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By Direction of the Secretary.

Eugene A. Brickhouse,

Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2401, will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602. This will be the committee's first meeting of fiscal year 1997 and will primarily address issues concerning the manufacturing of VA headstones and markers.

The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on October 16, 1996 and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST) October 17, 1996. On October 16, 1996, the Advisory Committee will visit granite quarries in Barre, Vermont, in the morning and will visit the monument manufacturers in the afternoon. The purpose of these site visits is to allow the Advisory Committee to view start-to-finish processing of VA's applications for headstone and markers and to observe the process from a contractor's perspective.

The following day at 8:00 a.m. the Committee will reconvene to discuss old business and to travel to Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, the state's only State Veterans Cemetery. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Ms. Dina Wood, Special Assistant to the Director, National Cemetery System [phone (202) 273-5235] not later than 12 noon, EST, October 10, 1996.

Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file a statement with

the Committee. Individuals wishing to appear before the Committee should indicate this in a letter to the Director, National Cemetery System (40) at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In any such letters, the writers must fully identify themselves and state the organization, association or person they represent. Also, to the extent practicable, letters should indicate the subject matter they want to discuss. Oral presentations should be limited to 10 minutes in duration. Those wishing to file written statements to be submitted to the Committee must also mail, or otherwise deliver, them to the Director, National Cemetery System.

Letters and written statements as discussed above must be mailed or delivered in time to reach the Director, National Cemetery System, by 12 noon EST, October 10, 1996. Oral statements will be heard only between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, October 17, 1996 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, Vermont.

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Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5 (c) of Pub. L. 94-409 that a meeting of the Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005, October 28-29, 1996. The session on October 28 is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. and on October 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing two new protocols for multi-hospital clinical trial: one on comparison of three procedures for bleeding esophageal varices and one on specialized

medication and revascularization therapy and progress of four on-going cooperative studies, one on genetic study on schizophrenia; one on secondary prevention of heart attack; one on treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and one on prostate cancer.

The Committee advises the Director, Medical Research Service, through the Chief of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on both days to discuss the general status of the program. To assure adequate accommodations, those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Ping Huang, Coordinator, Medical Research Service, Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202.273.8295), prior to October 21, 1996.

The meeting will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 1996 and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on October 29, 1996 for consideration of specific proposal in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by section 5(c) of Pub. L. 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During this portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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