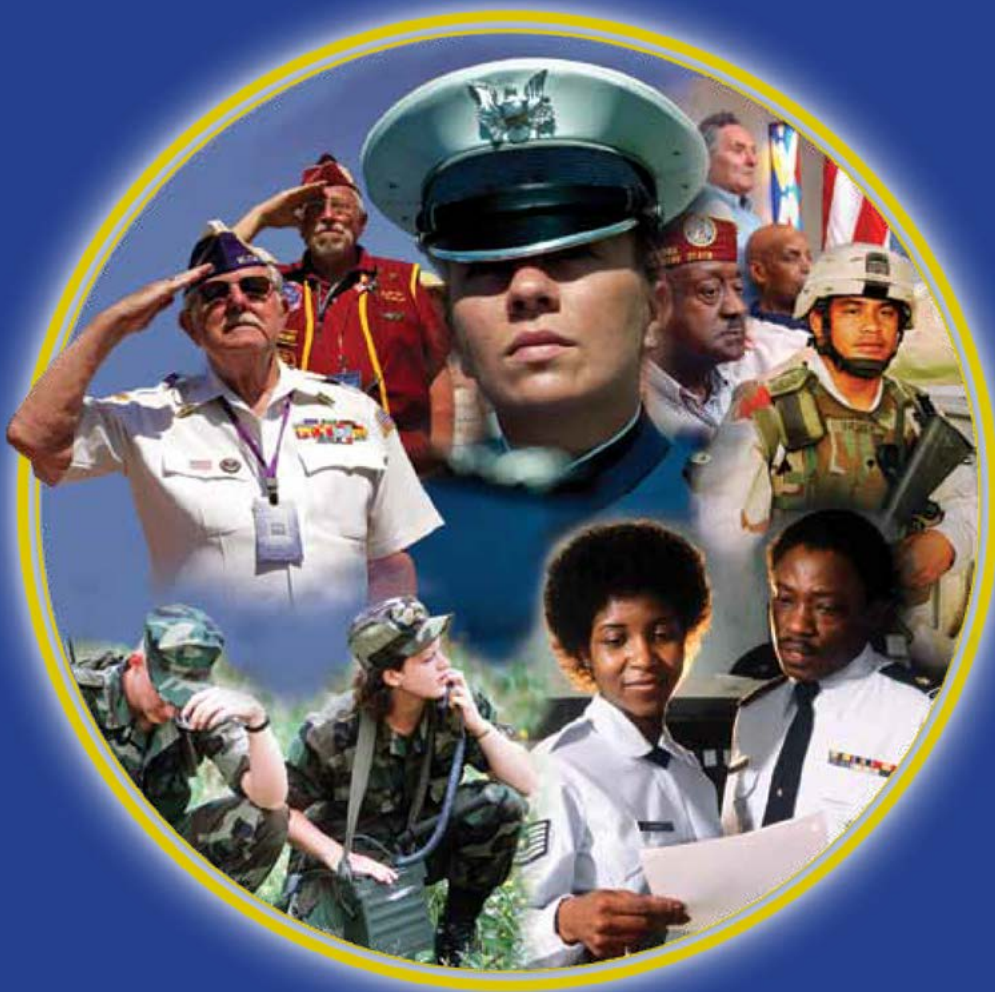




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*"For an organization to be listed it must be a Non-Profit that are National in scope, of good reputation, in existence and involved with Veterans for a minimum of three years, dedicated to a wide range of Veteran's issues with a membership of at least 1,000 or be Congressionally recognized."*



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## LIST OF RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

By virtue of authority contained in title 38, United States Code, the organizations listed below have been granted recognition in the presentation of claims under the statutes administered by VA. This listing is not intended to reflect on the quality of services rendered by other Veterans service organizations:

### Service Organizations Recognized by VA for Claim Processing:

African American PTSD Association (Not congressionally chartered) .....	Lakewood, WA 98498
American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. ....	Arlington, TX 76010
American GI Forum of the United States .....	Denver, CO 80211
The American Legion .....	Indianapolis, IN 46206
American Red Cross.....	Washington, DC 20006
AMVETS .....	Lanham, MD 20706
Army and Navy Union, U.S.A., Inc. ....	Niles, OH 44446
Blinded Veterans Association.....	Washington, DC 20001
Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., Inc. ....	Alexandria, VA 22314
Disabled American Veterans.....	Cold Springs, KY 41076
Fleet Reserve Association.....	Alexandria, VA 22314
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.....	Birmingham, AL 35236
Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Inc.....	Youngstown, OH 44509
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.....	Washington, DC 20009
Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc. ....	Santa Barbara, CA 93110
Marine Corps League.....	Fairfax, VA 22031
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) .....	Alexandria, VA 22314
Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc. ....	Springfield, VA 22151
National Amputation Foundation, Inc.....	Malverne, NY 11565
National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. ....	Milwaukee, WI 53211
National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. ....	Arlington, VA 22301

**National Veterans Legal Services Program.....Washington, DC 20006**

**National Veterans Organization of America, (NVOA)  
(Not congressionally chartered)..... Victoria, TX 79902**

**Navy Mutual Aid Association ..... Arlington, VA 22212**

**Non Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A..... San Antonio, TX 78233**

**Paralyzed Veterans of America ..... Washington, DC 20006**

**Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A. .... Washington, DC 20015**

**Swords to Plowshares, Veterans Rights Organization ..... San Francisco, CA 94103**

**The Retired Enlisted Association ..... Aurora, CO 80012**

**United Spinal Association, Inc. (Not congressionally chartered) .....Jackson Heights, NY 11370**

**Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc. (Not congressionally chartered).....Newburg, WI 53060**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States ..... Kansas City, MO 64111**

**Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition  
(Not congressionally chartered).....Pittston, PA 18640**

**Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. .... Alexandria, VA 22306**

**Vietnam Veterans of America ..... Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**Wounded Warrior Project ..... Jacksonville, FL 32256**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER  
ASSOCIATION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 9129 Veterans Drive, SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Sidney A. Lee  
President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** N/A

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Donald Curtis  
Vice President

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Sidney A. Lee  
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**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** African American PTSD  
Association Newsletter

**MEMBERSHIP:** Veterans: 5,941 Dependents: 472  
Civilians: 320

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** April 3, 1999

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** March 12, 2002  
38 USCS5902 and 38CFRS14.682©  
38 CFRS14.629

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Charles Susino, Jr.  
Past National Commander

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTORS:** Ruth Powell and Betty Harlan  
Director NSO

**PUBLICATION:** EX-POW BULLETIN  
Cheryl Cerbone, Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 14,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1949

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 10, 1982  
PL 97-234

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Mid-Year Conference  
Arlington, TX  
November 22-24, 2013

67nd National Convention  
June 25-29, 2014  
Arlington, TX

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National Chairwomen  
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**PUBLICATION:** THE FORUMEER

**MEMBERSHIP:** 50,000 Members

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** March 26, 1948

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Mid-Year Convention  
Las Vegas, NV  
March 21-23, 2014

National Convention  
San Antonio, TX  
July 30-August 2, 2014

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** James E. Koutz  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Verna Jones, Director  
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**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Peggy Thomas  
National Auxiliary President

**PUBLICATION:** THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE  
Jeff Stoffer, Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 2.4 million (The American Legion)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** March 15, 1919

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** September 16, 1919  
PL 66-47

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Washington Conference  
Washington Hilton Hotel  
Washington, DC  
March 23-26, 2014

National Convention  
Charlotte, NC  
August 22-28, 2014

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**PUBLICATION:** Humanitarian

**MEMBERSHIP:** None

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1881

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS:** January 5, 1905

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

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National Commander

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Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Stewart Hickey  
National Executive Director

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**PUBLICATION:** AMERICAN VETERAN  
Jonathan Agg, Communication Director  
Brittany Barry  
National Publications Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 260,000  
39,000 (Auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** December 9, 1944

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** July 23, 1947  
P.L. 216-80th Congress

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Spring Conference  
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center  
5000 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22311  
March 4-8, 2014

70<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
Memphis, TN  
August 9-17, 2014

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# ARMY AND NAVY UNION, USA, INC.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** P.O. Box 686  
Niles, OH 44446  
(330) 349-4724

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Montis  
National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST** John Cahill

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Norman T. Henninger, Jr.  
National Adjutant

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** ARMY & NAVY HISTORY BOOK

**MEMBERSHIP:** 12,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1886

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS** November 6, 1986

**AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
August 11-17, 2013

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Norman T. Henninger, Jr.  
National Adjutant  
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Niles, OH 44446  
(330) 307-7049 ©

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** N/A

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [anunatladj1886@yahoo.com](mailto:anunatladj1886@yahoo.com)

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.americanwarmoms.org](http://www.americanwarmoms.org)

# **ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 8719 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 585-4000

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Sharon Hobbs  
National President  
3619 Johnsims Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37413  
(423) 364-6385  
Email: shobbs@avva.org

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Nancy Switzer  
Past National President

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Nancy Switzer

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** N/A

**MEMBERSHIP:** January 1999

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** N/A

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Springfield, IL  
July 21-25, 2015

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Nancy Switzer  
Past National President

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (301) 585-0519

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** **Samuel L. Huhn**[email: shobbs@avva.org](mailto:shobbs@avva.org)

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# **BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 477 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2694  
(202) 371-8880

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Mark Cornell  
National President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Samuel L. Huhn  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Al Alvina  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Edward Eckroth

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Sandy Krasnodemski

**PUBLICATION:** BVA BULLETIN

**MEMBERSHIP:** 11,500  
385 (Auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** March 28, 1945

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 27, 1958  
PL 85-769

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** 69th National Convention  
Reno, NV  
August 18-21, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Al Avina  
Executive Director  
Blinded Veterans Association  
477 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2694  
(202) 371-8880

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 371-8258

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** aavina@bva.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.bva@bva.org](http://www.bva@bva.org)

# **CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, USA, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 441 North Lee Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 549-3622

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** James Finkel  
National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Leo F. Haley  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Dave Crum

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Jose M. Garcia  
E-mail: josegarcia4@sbcglobal.net  
(512) 560-6091

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Sue Ranno

**PUBLICATION:** THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN

**MEMBERSHIP:** 20,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** May 1935

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 17, 1984  
PL 98-382

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** 79th National Convention  
Cincinnati, OH  
August 3-10, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Dave Crum  
Executive Director  
(347) 262-4705  
E-mail: pgkdave@gmail.com

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Karen Stone  
Assistant to the Assistant  
Catholic War Veterans  
441 North Lee Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 549-3622

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** kstone@cwv.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.cwv.org](http://www.cwv.org)

# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 3725 Alexandria Pike  
Cold Spring, KY 41076  
(859) 441-7300

