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Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors Meeting January 13, 2012

President John Rowan called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Friday January 13, 2011, at 9:03 pm, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Silver Spring, MD. National Chaplain Fr. Phil Salois, recognized those who were ill and in need of prayer; and he remembered our military personnel. National Chaplain Fr. Phil Salois delivered the opening prayer which was followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Secretary conducted the roll call of the National Board of Directors. Present were:

John Rowan, President
Fred Elliott, Vice President
Bill Meeks, Secretary
Wayne Reynolds, Treasurer
Bob Barry
Pat Bessigano
Richard DeLong
Marsha Four
Ken Holybee

Joe Jennings
Allen Manuel
John Margowski
Sara McVicker
John Miner
Charlie Montgomery
Tom Owen
Felix Peterson
Jackie Rector

Dick Southern
Dan Stenvold
Nancy Switzer *
Pastor Toro
Sandie Wilson
Herb Worthington
Jerry Yamamoto

** AVVA President is a non-voting member of the National Board of Directors*

Excused: Wes Guidry and Judith McCombs

Also present: Joseph A. Sternburg, CFO, and Mike Swift, Parliamentarian.

Preapproved Business

Affidavit of John Rowan, National President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

John Rowan, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the National President of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA). The purpose of this affidavit is to comply with the requirements of Article I, Section 4.G. of the VVA Constitution which authorizes VVA's President to submit a

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question to the VVA Board of Directors for a vote in between Board meetings when he determines that the matter requires the Board's immediate attention.

2. On November 9, 2011, two motions requiring VVA's support were submitted to the Board by e-mail for a vote with instructions that votes are to be returned by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 14, 2011:

Motion 1: To allow the Yale Law Clinic to provide a quote in a press release that VVA supports a female veteran, with the assistance of YLC to appeal a denial for spousal VA benefits because she is in a same sex marriage. Also, allow VVA to participate in a Friend-Of-The-Court Brief with the Yale Law School to be filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims (CAVC).
Motion made and seconded by the Veterans Benefits Committee

Motion 2: That VVA join in an amicus brief, at NO COST to VVA, to be filed by Winston & Strawn LLP, to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of over 23 military and veterans groups in United States vs. Alvarez, a case in defense of the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 which was ruled as being unconstitutional under the First Amendment in July 14, 2011 decision by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. VVA attorneys will have the opportunity to review the amicus brief before it is filed with the court.
Motion made and seconded by the Veterans Benefits Committee

3. On November 14, 2011, the National Secretary notified me that the vote of each Board member who voted on the motions was as follows:


| <u>Board Member</u> | <u>Motion #1</u> | <u>Motion #2</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| John Rowan | No Vote | No Vote |
| Fred Elliott | N | Y |
| Bill Meeks, Jr. | N | Y |
| Wayne Reynolds | N | Y |
| Bob Barry | N | Y |
| Pat Bessigano | NR | NR |
| Richard DeLong | N | Y |
| Marsha Four | Y | Y |
| Ken Holybee | Y | Y |
| Joe Jennings III | Y | Y |
| Allen Manuel | Y | Y |
| John Margowski | Y | Y |
| Sara McVicker | N | Y |
| John Miner | Y | Y |
| Charlie Montgomery | N | Y |
| Tom Owen | Y | Y |
| Pete Peterson, Jr. | Y | Y |
| Jacqui Rector | NR | NR |

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| Dick Southern | Y | Y |
| Dan Stenvold | N | Y |
| Pat Toro, Jr. | Y | Y |
| Sandie Wilson | Y | Y |
| Herb Worthington, Jr. | Y | Y |
| Jerry Yamamoto | Y | Y |

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| <u>Results</u> | | |
| Yes | 13 | 21 |
| No | 8 | 0 |
| No Vote | 1 | 1 |
| No Response | 2 | 2 |

4. As required by Article I, Section 4.G. of the VVA Constitution, I am filing this Affidavit with the National Secretary within seven (7) days of the Board's vote on the motions.



John Rowan

Preliminary Business

President Rowan asked Director Dan Stenvold to explain the lighted engraved sign.

Sara McVicker submitted a motion to amend the tentative agenda.

