

## **VVA BOD/CSCP MEETING**

**JANUARY 20-22, 2023**

**SILVER SPRING, MD.**

President McManus discussed the future of VVA. He stated the Stakeholders were not included in the Strategic Plan. The plan was accepted at the April 2022 BOD meeting. National is not making the decision on the future of VVA. Membership will have the final decision.

He stated that Critical Members were not included in the plan. Referring to Staff. Household Goods funding is critical in keeping VVA solvent. An Organization to take over VVA (VVOA) and to take the claims program. We currently have around 100K claims at National.

Leadership Conference continuation will be at the BOD Meeting this week. The survey that Sam Brick established showed that the majority want to continue. Leadership positions are not being filled. The membership is still increasing.

President McManus would like to have three conventions – 2023, 2025, 2027. The 2027 date is up for consideration as most will be in their mid 80's. Mobility and medical issues need to be considered. He advised this is still up for discussion.

Vice President Burke: Introduced Jacy Smith as the new office manager. He discussed the aging membership and the assisted mobility, canes, walkers, wheel chairs, scooters and service dogs.

Treasurer Linda Schwartz: Legacy of VVA will be a continuing process and will carry for years to come. She reported that the Revenue is \$10,270, 379, Expenditures \$9, 127, 860, and Income \$1,142,516.

Secretary Meeks: The current suspension list was handed out and was mailed on 1.20.23. There are approximately 100 chapters and state councils on the list. He acknowledged that some may have updated and are still on the list. He encouraged all CSCP and State Councils, Chapters to review the list and contact those to get compliance.

AVVA Schoffel: Reported there will be a pin for dual membership at the National Convention in Orlando this year. She also asked that we keep Sharon Hobbs in our prayers for the loss of her sister.

CSCP Chair Brick: Reported there were 42 of the 47 State Presidents at the CSCP meeting.

HGDP: There has been some minor expansion with the program. Georgia, New York, Rhode Island new to the program.

Ghezzi: Veterans Benefits program is still working. He also introduced the VVOA President.

Government Affairs Hodge: There is a White Paper on Aging and VVA position on the 118 Congress. An issue that needs support is the Burn Pits.

Government Affairs – Peterson. State Councils need to have a Legislative Liaison for the GA Department for contacts.

Town Hall Meetings: VVA wants more and not just one issue. Would like to see them all inclusive. DIC was discussed as the widow may not receive compensation if the coroners does not list Toxic Exposure as possible cause of death on the death certificate. An issue that came up is that each state has it's own way of reporting on the Death Certificate.

We had a presentation from the 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War Commemoration on an event that will take place May 11-13 and the National Mall and West Potomac Park. The program is a dedication to Vietnam Veterans and will have several agencies on site to present information to the VN Vets. VVA may be on site and President McManus will be meeting with them to finalize our involvement,

One issue could be the timing as this event will be about two weeks prior to Memorial Day where we have a tent at the Mall.