

March 7, 1997. The meetings will take place at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration Office, Room 542, 1800 G. St., NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the evaluation of existing programs and services, and recommends needed new programs and services. The agenda for both days will be devoted to discussion of the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB—SR) program and if it is fulfilling its intention as a recruitment and retention tool.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Ms. June Schaeffer, Assistant Director, Education Policy and Program Administration, (phone 202-273-7187) prior to February 28, 1997.

Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written form, may be filed before or within 10 days after the meeting. Oral statements will be heard at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 7, 1997.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs: Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11-12, 1997, at VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting on March 11 will be held in Room 630 and the meeting on March 12 will be held in the Omar Bradley Conference Room, 10th Floor. The March 11 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. and the March 12 session will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon. The meeting on March 11 will involve briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-disabilities Programs regarding the status of their activities over the last six months, a status report on implementation of the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 as it pertains to the Benefits Package and the legislative requirement to maintain capacity to meet specialized needs of disabled veterans. The meeting on March 12 will consist of a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and special-Disabilities Programs and the Veterans Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss

program issues of mutual interest and concern.

The purpose of the Advisory committee on Prosthetics and Special-disabilities Program is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Advisory Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

The meeting is open to the public to the capacity of the room. For those wishing to attend, contact Kathy Pessagno, Veterans Health Administration (113), phone (202) 273-8512, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420, prior to March 7, 1997.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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