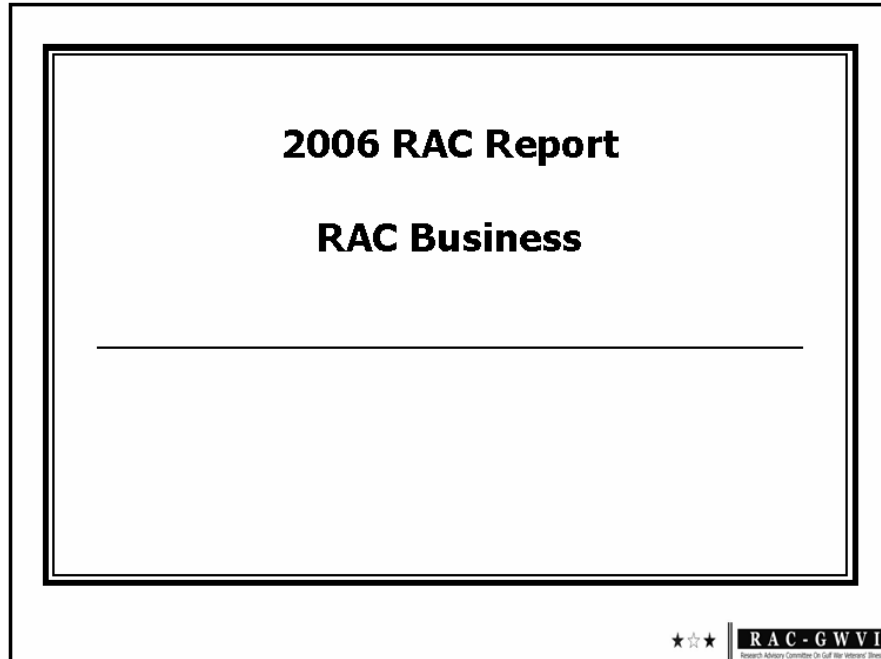


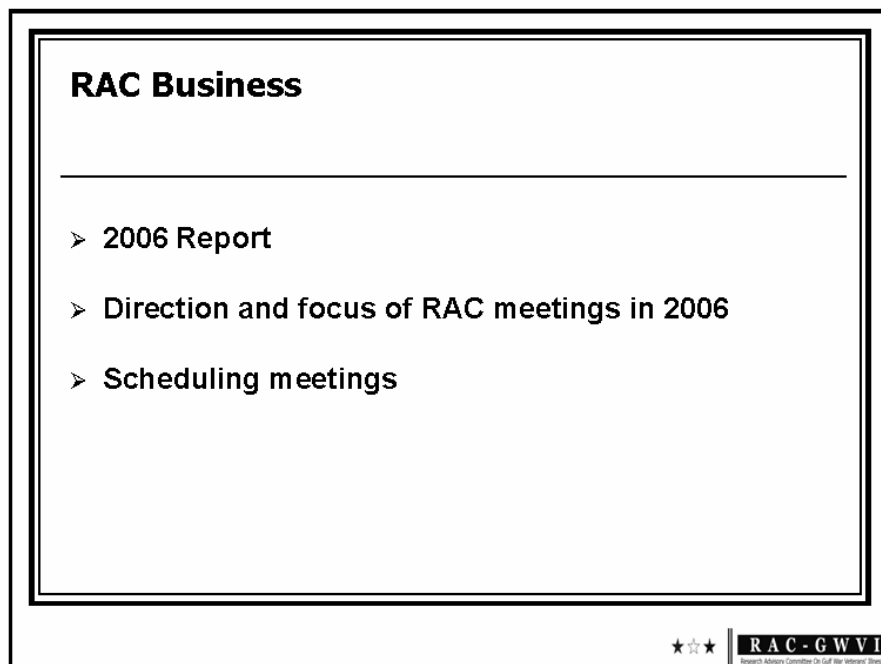
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- 2006 Report
- Direction and focus of RAC meetings in 2006
- Scheduling meetings

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2006 RAC Report

- Findings and recommendations on topics considered in 2004 and 2005
 - DU
 - Fuel
 - Oil well fires
 - Solvents, CARC
 - Infectious diseases
 - Other
- Recent findings re: topics covered in 2004 Report
- Synthesis and analysis of weight of evidence re: exposures and GWI
- Evaluation of VA GWI research program, overall federal effort
- Other?



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2006 Meetings: New Phase of RAC Activities

- Focus on the basic science of GWI: biological mechanisms that may underlie GWI
 - Promising avenues for identifying biomarkers
 - Implications for treatments
- Examples
 - Chronic neuroinflammatory processes associated with inhaled toxins
 - Neuro-immune-endocrine interactions in chronic multisymptom conditions
 - Pathways and mechanisms of synergistic effects of concurrent exposures
 - Proteomic findings in CSF of veterans with GWI



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2006 Meetings: New Phase of RAC Activities

- Other ideas/suggestions?



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Upcoming Meetings: Topics

- "Other Wars": Post-deployment health problems described in military populations
 - *historically*
 - *current deployments*
- Mechanisms



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