

Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

Date	February 12, 2024
Time	11:00am to 3:00pm Eastern Time
Location	Virtual
Join Online	Webex url: https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=mce20c7eb47a3f2e1ad620c4ffe8575de
Join by Phone	Meeting password: GWVETS1991! Join by phone: 1-833-558-0712 Toll-free Meeting number (access code): 2760 876 6175
Purpose of Meeting	The purpose of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RACGWVI) is to advise the Secretary VA on research, plans and strategies related to understanding and treating the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990 - 1991 Gulf War.
Focus of Current Meeting	FACA annual training, RACGWVI Charter review and deliberation of proposed recommendations to the VA Secretary.
Committee Chair	Dr. Cheryl Walker
Vice-Chair	Dr. Kenneth Ramos
Designated Federal Officer (DFO)	Dr. Karen Block; Alternate DFO: Marsha Turner
Members	Ronald Brown, Col. Richard Gaard, Dr. Drew Helmer, Thomas Mathers, Delphine Metcalf-Foster, Sonya Smith, Dr. Elaine Symanski, Barbara Ward, Jane Wasvick, William "Bill" Watts, Dr. James Woody

Agenda

11:00-11:05	Opening Remarks	Karen Block, PhD Designated Federal Officer
11:05-11:15	Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Overview	Cheryl Walker, PhD RACGWVI Chair
11:15-11:20	Veteran Shared Experience	Sonya Smith, MHA 1990-91 Gulf War Veteran/Committee Member
11:20-11:40	PACT Act Sections 103, 405 and Gulf War Illness	Lisa Pape, LISW Senior Advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health Administration
11:40-12:00	FACA 101 Brief	LaTonya Small, PhD Program Officer, Advisory Committee Management Office
12:00-12:15	RACGWVI Committee Overview	Dr. Karen Block
12:15-12:30	RACGWVI Veteran Engagement Session (VES) Restructure	Kenneth Ramos, MD, PhD RACGWVI Vice-Chair Mr. Tom Mathers RACGWVI Subcommittee Chair
12:30-12:50	Break/Preparation for working lunch	
12:50-2:30	Committee Discussion: Recommendations	Dr. Cheryl Walker and Committee
2:30-3:00	Public Comment	Mr. William 'Bill' Watts Committee Member/Moderator
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