

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHARTER OF THE
VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

A. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education

B. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY: The Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans and servicepersons, reservists and guard personnel, and for dependents of veterans under chapters 30, 32, 35 and 36 of title 38, and chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code.

C. PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT ITS PURPOSE: By statute, the Committee has a termination date of December 31, 2009.

D. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Committee reports to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

E. OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE: The Veterans Benefits Administration is responsible for providing support to the Committee.

F. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE: The Committee advises the Secretary on existing Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefit programs and services; recommends new and improved education benefit programs and services; and assists in long-range planning and development. Its recommendations may involve regulatory and administrative changes, as well as legislative proposals. The Committee will submit its recommendations and reports to the Secretary and may also submit its reports to the Congress.

By statute, Committee members shall be persons eminent in their respective fields of education, labor, and management and representatives of institutions and establishments furnishing education to eligible veterans or persons enrolled under chapters 30, 32 or 35 of title 38 or chapter 1606 of title 10. The committee shall also, to the maximum extent practicable, include veterans representative of World War II, the Korean conflict era, the post-Korean conflict era, the Vietnam era, the post-Vietnam era, and the Persian Gulf War. The Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education (or such other comparable official of the Department of Education as the Secretary of Education may designate) and the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training shall be ex officio members.

The Committee will be composed of approximately sixteen (16) members. Several members may be Regular Government Employees, but the majority of the Committee's membership will be Special Government Employees.

G. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS IN DOLLARS AND STAFF-YEARS:

Estimated annual operating costs for the Committee are \$74,000 and .4 staff-year. All members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee.

H. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee will meet at least once annually. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), a full time VA employee, will approve the schedule of Committee meetings. The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so.

I. COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE: December 31, 2009.

J. DATE CHARTER IS FILED:

Approved:



Gordon H. Mansfield
Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Date:

12/11/07