Motion 3

To amend the agenda to move new business to the slot immediately after the report on the 2012 National Leadership Conference and open discussion after committee reports.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Secretary Meeks submitted a motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion 4

To accept the BOD meeting agenda as amended.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

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Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion:

Motion 5

To accept the BOD meeting minutes from April 15, 2011 in Silver Spring, MD.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion:

Motion 6

To accept the Bod meeting minutes of October 7, 2011 in Silver Spring, MD.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

iMIS Report: National Treasurer Wayne Reynolds presented a slide presentation which summarized the issues surrounding the purchase and implementation of the iMIS software. Search for solutions to address the problems are underway with Dr. Robert Lane who was recommended by ASI. There were numerous questions asked by board members, they were answered by Treasurer Reynolds and Director McVicker. There were further discussions on the different areas of the report and questions to Treasurer Reynolds as to recommendations on how VVA should proceed.

Meeting recesses: 11:03 am

Saturday, January 14, 2012 (con't)

The meeting of VVA National Board of Directors reconvened at 9:01 am on Saturday, January 14, 2012. National Chaplain Fr. Salois officiated the opening prayer followed by a Moment of Silence.

The National Secretary conducted the roll call of the National Board of Directors. Present were:

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Preliminary Business

President Rowan introduced Pete Petrosky and his wife Sue of VVA Chapter 862 in PA. Pete Petrosky then introduced Jeremy Carr who was escorted by his Mother Teri Carr and his brother Bobby. Pete Petrosky then presented Jeremy with a vest as a token of appreciation from Chapter 862. President Rowan presented Jeremy with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from VVA. AVVA President Nancy Switzer presented Jeremy with an AVVA life membership and a Pittsburg Steelers jersey.

National President/J. Rowan

President Rowan submitted a written report and here were a few highlights from that report:

- **October 11:** Attended event in Time Square with the “Moving Wall” and the VVMF collecting pictures of the KIAs and MIAs. Mariann and I gave them pictures for three of our friends who were KIAs.
- **October 24 & 25:** Attended and spoke at the dedication of the 14 Jewish Chaplains Memorial in Arlington Cemetery. There were a father and son on this monument. Four of them were from the Vietnam era. My remarks, which focused on the history of Jews serving in the American military were well received.
- **November 5:** Appeared on the Fox Morning show to discuss my service during Vietnam as part of the pre-Veterans Day Parade coverage.
- **November 11:** Served as Grand Marshall in the NYC Veterans Day Parade. I spoke as part of the opening ceremonies about how poorly Vietnam veterans were treated and that we were never going to let that happen again.
- **November 16:** Along with Treasurer Reynolds attended a Senate Democrats Briefing and was able to mention the fact that new veterans were getting ripped off by for-profit colleges. Treasurer Reynolds spoke to the Senate staff involved in this issue and came back the next week to offer his insight. NOTE: As a result of VVA and others advocacy on December 22 the Secretary of Defense agreed to postpone an adverse MOU regarding tuition assistance.
- **December 7-10:** With Treasurer Reynolds attended the Patient Advocacy Leadership Summit (PALS) meeting run by Glaxo Smith Kline. Then we attended the retirement party for Tom Miller, Blinded Veterans of America’s Executive Director.
- **December 14 & 15:** Mariann and I attended a White House Briefing prior to attending a Holiday reception in the White House. The next day I stopped by VVA HQ to speak with the staff of the Membership Department to go over their reorganization with Eric Harris assuming Manager’s position.
- **December 19:** I joined Treasurer Reynolds in a visit to ASI’s headquarters to resolve our iMIS problems.
- **January 5:** I spoke at a meeting of the Knickerbocker Chapter of the Daughters of the America Revolution about the Veterans Health Council. I received a \$1,000 donation for the VHC.
- **January 6:** I met with my newly elected Congressman, Rep. Bob Turner a new Republican member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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Treasurer Reynolds submitted the following motions:

Motion 7

**To nominate Avery Taylor for VSF Board of Directors.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 8

**To nominate Bill Messer for VSF Board of Directors.
Motion passed.**

Yes: 19

No: 4

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

National Vice President/F. Elliott

Vice President Elliott provided a written report and here were a few highlights from that report:

October 2011

- Held the first meeting of committee/task force chairs.
- Attended the VISN 2 meeting on the VA's plan for eliminating homelessness among veterans held in Rochester, NY.
- Attended meetings concerning iMIS at the National Office.
- Attended the PA State Council meeting in State College, PA.