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Joseph W. Johnston  
National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Larry Polzin  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Arthur H. Wilson  
National Adjutant

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Garry J. Augustine  
National Service Director

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Donna Adams  
National Commander

**PUBLICATION:** DAV MAGAZINE

**MEMBERSHIP:** 1,252,188

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1921

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** June 17, 1932  
PL 72-186

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Mid Winter Conference  
Crystal Gateway Marriott  
Arlington, VA  
February 23-26, 2014

93rd National Convention  
Las Vegas, NV  
August 9-12, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Garry Augustine, Executive Director  
Washington Headquarters  
Disabled American Veterans  
807 Maine Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20024-2410  
(202) 554-3501

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 554-3581

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** <http://www.dav.org>

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 125 N. West Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2754  
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**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Virgil Cournya  
National President  
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Carson City, NV 89721  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Mark Kilgore  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Tom Snee  
National Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Christopher Slawinski

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Diane Hoover

**PUBLICATION:** FRA TODAY

**MEMBERSHIP:** 65,000  
11,000 (Auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** November 11, 1924

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** September 23, 1996  
PL 104-20 1

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Corpus, TX  
October 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Christopher J. Slawinski  
National Veterans Service Officer  
Fleet Reserve Association  
125 N. West Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2754  
(703) 683-1400  
(800) FRA-1924, Ext. 115

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

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**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

# **GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:**

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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

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**PUBLISHER:**

GSW NEWSLETTER  
Corinna Gibson-Ashmead  
Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:**

8,500

**ORGANIZATION DATE:**

December 1945

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:**

December 4, 1980  
PL 96-497

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:**

69th National Convention  
Seattle, WA  
July 15-20, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:**

Harriet Boyden  
National President/  
Washington Representative  
200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 425  
Arlington, VA 22203  
(703) 351-6246

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:**

N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:**

N/A

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

[www.goldstarwives.org](http://www.goldstarwives.org)

# ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 115 S. Meridian Road  
Youngstown, OH 44509

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Michael Krutsick, Jr.  
National Commander  
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Newark, NJ 07105-3118  
(973) 954-1572  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Jenkins  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Krutsick, Jr., Chief of Staff

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** V. Matthew Rao  
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Boca Raton, FL 33428  
(561) 451-8772

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Ann Marie George  
National President  
(508) 308-6405  
E-mail: amgeorge@comcast.net

**PUBLICATION:** Torch Editor  
Louis LaCivita  
32 Brisk Ave.  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
(412) 331-4758

**MEMBERSHIP:** 10,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** February 20, 1932

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** November 20, 1981  
PL 97-82

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Laughlin, NV  
August 7-9, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Michael Krutsick, Jr.  
National Commander

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Michael Krutsick, Jr.  
National Commander  
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# JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 1811 R Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 265-6280

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Dr. Robert Pickard  
National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Sheldon Ohren  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret)  
National Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER:** Michael Winnick

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Arlene Lodgen  
National President  
E-mail:cm33@yahoo.com

**PUBLICATION:** The Jewish Veteran  
Paul Bernstein, PNC National Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 100,000  
50,000 (auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** March 15, 1896

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 21, 1984  
PL 98-391

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Mid-Winter NEC Meeting  
Crystal City Marriott  
February 13-17, 2013

119th Annual National Convention  
Charleston, SC  
August 17-24, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth, USA (Ret)  
National Executive Director  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
1811 R Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
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# LEGION OF VALOR OF THE USA, INC.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 4706 Calle Reina  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110-2018  
(805) 692-2244

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Keyes Hudson  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Bennie G. Adkins  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Colonel P. J. Conran (Ret) AFC  
National Adjutant

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Colonel George E. Day (Ret) MOH-AFC

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Sharon Mason

**PUBLICATION:** GENERAL ORDERS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 725

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** April 23, 1890

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 4, 1955  
PL 224

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** 124<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Ennis, MT  
June 18-21, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Colonel P. J. Conran (Ret) AFC  
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**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Donald Marx  
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# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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<b>PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	James J. "Jim" Tuohy National Commandant
<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Vic Voltaggio Past National Commandant
<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER:</b>	Michael A. Blum National Executive Director
<b>NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER:</b>	Timothy Frank
<b>AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:</b>	Gerri Tuohy
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	Semper Fi - The Magazine of the Marine Corps League
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	76,000
<b>ORGANIZATION DATE:</b>	June 6, 1923
<b>DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:</b>	July 4, 1937
<b>CONVENTION INFORMATION:</b>	Mid-Winter Conference Falls Church, VA February 8-9, 2013  91 <sup>st</sup> National Convention Charleston, WV August 3-8, 2014
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Michael A. Blum National Executive Director E-mail: <a href="mailto:execdir@mcleague.org">execdir@mcleague.org</a>
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# **MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 201 N. Washington Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 549-2311 or 1 (800) 234-6622

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** General John Tilelli  
Chairman of the Board

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Admiral Charles Abbot  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr. USN, (Ret)  
President and CEO

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** Military Officer

**MEMBERSHIP:** 374,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** February 23, 1929

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** November 6, 2009  
PL 111-95

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT(S):** VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr. USN, (Ret)  
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# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE U.S.A., INC.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 5413 B&C Backlick Road  
Springfield, VA 2215 1-3960  
(703) 642-5360 or (703) 354-2140

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ron Siebels  
National Commander

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Bruce McKenty  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** David Jackson  
National Adjutant

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Jim Richards  
National Service Director

