

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

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Hall of Heroes, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Oregon Public Safety Academy,
4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mary J. Mayer
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Invocation – Al Herrera
- II. **Welcome and Introductions** – Mary J. Mayer
- III. **Approval of Minutes** from March 4, 2014 Meeting
- IV. **ODVA Director's Report** – Cameron Smith
 - ODVA Director and Advisory Committee Chair Meeting with Governor Kitzhaber – April 1, 2014
 - ODVA Strategy Briefing and Discussion – April 23, 2014
 - Impact of Federal VA Dollars in 2013 for Oregon
 - ODVA Veterans' Summit – May 29, 2014
 - Vacancy on Advisory Committee – December 31, 2014
- 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
 - State Veterans' Homes – Chair: Mary J. Mayer; Dennis G. Guthrie; Al Herrera
 - Finance – Chair: J. Ryan Howell; Gerard F. Lorang; Trisa E. Kelly
 - Legislative Affairs – Chair: Irv Fletcher; Dennis G. Guthrie; Kevin J. Owens
- VI. Update on Lebanon Veterans' Home – John Osborn
- VII. **Break**
- VIII. **Unfinished Business**
 - Follow-up on Public Comments from December 4, 2013:
 - Making Oregon National Guard and Enlisted Reserve Vets Eligible for the Oregon Preferred Worker Program – Irv Fletcher
 - Volunteer Drivers and Certification – Gerard F. Lorang/Kevin Owens
 - Stipend for DAV Drivers
 - Military Family Memorial – Cameron Smith
 - Follow-up on Public Comments from March 5, 2014
 - Reciprocity of State Benefits for Veterans – Gerard F. Lorang
 - Encourage State of Oregon to Set a Standard as to Who is Considered a Veteran – Gerard F. Lorang
 - Feedback from Advisory Committee Members on:
 - Orientation at ODVA Portland Claims Office and VA Regional Office – March 19, 2014 – Portland, OR
 - ODVA Strategy Briefing and Discussion – April 23, 2014 – Broadway Commons - Salem, OR
 - Veterans' Summit – May 29, 2014
 - 2014 Oregon Women Veterans Conference – March 28-29, 2014 in Eugene, OR
 - Dedication of Oregon World War II Memorial – June 6, 2014 in Salem, OR - Gerard F. Lorang
 - Transition of Educational Piece to Historical Outreach Foundation (HOF)
- IX. **New Business**
 - Annual Report to the Governor – Due: August 2014
 - Annual Review of Bylaws – No changes recommended
 - Election of Officers for 2014 – 2015
 - Subcommittee Assignments for 2014-2015
 - Advisory Committee Page on the ODVA Website – Nicole Hoeft
 - Opportunity to Contribute on the ODVA Website – Nicole Hoeft
 - Veterans' Homes in The Dalles and Lebanon, OR
 - Oregon Women Veterans' Programs
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Veterans' Support Fund

- Schedule Advisory Committee Orientations to:
 - Portland VA Medical Center (including Research)
 - Willamette National Cemetery
 - Lebanon Veterans' Home
 - Oregon Military Museum
- Locations for Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015
 - September 2: Hermiston, OR
 - December 2: Washington County
- Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe – Gerard F. Lorang
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2014
 - Time: 9:30 a.m.
 - Location: Veterans Memorial Hall, 25 NW 8th Street, Ontario, OR
 - Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 212 SE 10th Street, Ontario, OR
 - Social Event with Ontario Veteran Community: Tuesday, September 2, 2014

X. **Public Comment** – Veterans Organizations and Others (Comments Limited to 5 Minutes)

- Fly the POW/MIA Flag 24/7 - Barbara Weatherill – Robert Haltiner
- Mental Health Teams in the Eugene/Roseburg Area – Elizabeth Lane
- Dedication of USO at the Portland International Airport – Joe Williams
 - Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2014
 - Time: 3:00 p.m.
- 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 click on **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**

XII. **Adjourn the Meeting**