November 2011

- Attended meetings concerning iMIS at the National Office.
- Attended the Agent Orange Town Hall meeting in Beaver County, PA.
- Met with staff at the National Office.
- Attended Veterans Day breakfast at the White House with wife Marie.
- Participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Attended a reception held by the Military Order of World Wars.
- Attended meetings concerning iMIS at the National Office.
- Held meeting with all department managers/directors at National Office.

December 2011

- Officers meeting at the National Office.
- Met with entire staff at the National Office.
- Toured the Veterans Benefits offices in DC.
- Attended the Finance Committee special meeting at the National Office.

National Secretary/B. Meeks

Secretary Meeks provided a written report which provided updates on VVA business:

- There are three (3) disciplinary hearings from Region 9 coming up on January 21, 2012.

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- The VVA National Disciplinary Committee has nine (9) members appointed of the required thirteen (13) members so far: Richard DeLong, Lupe Alviar, Alan Manuel, Tom Burke, Bruce Whitaker, Nate Washington, Dan Stenvold, Ken Holybee and Buster Newberry.
- Created an Approved BOD Motions Reference Guide for use by board members, committee chairs, members and VVA departments. The Guide can be found on the VVA web site under Strategic Documents and there is a **WARNING** if you wish to print the Guide, it requires a little bit of paper (74 pages).
- The State Councils are required to file their Certification of Compliance to insure that chapters are in compliance with VVA and state, commonwealth or territory reporting requirements on or before February 28th of each calendar year.
- The new VVA BOD Information Site is on back-burner since we are addressing iMIS related problems which have priority.

Director Sara McVicker submitted the following motion:

Motion 9

To approve the appointment to the National Disciplinary Committee of Richard DeLong, Lupe Alviar, Allen Manuel, Tom Burke, Bruce Whitaker, Nate Washington, Dan Stenvold, Ken Holybee, and Buster Newberry.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

National Treasurer/W. Reynolds

Treasurer Reynolds provided a brief verbal report.

Reports

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America/ N. Switzer

AVVA President Switzer provided a verbal report.

National Chaplain/Fr. Salois

Fr. Salois spoke about the International Conference of War Ministers, working with veterans on PTSD and the weekly mailing of Taps notices provided by VVA staff.

Conference of State Council Presidents/C. Montgomery

Charlie Montgomery spoke about the upcoming CSCP meeting in Daytona Beach, FL and the fact the CSCP will hold their elections at the October 2012 meeting.

Government Affairs Executive Director/R. Weidman

Rick Weidman spoke about accountability, veterans VSO and MSO healthcare and 21st Century GI Bill not getting the bang for the bucks. Rick Weidman introduced Kevin Secor who spoke briefly on VVA's work with the VA and noted a job opportunity event on March 21, 2012 in Washington, DC.

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National VAVS J. McCombs – written report provided.

National Meetings and Special Events/W. Guidry

Treasurer Reynolds announced that the 2015 VVA National Convention would be held at the Hilton/President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, IL.

Veterans Health Council/Dr. T. Berger

- Launched the prostate cancer screening initiative via a national webinar in collaboration with the Mens Health Network and Women Against Prostate Cancer during the week of Veterans Day.
- Addressed the Congressional Mens Health Council in Rayburn Building on prostate cancer on December 7.
- Will soon be launching initiatives on heart disease and lung cancer.
- Presented testimony before the HVAC Subcommittee on Health re: suicide on December 2 and related story (via Dan Stenvold e-mail) about North Dakota vet who committed suicide.
- Complete VHC Reports for November 2011 and December 2011 available on Secretary's site.

IT Department/C. Engle

Carol Engle noted that she would like to say thank you to Wayne for doing the iMIS presentation yesterday. He did my department report for me during that presentation. I'd also like to thank Sara McVicker for the countless hours she put into the internal audit of the iMIS budget. Lastly, I'd like to thank the VVA staff for all their efforts during the last 13 months. They have been difficult months, but I believe we will be in a much better place within a few months. We're on the right track.

President Rowan submitted the following motions:

Motion 10

To appoint Tom Burke as Chair of VVA Public Affairs Committee.

Motion passed.

Yes: 20

No: 3

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 11

To designate the VVA National President as CEO.

Motion passed.

