



# *Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR)*

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**VBDR, Chairman**

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# Responsibilities of the Advisory Board

The Board is required by Section 601 of Public Law 108-183 to:

- Provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans
- Assist DTRA and VA in communicating with veterans



# Responsibilities that the Advisory Board does not Have

- Reviewing individual dose reconstruction cases for claimants
- Serving as an appeals board for claimants
- Helping a claimant with his/her claim
- Changing or revising the provisions of the Radiation-Exposed Veterans' Compensation Act law



# How Can I Follow the Activities of The Board?

You can follow the activities of the Board by

- Visiting VBDR Web site at <http://VBDR.org>
- Calling the toll-free line at (866) 657-VBDR (8237)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR). The header includes the VBDR logo and the tagline "Improving communications with veterans and resolving issues related to dose reconstruction and claims adjudication." A navigation menu on the left lists: ABOUT VBDR, CHARTER, MEMBERS, STRUCTURE, BOARD MEETINGS, FAQ, CONTACT US, LINKS, and SITEMAP. The main content area features a "Welcome Message from Chairman James Zimble" with a photo of the chairman and a brief description of the board's purpose. Below this is a table with three columns: History, Resources & Info, and Meeting Dates & Locations. The History column mentions "THE VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT OF 2003". The Resources & Info column includes links for "Learn more about the Veterans' Dose Reconstruction Program" and "VBA Press Releases". The Meeting Dates & Locations column lists a meeting for "August 17-18, 2005" in Tampa, Florida, at the Hyatt Regency. The footer contains the website URL "VBDR.org" and a copyright notice for 2007.