4:00 Mr. Ed Rose  
Director, Voluntary Service  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"VA Volunteers - A Vital Resource"
- 4:00 - 5:00 Discussion

FEBRUARY 10, 1984

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee - Executive Dining Room - VACO

9:00 - 9:30 Sgt. Major Samuel Walsh  
Special Assistant to the Administrator  
(Service Organization Liaison Coordinator)  
Office of the Administrator  
"Update on Service Organizations"

9:30 - 10:00 Miss Vernice Ferguson  
Director, Nursing Service  
Department of Medicine and Surgery  
"Female Veterans - A Nursing Perspective and Plan"

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 12:00 Discussion

12:00 Concluding Remarks - Col. Rossi

VA FEMALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lenora C. Alexander, Ph.D., Dr. Alexander is the director of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau. She previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of the District of Columbia, and Vice President for Student Life at the American University. As a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meeting in Vienna in early 1983, she took a lead role in planning the 1985 World Conference of the UN Decade for Women.

Karen Burnette, Ms. Burnette serves as Team Leader of Home Health Care in Knoxville, Tenn. A former Army nurse, she served with the 24th Evac Hospital, Long Binh in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. She is in the process of organizing a group of women Vietnam veterans to start a counseling group at the Knoxville Vet Center.

Charles N. Collatos, Mr. Collatos is the Commissioner of Veterans' Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is a member of the Massachusetts and D.C. Bar Associations and serves on the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Senate on Veterans' Affairs. A World War II veteran, Collatos was discharged as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1945. He is director and trustee of Suffolk University.

SSG Cherlynn S. Galligan, Sgt. Galligan currently serves as the deputy chief of Military Personnel Division in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She previously served as an administrative aide to the Chairman of the Industrial Task Force in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.



Col. Pauline W. Hester, A former Air Force nurse who served in the combat zone in Vietnam, Col. Hester is currently chief nurse at the 312th Evac Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. The 312th Evac Hospital was mobilized in 1968 for service in Chu Lai South Vietnam, and was in the combat zone from Sept. 1968 to Aug. 1969, where she served as head nurse anesthetist.

Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, A native of Portland, Ore., Gen. Holm is the author of Women in the Military. She served as director of Women in the Air Force from 1965 to 1973 and as a Special Assistant to the President from 1976 to 1977. In 1979, she was the Undersecretary of the Air Force.

Margaret Malone, Mrs. Malone is the national vice commander of the American Legion. She is the first woman to be elected to that office. She served with the Women's Army Corps and was assigned to the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 as a member of the First Troop Carrier Command.

Joan E. Martin, A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Mrs. Martin currently serves as commander of the AMVEPS National 6th District which encompasses the 10 western states. She works at the American Smelting and Refining Company in Tacoma, Washington.

Carlos Martinez, A native of San Antonio, Tex., Mr. Martinez serves as the Executive Director of the GI Forum's National Veterans Outreach Program, where he provides counseling and employment placement assistance to veterans. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970.

Sarah N. McClendon, A woman pioneer in the world of journalism, Mrs. McClendon opened her own news bureau in 1946 to serve newspapers in the Southwest. Since then, her clients have included newspapers in New Hampshire, Ohio, California, Texas, and Wisconsin. A native of Tyler, Tex., she served in the Women's Army Corps assigned to the Pentagon and the Office of the Army Surgeon General.

Estelle R. Ramey, Ph.D., A Detroit, Mich. native, Dr. Ramey is professor of psychology and biophysics at Georgetown University. She served on the President's Advisory Committee for Women in 1979 and was a member of the Executive Advisory Panel - Chief of Naval Operations in 1978. She is a member of the Association of Women in Science and the American Diabetes Association.

Col. Lorraine A. Rossi, The panel's chairperson, Col. Rossi was director of the Department of the Army's Equal Opportunity Programs in Washington, D.C. She was also the deputy commander of the U.S. Women's Army Corps Center in Ft. McClellan, Ala. From 1968 to 1970, she was an advisor to the Vietnamese Women's Armed Forces Corps.

Omega L. Silva, A Washington, D.C. native, Ms. Silva is a research associate and clinical investigator at the VA medical Center in Washington. She was an associate professor in Endocrinology at George Washington University. She is a member of the American Medical Women's Association, the American Federation of Clinical Research, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Jesse Stearns, A native of Ft. Scott, Kan., Mrs. Stearns has been active in journalism since 1929, and is currently editor of Stearns News Service in Washington, D.C. She served in the Women's Army Corps from 1943 to 1946. Following her military service she served in China as a correspondent for Broadcasting, Sporting, News and Midwest Newspapers. She also served with Armed Forces Radio Service in Australia, Hollandia, New Guinea and Phillipines.

Alberta I. Suresch, An Air Force veteran, Miss Suresch was a self-defense instructor and a weapons instructor at the Security Police Academy in Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. The Baltimore, Md. native is national Service Officer for the Florida Disabled American Veterans.

Jo Ann Webb, A former Army nurse, Mrs. Webb served in the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, the 85th Evacuation Hospital at Phu Bai, and the Third Field Hospital in Saigon. She was also assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington where she served as an operating room nurse and head of Ophthalmic Surgery.

Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells, Gen. Wells was chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps. During her tenure she led the Air Force Nurse Corps; comprised of more than 4,300 professional nurses, to a position of preeminence in the nursing profession. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Columbia University in 1961, and a master of science degree in public health supervision from the University of Colorado in 1966.

June A. Willenz, A columnist for the national weekly veterans newspaper, Stars and Stripes National Tribune, Ms. Willenz is the executive director of the American Veterans' Committee. She is a member of the Subcommittee on Disabled Veterans, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and is chairperson of the Task Force on Veterans Military Affairs Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

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