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Barbara Cannode, National President  
(512) 339-8034

**PUBLICATION:** PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

**MEMBERSHIP:** 42,978

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** November 8, 1932

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 26, 1958  
PL 85-76 1

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Denver, CO  
August 5-10, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT(S):** David Jackson  
National Adjutant  
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# **NATIONAL AMPUTATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 40 Church Street  
Malverne, NY 11565 (516) 887-3600

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Paul Bernacchio  
President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Devine  
Past President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Donald A. Sioss  
Executive Secretary

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Donald A. Sioss

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** THE AMP

**MEMBERSHIP:** 700

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1919

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Paul Bernacchio  
President  
National Amputation Foundation, Inc.  
40 Church Street  
Malverne, NY 11565  
(516) 887-3600

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Donald A. Sioss  
Executive Director  
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Malverne, NY 11565  
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**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** amps76@aol.com

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.nationalamputation.org](http://www.nationalamputation.org)

# **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK VETERANS, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** P.O. Box 11432  
Milwaukee, WI 5321 1-0432  
(414) 345-4260  
(414) 342-1073 fax

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Dr. Charles Allen  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** BG (Ret) Robert A. Cocroft  
National Command Council

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** BG (Ret.) Robert A. Cocroft  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Danny McKenzie

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** Eclipse

**MEMBERSHIP:** 30,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** July 1969

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** April 2, 1998

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
October 2014  
TBA

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Richard Rogers  
Senior Division Director  
P.O. Box 11432  
Milwaukee, WI 5321 1-0432  
(414) 562-6250 (414) 562-6455 fax  
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# **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 2200 Wilson Blvd.  
Suite 102-530  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Jim Young  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Jim Young  
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**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** John Dorrity  
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(732) 236-4693 ©

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** NACVSO NEWS  
Gary Chalupa

**MEMBERSHIP:** 1,500

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** June 1990

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** 24th National Convention  
Grand Rapids, MI  
June 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Ann Knowles, Past National President/  
Washington Liaison  
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Clinton, NC 28329-0731  
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# **NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

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Washington, DC 20006  
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Barton F. Stichman, ext. 114

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTORS:** Ronald B. Abrams, ext.111  
Barton F. Stichman, ext. 114

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** The Veterans Advocate  
(Quarterly Journal)

**MEMBERSHIP:** N/A

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1981

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Ronald B. Abrams, ext.111

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Barton F. Stichman, ext.114

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# **NATIONAL VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (NVOA)**

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<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Douglas McArthur Executive Director
<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER:</b>	N/A
<b>NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER:</b>	N/A
<b>NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:</b>	N/A
<b>AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:</b>	N/A
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	US VET ONLINE
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	N/A
<b>ORGANIZATION DATE:</b>	March 27, 2007
<b>DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>CONVENTION INFORMATION:</b>	N/A
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Douglas McArthur Executive Director (361) 356-1215
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<b>WEBSITE ADDRESS:</b>	<u><a href="http://www.nvo.org">www.nvo.org</a></u>

# NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 10635 IH 35 North  
San Antonio, TX 78233  
(210) 653-6161

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** H. Gene Overstreet  
President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** David J. Sommers  
Past President

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Vacant  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Vacant  
National Director State/Veterans Affairs

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Tamara L. Sullivan

**PUBLICATION:** H. Gene Overstreet  
Managing Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 60,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** September 21, 1960

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** April 6, 1988  
PL 100-281

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Las Vegas, NV  
July 15-18, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Vacant  
Executive Director / Government Affairs  
NCOA  
P.O. Box 427  
Alexandria, VA 22313-0427  
(703) 549-0311

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (703) 549-0245

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** rschneider@ncoadc.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org)

# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 801 18th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 872-1300

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Bill Lawson  
National President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Gene Crayton  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Homer S. Townsend, Jr.  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** PN  
SPORTS 'N SPOKES  
Richard D. Hoover, Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 19,569

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** April 14, 1947

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 11, 1971  
PL 92-93

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** **PVA Annual Convention 2014**  
Orlando, FL  
February 10-14, 2014

**BOARD MEETING:** **Board Meeting for 2014**  
Dallas, TX  
August 11-14, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Homer S. Townsend, Jr.  
Executive Director  
801 1 8th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006-3517  
(202) 872-1300

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 416-7643

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**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.pva.org](http://www.pva.org)

# **POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS, USA**

<b>NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:</b>	P.O. Box 1213 Emmetsburg, MD 21727
<b>PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Ernest Stetz, Jr. National Commander
<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Therese Wrobel Past National Commander
<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER:</b>	Stephen A. Wojciechowski Executive Director (410) 294-8614
<b>NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:</b>	N/A
<b>AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:</b>	Sue Griebel National President
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	National PLAV News
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	10,000
<b>ORGANIZATION DATE:</b>	April 24, 1920
<b>DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:</b>	June 23, 1984 PL 98-372
<b>CONVENTION INFORMATION:</b>	National Convention Albany, NY September 2014
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Stephen A. Wojciechowski Executive Director (410) 294-8614
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	wojobam@gmail.com
<b>ALTERNATE CONTACT:</b>	Ben Filipczyk, Jr. Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA 3510 Taylor Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (301) 656-5566 or (703) 399-7806
<b>FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	wojobam@gmail.com

# **SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES: VETERANS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 1060 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-4788 phone  
(415) 252-6267 fax

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Paul Cox  
Chairman of the Board

