

AGENDA
Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)
Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
9:30 a.m.

41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center Auditorium,
15300 SE Minuteman Way, Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, OR

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Al Herrera
 - Pledge of Allegiance – Dennis Guthrie
 - Invocation – Chaplain Terry Larkin
- II. **Welcome and Introductions** – Al Herrera
- III. **Approval of Minutes** from September 3, 2014 Meeting
- IV. **ODVA Director's Report** – Cameron Smith
- V. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Veterans' Benefits – Chair: Gerard F. Lorang; Al Herrera; Trisa E. Kelly
 - Home Loan – Chair: Kevin J. Owens; J. Ryan Howell, Michael A. Jones
 - Veterans' Homes – Chair: Mary J. Mayer; Dennis G. Guthrie; Al Herrera
 - Finance – Chair: J. Ryan Howell; Gerard F. Lorang; Trisa E. Kelly
 - Legislative Affairs and Policy – Chair: Dennis G. Guthrie; Kevin J. Owens
- VI. Oregon National Guard Deployments and Reintegration Efforts – Chaplain Terry Larkin and Michelle Kochosky
- VII. **Break**
- VIII. **Unfinished Business**
 - Action Items
 - Follow-up on Public Comments from December 4, 2013:
 - Policy and Process for Establishing New Memorials on ODVA grounds – Laurie Skillman
 - Follow-up on Public Comments from June 4, 2014
 - White Paper on Challenges Facing Volunteer Van Drivers – Gerard Lorang
 - Advisory Committee Page on the ODVA Website – Mary J. Mayer
 - Bios of Advisory Committee Members – Al Herrera
 - Schedule Committee Member Orientations:
 - Orientation for Committee Members – January 21, 2015, 10 am - noon, at ODVA
 - Portland VA Medical Center (including Research) – Date TBD
 - Willamette National Cemetery – Date TBD
- IX. **New Business**
 - Advisory Committee Subcommittee Annual Projects
 - Advisory Committee Recognition in *Vets News* and Internal ODVA Newsletter – Mary J. Mayer
 - Next Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 / Time: 9:30 a.m.
 - Location: Edward C. Allworth Oregon Veterans' Home, 600 North 5th Street, Lebanon, OR 97355
- X. **Public Comment** – Veterans Organizations and Others (Comments Limited to 5 Minutes)
 - Items for the Advisory Committee should be emailed to: vaac@odva.state.or.us
 - To sign up to receive emails concerning veterans issues, the electronic version of *Vets News*, news releases, legislative updates, notice of Advisory Committee to the ODVA meetings, and more, go to www.oregon.gov/ODVA, go to the section in the right column called "Connect with ODVA," and **eSubscribe**.
- XI. **Announcements**
 - To Publicize Events on ODVA Website:
 - Events Submission Form: Go to www.oregon.gov/odva/INFO, click on Events Submission Form
 - For assistance or questions, call **ODVA** at **503-373-2000** or **800-828-8801**
 - Please sign in, sign up for info online, or pick up additional info provided here today.
- XII. **Adjourn the Meeting**