

PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee Membership form. Please read all materials carefully before filling out the questionnaire, and remember that service on the Committee is at no cost to National. Thank you.

PTSD AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of the VVA PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee is to support and advocate actively for the health care--diagnoses, clinical practices, clinical research, treatments, specialized programs, and related educational efforts--necessary to meet the needs of veterans with PTSD, substance addictions, and other debilitating psychological reactions to trauma resulting from military service. This advocacy and support also includes health care for family members of such veterans.

MEMBERSHIP

The VVA President appoints the chair of the committee, subject to BOD approval. The chair may not serve as chair of any other national standing or special committee or task force.

The chairs of the Women Veterans Committee, Health Care Committee, and the Task Force on Homeless Veterans, as well as the immediate past chair of the PTSD/SA Committee, serve as members of the committee, subject to the same duties and privileges of all other committee members.

The chair may appoint VVA members in good standing as members of the committee and AVVA members in good standing as advisors to the committee. The chair solicits membership nominations with the assistance of the Conference of State Council Presidents, the Board of Directors, Regional Directors, and VVA staff.

IMPLEMENTATION

Members of the committee may be appointed by the chair to develop specific initiatives that address VVA resolutions requiring committee action or other requests for assistance or action that are brought before the committee. Those members may seek assistance from VVA staff, other committee members, or others and shall report to the committee as a whole on their progress and recommendations. The chair or a designee prepares, with the assistance of the PTSD/SA Staff liaison, timely reports of related information and committee activities for publication in "The VVA Veteran".

The chair or a designee prepares, with the assistance of the committee members, a semiannual report of specific committee issues and activities for publication in "The VVA Veteran".

The Committee conducts a biennial review of the Committee Resolutions and makes recommendations to the VVA National Conventions regarding retirement, continuation, or modification of such resolutions and any actions on proposed resolutions.

The committee prepares a proposal relevant to committee functions and activities for consideration by the VVA National Leadership Conference Planning Committee and helps in the implementation of proposals accepted by the Planning Committee. The committee educates the VVA membership and the general public on PTSD and substance abuse issues of importance to veterans' health and well-being.

MEETINGS

The committee meets at least three times per year during National BOD meetings. All other meetings deemed necessary are arranged in such a manner to minimize the financial impact the VVA and committee budgets.

FUNDING

The committee is assigned an annual operating budget developed by the committee with the assistance of the Finance Committee and approved by the BOD. Funds for committee projects or activities not included in the current annual budget must be requested in accordance with Finance Committee guidelines and timelines.

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Name: _____

I want to ___ do not want ___ to (check response) continue serving on the committee

Post Office Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Which of the following software programs do you use on your computer:

- Microsoft Word Excel Access Microsoft Publisher
 Adobe Reader Internet access video/DVD software
 e-mail only

What talents (e.g., writing), skills (e.g., computer graphics), and/or experience (e.g., BOD member) do you bring to the committee – NOTE: a diagnosis of PTSD is not a talent, skill, or experience...

Why do you want to serve on the PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee?