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Judith Kridle  
Past Chairman of the Board

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Blecker  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER:** Michael Blecker

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** None

**MEMBERSHIP:** N/A

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** December 23, 1974

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Michael Blecker  
Executive Director  
Swords to Plowshares:  
Veterans Rights Organization  
1060 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-4788

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (415) 552-6267

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** bshomer@stp\_sf.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.stp-sf.org](http://www.stp-sf.org)

# TREA: THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 1111 S. Abilene Court  
Aurora, CO 80012  
(800) 338-9337  
(303) 752-0835 fax

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard J. Delaney?????  
National President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Arthur Cooper  
Past National President

**DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:** Tammy Clowers

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Deirdre Parke Holleman  
E-mail: [dholleman@treadc.org](mailto:dholleman@treadc.org)

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Doris Bryant  
E-mail: [jerrybryant@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrybryant@yahoo.com)

**PUBLICATION:** Carrie Jones  
Editor and Publications Coordinator

**MEMBERSHIP:** 45,000  
5,000 (Auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** February 27, 1963

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** October 23, 1992  
PL 102-484

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Norfolk, VA  
September 7-14, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Deirdre Parke Holleman  
Executive Director  
1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 102  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 684-1981 or (800) 554-8732  
E-mail: [dholleman@treadc.org](mailto:dholleman@treadc.org)

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (888) 882-0835 Headquarters  
(866) 548-4876 Legislative Affairs

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Headquarters: [treaHQ@trea.org](mailto:treaHQ@trea.org)  
Washington Office: [treadmin@treadc.org](mailto:treadmin@treadc.org)

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** <http://www.trea.org>

# UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 75-20 Astoria Boulevard  
Jackson Heights, NY 11370-1177

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** David Cooper  
Chairman of the Board  
Email: david@msimktg.com

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lex Frieden  
Past Chairman of the Board

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Paul J. Tobin  
President and CEO

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** David Houppert, Esq.  
National Service Director

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** Life in Action

**MEMBERSHIP:** 39,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** January 9, 2003

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Paul J. Tobin  
President and CEO  
ptobin@unitedspinal.org

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Heather Ansley, Esq. MSW  
Vice President of Veterans Policy  
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1660 L Street, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 556-2076, ext.7702  
E-mail: hansley@vetsfirst.org

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 223-2380

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** N/A

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.vetsfirst.org](http://www.vetsfirst.org)



# VETERANS ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, INC.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** P.O. Box 109  
Newburg, WI 53060

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Colin Moten  
President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Robert Piaro  
Past President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** Colin Moten  
President  
500 E. Veterans Street  
Bldg. 407, Room 3749  
Tomah, WI 54660  
E-mail: vapresident@vafvets.org

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** John Margowski

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** N/A

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** January 25, 1994

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**BOARD MEETING INFORMATION:** January 23-24, 2010

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Colin Moten  
President  
500 E. Veterans Street  
Bldg. 407, Room 3749  
Tomah, WI 54660  
(608) 372-8387  
E-mail: colin.moten@vafvets.org

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Robert R. Piaro, Board Chairman  
E-mail: chairman@veteransassistance.org

**FACSIMILE ADDRESS:** (608) 372-1630

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** vapresident@vafvets.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.veteransassistance.org](http://www.veteransassistance.org)

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 406 West 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
(816) 756-3390

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** William A. Thien  
Commander-in-Chief

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** John E. Hamilton  
Past Commander-in-Chief

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** John E. Hamilton  
Adjutant General

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** William L. Bradshaw

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** Leanne Lemley  
National President of the VFW Auxiliary

**PUBLICATION:** VFW MAGAZINE  
Richard K. Kolb, Director/  
Editor-in-Chief

**MEMBERSHIP:** 2 million  
600,000 (Auxiliary)

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1899

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** May 28, 1936  
PL 74-630

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Mid Winter Legislative Conference  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Crystal City, VA  
March 2-6, 2014

National Convention  
St. Louis, MO  
July 19-23, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Robert E. Wallace  
Executive Director  
200 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-5724  
(202) 543-2239

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** William L. Bradshaw, Director  
National Veterans Service  
(202) 543-2239

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 543-6719 - Executive Director  
(202) 547-3196 - Director, National Vets. Svc.

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

# **VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, INC. & THE VETERANS COALITION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 805 South Township Blvd.  
Pittston, PA 18640-3327  
(570) 603-9740  
1-800-843-8626

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Peter J. Forbes  
National Commander  
805 South Township Blvd.  
Pittston, PA 18640

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Michael Milne  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Nancy Verespy  
Executive Director

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** THE VETERAN LEADER

**MEMBERSHIP:** 15,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** May 5, 1980

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Peter J. Forbes  
National Commander  
805 South Township Blvd.  
Pittston, PA 18640  
(570) 603-9740  
1-800-843-8626

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

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**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** <http://www.vvwn.org>

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 585-4000

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Rowan  
National President  
E-mail: jrowan@vva.org

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Thomas H. Corey  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** N/A

**DIRECTOR OF VETERANS BENEFITS:** Jim Vale  
E-mail: jvale@vva.org

**ASSOCIATE PRESIDENT:** Nancy Switzer

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR:** Rick Weidman, ext.127  
Executive Director of Policy and Gov. Affairs  
E-mail: rweidman@vva.org

**PUBLICATION:** THE VVA VETERAN  
Michael Keating, Editor

**MEMBERSHIP:** 68,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1978

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** May 23, 1986  
PL 99-318

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Conference  
Springfield, IL  
July 21-25, 2015  
  
