

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RAC-GWVI)**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**LOCATION: Sonny Montgomery Room (Room 230)**  
**810 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20420**

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**Agenda**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Karen Block, Designated Federal Officer</b>
	<b>Welcome, Overview and Introductions</b>	<b>Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair</b> <b>Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>9:15 – 9:30</b>	<b>Federal Advisory Committee Training</b>	<b>Jeffrey Moragne, Director</b> <b>VA Advisory Committee Management Office</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Ethics Training</b>	<b>Carol Borden, Ethics Staff Attorney</b> <b>VA Office of General Counsel</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>VA Updates on RAC-GWVI</b> <b>Recommendations and GW Program</b>	<b>Dr. Karen Block</b> <b>VA Office of Research and Development</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Overview of First Gulf War Environment</b>	<b>James N. Woody, MD, PhD</b> <b>CAPT MC USN (Ret)</b> <b>Former: Commanding Officer, Navy Medical</b> <b>Research and Development Command</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>How Participation in Gulf War Veteran</b> <b>Research Can Impact Change:</b> <b>The Big Picture</b>	<b>Erin Dursa, PhD, MPH</b> <b>Post-Deployment Health Epidemiology</b> <b>Program</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:10</b>	<b>Veteran Engagement Session (VES)</b> <b>Roundtable Overview and Instructions</b>	<b>Larry Steinman, MD</b>
<b>1:10 – 1:30</b>	<b>VES Overview Houston / Cleveland</b>	<b>Marylyn Harris / Kimberly Adams</b>
<b>1:30 – 1:50</b>	<b>VES Key Topic Reports</b>	<b>VES Subcommittee Members</b>
<b>1:50 – 3:00</b>	<b>Veteran Attendee Experiences</b>	<b>Veterans and Supporters</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:30</b>	<b>VES Roundtable Discussion/Questions</b>	<b>Invited Guests and RAC VES Subcommittee</b>
<b>3:30 – 3:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:45 – 4:30</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>	<b>Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair</b> <b>Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>4:30 – 5:00</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>5:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

# Veteran Engagement Session (VES) Roundtable Discussion

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- 1:00 – 1:10 Roundtable Overview and Instructions** ..... Larry Steinman, MD
- 1:10 – 1:30 Roundtable Overview: VES Meetings**
- Houston VAMC: ..... Marylyn Harris
  - Cleveland VAHCS:..... Kimberly Adams
- 1:30 – 1:50 VES Key Topic Reports**
- What health issues are of greatest concern to Gulf War Veterans? ..... Steve Hunt, MD
  - How can research improve the treatments available to GW Veterans? ..... Karen Block, PhD
  - What health issue could VA address to improve GW Veterans’ quality of life?..... Bill Watts /  
..... Marylyn Harris
  - What would you like the VA Secretary to know about health of GW Veterans? .... Larry Steinman, MD
- 1:50 – 3:00 Veteran Attendee Experiences**
- Chaplain Barrington Malcolm, Houston
  - Randy Harrod, Cleveland
  - George Coates and wife Ruth
  - Brian Davis and daughter Haley
- 3:00 – 3:30 Discussion / Questions**
- RACGWVI Committee address VES
  - Audience address VES
  - Phone / Facebook / other address VES

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**Agenda**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks and Welcome to VA Leadership</b>	<b>Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Discussion with VA Leadership</b>	<b>Senior VA Leader Dept. of Veterans Affairs</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Generational Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War</b>	<b>Kenneth Ramos, MD, PhD Professor of Medicine, Texas A&amp;M Committee Chair, National Academy of Medicine, Vol 11, Gulf War and Health</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Post-Deployment Health Update and Initiatives</b>	<b>Dr. Peter Rumm, Director VA Pre-9/11 Era Environmental Health Program</b>
<b>11:00 - 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>	<b>Dr. Lawrence Steinman, Chair Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	