Yes: 16

No: 7

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Finance Committee Report

Committee Chairman Ned Foote presented the following motions out of committee:

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Motion 12

To authorize the President/Treasurer to contract with Lane Services:

- 1) To perform the additional work outlined in Dr. Lane's January 6, 2012 report at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 including travel and software.**
- 2) To evaluate iMIS related issues in the membership department and obtain work hours/cost estimate at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.**
- 3) To perform the work identified in the evaluation of the membership department at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 including travel and software. Approximately, \$15,000 is available in unused funds in the FY '12 Information Technology budget. The remaining costs will be taken from the Professional Fees account in the Administration cost center. A monthly report will be provided to the BOD on progress in resolving issues. The contract will include a timeline for completion of tasks.**

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 13

To approve VAD's request to move \$600 from Travel & Related Expenses budgeted funds to the Public relations line.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 14

To approve funding through April 30, 2012 for consultant fees for Dr. Tom Berger & expenses for the Veterans Health Council in the amount of \$7,500 per month.

Funding to come from prior year excess funds as the period of time in the motion overlaps two VVA Fiscal Years.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Veterans Benefits Program Director's Report/J. Vale

Jim Vale spoke about the following items on his written report and provided a short video presentation:

- Appellate Advocacy Statistics
- VVA National Claims Statistics for 2011
- Staff Changes

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- VVA Litigation
- Service Officer Training
- VVA Accredited Representative Lists
- VetPro Database

2012 National Leadership Conference/P. Peterson

Pete Peterson provided a verbal update on the Leadership Conference which is coming up in August 2012 in Irving, TX.

New Business

Chapter Charter Revocation:

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion:

Motion 15

To revoke the charters of VVA Chapters 418 (OH), 646 (OH) and 901 (ID) at the request of the OH State Council and the ID State Council.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Staff Assignments (Mitchell & Harris):

President Rowan acknowledged that Eileen Mitchell would be assisting Wes Guidry with BOD meetings, conferences and conventions. Eric Harris has been promoted to the position of Administrator for the Membership Department.

2012 VVA Personnel Policy:

Vice President Elliott spoke about the revisions to the existing policy; there was lengthy discussion on the content and the lack of the Finance Committee's involvement on the financial impact to VVA. Director McVicker submitted the following motion:

Motion 16

To postpone the 2012 VVA Personnel Policy until the April 2012 BOD meeting.

Motion passed.

Yes: 22

No: 1

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

30th Anniversary Video Proposal:

President Rowan spoke at length on the project; the discussion by board members questioned the expense and whether this project could be accomplished in-house by the Public Affairs Committee or Communication Department.

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HGDP Policy:

Vice President Elliott removed this item from consideration on the agenda.

VSF BOD Member Appointments:

Secretary Meeks noted this business was accomplished by Motion # 10 and Motion # 11 earlier on the agenda.

Committee – MOTIONS ONLY

Agent Orange/Dioxin – A. Oates – None

Constitution – L. DeLong – None

Economic Opportunities – F. Barry:

Motion 17

For VVA to submit a letter to the Center for Veteran Enterprise to explain step by step process and definition of terms.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 18

That the VVA Board of Directors explore the possibility of filing a lawsuit to secure a temporary restraining order against the VA stopping their ongoing recertification for qualifying any veteran owned business.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Minority Affairs – None:

POW/MIA – G. Coates for Dan Tucker - None

Membership Affairs – C. Hobbs:

Motion 19

To accept the newly revised online membership application.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Public Affairs – T. Burke:

Motion 20

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To approve members of the Public Affairs Committee as follows: Vice Chair Herb Worthington, Members – Grant Coates, Ken Holybee, Tom Owen, James Maddox, Dan Stenvold, Connie Christensen, Wayne Reynolds and designate Mary Bruzzene, Carol Engle, Wes Guidry, Micheal Keating, Marc Leepson and Mokie Porter as Staff Special Advisors.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Veterans Incarcerated – T.P. Hubert:

Motion 21

To appoint John Holloway and Dave Simmons as committee members and Bob Barry as Special Advisor to the VVA Veterans Incarcerated Committee. (at no cost to VVA National)

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Veterans Benefits – J. Margowski:

Motion 22

That VVA join PVA and other Veterans Organizations in an amicus brief on behalf of a 100% service connected veteran who was denied special monthly compensation benefits by the VA. (at no cost to VVA National)

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

PTSD and Substance Abuse- None

Women Veterans – None

Homeless Veterans – None

Veterans Healthcare – P. Bessigano:

Motion 23

To appoint Connie Christensen and Jacqui Rector as members to the Veterans Healthcare Committee. (at no cost to VVA National)

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

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No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 0

Government Affairs – R. Davidge:

Motion 24

To appoint Ted Daywalt as Vice Chair of the VVA Government Affairs Committee. Add Nancy Switzer as AVVA Special Advisor to the Committee. (at no cost to VVA National) Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23
No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 0

Lunch: 12:05 pm

Saturday, January 14, 2012, (con't)

The meeting of VVA National Board of Directors reconvened at 1:17 pm.