Leadership Conference  
Wichita, KS  
August 5-10, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** John Rowan, National President  
8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 585-4000

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (301) 585-0519

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** jrowan@vva.org

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

# WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Dawn Halfaker  
President/Board of Directors

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ron Drach  
Past President/Board of Directors

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Steve Nardizzi

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Frank LoGalbo

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** After Action Report

**MEMBERSHIP:** N/A - we are not a membership  
driven organization

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** February 23, 2005

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** N/A - VA Accreditation of Sept.10, 2008

**NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION:** N/A

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Steve Nardizzi  
Executive Director  
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Jacksonville, FL 32256  
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project.org  
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**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Frank LoGalbo  
(904) 755-2796

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [nwilhelmy@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:nwilhelmy@woundedwarriorproject.org)

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

## **PART II**

Other Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations NOT recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparation, presentation and prosecution of Veteran's claims only. They represent the interest of American Veterans.

# AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Airmen Memorial Building  
5211 Auth Road  
Suitland, MD 20746  
(301) 899-3500  
(301) 899-8136 fax  
E-mail: [staff@hqafsa.org](mailto:staff@hqafsa.org)

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Daniel Yeomans, CMSgt (Ret)  
President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Jeffrey Ledoux  
Past International President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** John R. McCauslin  
Chief Executive Officer

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Morgan Brown

**PUBLICATION:** AFSA MAGAZINE  
Executive Editor: David Mimms

**MEMBERSHIP:** 170,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** May 3, 1961

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** November 18, 1997  
PL 105-85

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Jacksonville, FL  
August 16-20, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** John R. McCauslin  
Chief Executive Officer  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
5211 Auth Road  
Suitland, MD 20746  
(800) 638-0594 phone or  
(301) 899-3500, ext. 223  
E-mail: [milgov1@hqafsa.org](mailto:milgov1@hqafsa.org)

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Dave Popp  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)  
(301) 899-3500 ext.223 office  
E-mail: [milgov1@afsahq.org](mailto:milgov1@afsahq.org)

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (301) 899-8136

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [milgov1@hqafsa.org](mailto:milgov1@hqafsa.org)

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)

# AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 2128 LeRoy Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20009-1893

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Barb Benard  
National President  
3807 Pine Hill Drive  
Columbia, PA 17512  
(717) 917-9057  
Email: barb0406gsm@gmail.com

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Mary Byers  
Past National President

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Mary Byers

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** Cindy Hardegree  
(Newsletter)

**MEMBERSHIP:** 1,800

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** June 4, 1928

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** June 12, 1984  
Incorporated in D.C.  
January 5, 1929

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Lancaster, PA  
June 27-29, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Barb Benard  
1st Vice President and Service Officer  
(717) 917-9057  
E-mail: gsmom46@gmail.com

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 265-6963

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** goldstarmoms@yahoo.com

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.goldstarmoms.com](http://www.goldstarmoms.com)



# AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 5415 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite L-30  
Washington, DC 20015  
(202) 362-0090

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** LaVerna Capes  
National President  
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**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Nelda P. Bleckler  
Past National Commander  
1121 North Desloge Drive, Unit K-1  
Desloge, MO 63601  
(573) 431-7971  
(573) 760-3241 ©  
E-mail: neldableckler@yahoo.com

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Edith Lattimore  
National Corresponding Secretary

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** News Letter to Members

**MEMBERSHIP:** 500

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** September 27, 1917

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** February 24, 1925  
PL 68-463

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** Washington, DC  
November 2, 2013

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Edith Lattimore  
National Corresponding Secretary  
American War Mothers  
5415 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite L-30  
Washington, DC 20015  
(202) 362-0090 phone  
(202) 362-2395 fax

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** Helen Hasty  
907 Jefferson Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
(202) 526-3110

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (202) 362-2395

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** americanwarmothers@verizon.net

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.americanwarmoms.org](http://www.americanwarmoms.org)

# **BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 5533 Terra Granada #1A  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
(925) 708-3691

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Patricia J. Soler  
National President  
5533 Terra Granada #1A  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
(925) 708-3691  
E-mail: [president@bluestarmothers.org](mailto:president@bluestarmothers.org)

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Robin Barnes McCarthy  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** N/A

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** ANNUAL “Yearbook”

**MEMBERSHIP:** 11,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** January 22, 1942

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** June 1960

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
San Francisco, CA  
August 14-17, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Patricia J. Soler  
National President  
(925) 708-3691  
E-mail: [president@bluestarmothers.org](mailto:president@bluestarmothers.org)

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** N/A

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [president@bluestarmothers.org](mailto:president@bluestarmothers.org)

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org)

# CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 40 Patriots Point Road  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 884-8862

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Harold Fritz  
President, CHOHS

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Leo K. Thorsness  
Past National Commander

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** N/A

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** N/A

**MEMBERSHIP:** 80

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** September 16, 1948

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** August 14, 1958  
PL 85-642

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** National Convention  
Knoxville, TN  
September 18-22, 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Victoria Kueck  
Director of Operations Medal of Honor  
Society of the USA  
40 Patriots Point Road  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 884-8862 or (843) 406-7602

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (843) 884-1471

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** medalhq@earthlink.net

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.cmohs.org](http://www.cmohs.org)

# **KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 8452 Mary's Creek Drive  
Benbrook, TX 76116-7600

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Larry Kinard  
National President

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** James E. Ferris  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** N/A

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** J.D. Randolph

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** KOREA VETERAN "THE  
GRAYBEARD"

**MEMBERSHIP:** 16,000

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** June 25, 1985

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** June 30, 2008  
PL 110-254

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Rochester, MN  
July 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** James E. Ferris  
National President  
4311 Lazybrook Circle  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 317-3491  
E-mail: jimferriskwva@aol.com

**SECONDARY CONTACT:** Colonel Warren Wiedhahn  
Washington Liaison  
jwiedhahn@aol.com  
(703) 212-8128

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** N/A

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** N/A

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

# MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** P.O. Box 7056  
Arlington, VA 22207-7058  
(703) 533-5890

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chaplain Edward T. Brogan  
National President  
P.O. Box 7056  
Arlington, VA 22207  
Email: edbrogan@pccmp.org

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chaplain Michael L. McCoy  
Past National President

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Chaplain Robert Certain  
Executive Director  
3778 Loch Highland Pkwy, NE  
Roswell, GA 30075

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:** N/A

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** N/A

**PUBLICATION:** THE MILITARY CHAPLAIN

**MEMBERSHIP:** 1,518

**ORGANIZATION DATE:** 1925

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:** September 20, 1950  
PL 792

**CONVENTION INFORMATION:** MCA Annual Meeting  
San Diego, CA  
May 13-16 2014

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Chaplain Lyman Smith  
Deputy Executive Director  
Military Chaplains Association  
P.O. Box 7056  
Arlington, VA 22207-7056  
(703) 533-5890  
E-mail: chaplains@mca-usa.org

**ALTERNATE CONTACT:** N/A

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:** (770) 649-1972

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**ORGANIZATION DATE:** June 18, 1938

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PL 546

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## **PART V**

Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations  
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Navy Mutual Aid Association.....	July 28, 1879
American Red Cross .....	January 5, 1905
The American Legion .....	September 16, 1919
National Amputation Foundation, Inc. ....	1919
American War Mothers.....	February 24, 1925
Disabled American Veterans .....	June 17, 1932
Veterans of Foreign War of the United States .....	May 28, 1936
Marine Corps League .....	July 4, 1937
Navy Club of the United States of America .....	June 6, 1940
AMVETS (American Veterans) .....	July 23, 1947
Military Chaplains Association of the USA .....	September 20, 1950
Legion of Valor of the USA, Inc. ....	July 4, 1955
Congressional Medal of Honor Society .....	July 14, 1958
Veterans of World War I .....	July 18, 1958
Military Order of the Purple Heart.....	August 26, 1958
Blinded Veterans Association .....	August 27, 1958
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.....	June 1960
National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. ....	July 1969
Paralyzed Veterans of America.....	August 11, 1971
Swords to Plowshares: Veterans Rights Organization .....	December 23, 1974
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. ....	December 4, 1980
Italian American War Veterans Affairs .....	November 20, 1981
U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. ....	November 20, 1981
National Veterans Legal Services Program .....	1981

<b>American Ex-Prisoners of War</b> .....	<b>August 10, 1982</b>
<b>Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association</b> .....	<b>October 30, 1984</b>
<b>American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.</b> .....	<b>June 12, 1984</b>
<b>Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA</b> .....	<b>June 23, 1984</b>
<b>Jewish War Veterans of the United States</b> .....	<b>August 21, 1984</b>
<b>Catholic War Veterans Affairs</b> .....	<b>August 17, 1984</b>
<b>Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.</b> .....	<b>October 7 1985</b>
<b>Vietnam Veterans of America</b> .....	<b>May 23, 1986</b>
<b>Army and Navy Union</b> .....	<b>November 6, 1986</b>
<b>Non-Commissioned Officers Association</b> .....	<b>April 6, 1988</b>
<b>National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc.</b> .....	<b>June 1990</b>
<b>Military Order of the World Wars</b> .....	<b>October 23, 1992</b>
<b>The Retired Enlisted Association</b> .....	<b>October 23, 1992</b>
<b>Fleet Reserve Association</b> .....	<b>September 23, 1996</b>
<b>Air Force Sergeants Association</b> .....	<b>November 18, 1997</b>
<b>American G.I. Forum</b> .....	<b>August 13, 1998</b>
<b>Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.</b> .....	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
<b>Military Officers Association of America</b> .....	<b>November 6, 2009</b>



## **PART VI**

### Listing of Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committees

# **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)**

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **NAMES AND OBJECTIVES**

The following list of 24 VA advisory committees includes 15 that have been established by statute (with an asterisk \*) and 9 nonstatutory panels designed to provide advice on selected VA programs and policies. The advisory committees listed below are arranged alphabetically according to key words (bold print) in their titles. Immediately following the list of committees are summaries of the committees' objectives.

- 1. VA National Academic Affiliations Council**
- \*2. Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials**
- 3. Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee**
- \*4. Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation**
- \*5. Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education**
- \*6. Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards**
- \*7. Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War**
- 8. Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee**
- \*9. Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee**
- \*10. Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses**
- 11. Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board**
- \*12. Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans**
- 13. Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board**
- \*14. Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans**
- 15. National Research Advisory Council**
- \*16. Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs**
- \*17. Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans**
- \*18. Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation**
- 19. Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board**
- 20. Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee**
- \*21. Special Medical Advisory Group**
- \*22. Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities**
- 23. Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee**
- \*24. Advisory Committee on Women Veterans**

# OBJECTIVES OF VA ADVISORY COMMITTEES

## VA National **Academic** Affiliations Council

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

## Advisory Committee on **Cemeteries** and Memorials (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of national cemeteries, the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.