Consent Calendar:

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion:

Motion 25

January 14, 2012 – Consent Calendar Motions

- 1. To remove Pat Pudetti from the VVA Veterans Benefits Committee.**
- 2. To approve the VVA Annual Financial Report Form as amended.**
- 3. To amend the Finance Committee Policy, Motion #25, November 15, 2003 by inserting the words “the State, or Chapter” as indicated: The VVA Finance Committee shall provide oversight of the financial activities of the Corporation, the State, or Chapter and shall recommend policies on financial matters to include, but not limited to, assisting—and consulting with the Treasurer on all financial planning, budgeting, reporting and other related matters.**
- 4. To amend Motion #12, October 9, 2004, by striking the words “Mike Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund” and inserting the words “VVA General Fund” as indicated: That each time a cell phone rings during a VVA Board of Directors meeting, the owner will be penalized. Fines for a ringing cell phone will initially be \$5.00 for the first ring and increase in increments of \$5.00 per ring until the end of that respective meeting. Fines will be paid immediately or deducted from any reimbursement due the offending party. If the offending party is a visitor they will be expected to pay or vacate the meeting. This policy will be announced before each VVA Board of Directors meeting and all fines collected will be donated to the ~~Mike Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund~~ VVA General Fund.**
- 5. To amend the Household Goods Donation Program (HGDP) 6 month and 12**

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month report.

6. To add Joe Kristik to the Veterans Benefits Committee.
7. To amend Motion # 33, October 8, 2011, by inserting the words (Special Advisor) after the name James Wilfong and after the name Paul Ignosh as indicated: To appoint James Wilfong (Special Advisor), Ted Daywalt, Paul Ignosh (Special Advisor), Ric Davidge, Bob Hesser, Marc Goldschuitt, Bob Caswell, Dennis Andras, Dave Johnston, Calvin Gross as members and Joe Wynn to the VVA Economic Opportunities Committee. (at no cost to VVA National).
8. That VVA National fully supports Maryland Senate Bill 19 “Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Veterans Organizations” to repeal the automatic termination of previously enacted sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans’ organizations, and will send a letter of support/endorsement to the Senate, Judicial Proceedings Committee. MD General Assembly.
9. To appoint James O. Maddox to the VVA Minority Affairs Committee.
10. To appoint Dave Simmons as Vice Chair of VVA Minority Affairs Committee to replace Connie Steers and Connie Steers will remain a member of the committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Unfinished Business

Director DeLong submitted the following motion:

Motion 26

To reconsider postponement of the Personnel Policy.

Motion failed.

Yes: 5

No: 18

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Committee Reports Only:

Written reports (digital requested) submitted to National Secretary

Agent Orange/Dioxin – A. Oates – provided a verbal report.

Constitution – L. DeLong – provided a verbal report and cautioned all about providing interpretations on the VVA Constitution without first consulting the Constitution Committee.

Economic Opportunities – F. Barry - provided a verbal report.

Minority Affairs – J. Yamamoto – provided a verbal report.

POW/MIA – G. Coates – provided no report.

Membership Affairs – C. Hobbs – provided a verbal report and written report.

Public Affairs – T. Burke – provided a verbal report.

Veterans Incarcerated – T.P. Hubert – provided a verbal report and written report.

Veterans Benefits – J. Margowski – provided a verbal report.

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PTSD and Substance Abuse – T. Hall - provided verbal report and written report.

Women Veterans – M. Four – provided a verbal report.

Homeless Veterans – S. Miller – provided a verbal report.

Veterans Healthcare – P. Bessigano – provided a verbal report.

Government Affairs – R. Davidge – provided a verbal report.

Veterans Against Drugs – D. Simmons - no report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Meeks, Jr.

National Secretary

Approved: April 20, 2012