## Clinical Science Research and Development Service **Cooperative Studies** Scientific Evaluation Committee

To provide advice on VA cooperative studies, multi-site clinical research activities, and policies related to conducting and managing these efforts while ensuring that new and ongoing projects maintain high quality, are based upon scientific merit, and are efficiently and economically conducted.

## Advisory Committee on **Disability Compensation** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on establishing and supervising a schedule to conduct periodic reviews of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD).

## Veterans' Advisory Committee on **Education** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for Veterans and Servicepersons, Reservists, and dependents of Veterans under Chapters 30, 32, 35, and 36 of Title 38, and Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code.

## Veterans' Advisory Committee on **Environmental Hazards** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation, and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

## Advisory Committee on **Former Prisoners of War** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits for Veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to assess the needs of such Veterans in the areas of service-connected compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

## **Genomic Medicine** Program Advisory Committee

To provide advice on the scientific and ethical issues related to the establishment, development, and operation of a genomic medicine program within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## **Geriatrics and Gerontology** Advisory Committee (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology by assessing the capability of VA health care facilities to meet the medical, psychological, and social needs of older Veterans, and by evaluating VA facilities designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

Research Advisory Committee on **Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, or research strategies relating to the health effects of military service in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War.

**Health Services Research and Development** Service Merit Review Board

To provide advice on the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated research and development program. Board members advise on the scientific and technical merit, originality, feasibility, and mission relevance of individual research proposals. They also advise on the adequacy of protection of human and animal subjects.

Advisory Committee on **Homeless Veterans** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on benefits and services provided to homeless Veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Joint Biomedical Laboratory** Research and Development and **Clinical Science** Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board

To provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. The proposals to be reviewed may address research questions within the general area of biomedical and behavioral research or clinical science research. The Board also advises VA research officials on program priorities and policies, as well as administration of VA's intramural program.

Advisory Committee on **Minority Veterans** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of VA benefits for Veterans who are minority group members in the areas of compensation, health care, rehabilitation, outreach, and other services.

**National Research** Advisory Council

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on research and development sponsored and/or conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, to include policies and programs of the Office of Research and Development.

Advisory Committee on **Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA prosthetics programs and the rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of prosthetics technology. The Committee also assesses VA programs that serve Veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities.

Advisory Committee on the **Readjustment** of Veterans (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on policies, organizational structures, and the provision and coordination of services to address Veterans' post-war readjustment to civilian life, with particular emphasis on post-traumatic stress disorder, alcoholism, other substance abuse, post-war employment, and family adjustment.

Veterans' Advisory Committee on **Rehabilitation** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the rehabilitation needs of disabled Veterans and the administration of VA's rehabilitation programs.

**Rehabilitation Research and Development** Service Scientific Merit Review Board

To provide advice on the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds, and to provide advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objectives of the Board are to ensure that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Veterans' **Rural Health** Advisory Committee

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on health care issues affecting enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas

**Special Medical** Advisory Group (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on matters relating to the care and treatment of Veterans and other matters pertinent to the operations of the Veterans Health Administration (i.e., research, education, training of health manpower, and VA/DOD contingency planning).

Advisory Committee on **Structural Safety** of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities (Statutory) To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on structural safety in the construction and remodeling of VA facilities, and to recommend standards for use by VA in the construction and alteration of facilities.

Department of Veterans Affairs **Voluntary Service** National Advisory Committee

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA health care facilities.

Advisory Committee on **Women Veterans** (Statutory)

To provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the needs of women Veterans regarding health care, rehabilitation benefits, compensation, outreach, and other programs administered by VA.





## **PART VII**

Correction Form, 2013 and 2014 VSO Directory Information, and Key to Page Format

# VETERANS ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY CORRECTION FORM

All organizations should complete the form on the next page (please type or print legibly) and submit it to the following address when there are changes.

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**FROM:**      **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
                  **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
                  **Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
                  **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **2013 & 2014 VSO DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

**ORGANIZATION:**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDING OFFICER:**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

**NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:**

**PUBLICATION:**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**ORGANIZATION DATE:**

**DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION:**

**PRIMARY CONTACT(S) Please include addresses and phone numbers:**

**FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

# KEY TO PAGE FORMAT

**PLEASE NOTE:** The information page for each organization in Part I of this directory is presented in the following format. If information about a particular item is either not applicable or not available, please mark it N/A.

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>	Name of organization
<b>NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:</b>	Address and telephone number
<b>PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Current top elected official
<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDING OFFICER:</b>	Preceding top elected official
<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER:</b>	Administrative official
<b>NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:</b>	Veterans services official
<b>AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:</b>	Auxiliary top official
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	Publication name Editor
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Number, plus auxiliary
<b>ORGANIZATION DATE:</b>	Organization founded
<b>DATE CHARTERED BY CONGRESS AND PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:</b>	Chartered by U.S. Congress (Include public law number)
<b>CONVENTION INFORMATION:</b>	Date and location of Conferences and National convention
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT(S):</b>	
Listed are the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) designated by each organization as its primary contact with VA Central Office. Limit to two individuals.	
<b>FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:</b>	(If available)
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	(If available)
<b>WEBSITE ADDRESS:</b>	(If available)







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