

1997, the meeting will convene at 8 a.m. (EST) and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. (EST). On October 10, 1997, the meeting will convene at 8 a.m. (EST) and will adjourn at 12 noon (EST).

On October 9, the committee meeting will be held at Long Island National Cemetery. There will be a business session, Field Operations and Operations Support briefings with discussion of issues, and a tour of Long Island National Cemetery.

On October 10, the committee meeting will be held at Calverton National Cemetery. The committee will be briefed on Calverton National Cemetery operations, the administrative procedures and field operations involved with interments, and view the site for the proposed new columbarium.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Ms. Louise Ware, Special Assistant to the Director, National Cemetery System, [phone (202) 273-7577] no later than 12 noon (EST), October 1, 1997.

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, N.W., 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 1, 1997. Oral statements will be heard between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon (EST), October 10 at Calverton National Cemetery, Long Island, NY.

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By Direction of the Secretary-Designate.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30, 1997, in room 230 of VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on both days.

The purpose of the meeting is to review information relating to the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of their analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning diseases that are the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the first day, the Committee will also review and make appropriate recommendations concerning VA's pending regulatory amendment to add prostate cancer and any other cancer as radiogenic diseases for the purposes of compensation under 38 CFR 3.311. The agenda for the second day will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

The meeting is open to the public on both days according to the capacity of the room. Those who wish to attend should contact Steven Thornberry of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420, prior to October 22, 1997. Mr. Thornberry may also be reached at 202-273-7230.

Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared

statements for review by the Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting. Submitted material must be received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and should be sent to Mr. Thornberry's attention at the address given above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Advisory Committee.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting

As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the VA hereby gives notice that the Special Medical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting on September 16, 1997. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end at about 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Secretary and Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of health professions training, health care workers of the future, and health care delivery systems.

All sessions will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the meeting room. Those wishing to attend should contact Brenda Goodworth, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs. Her phone number is 202.273.5878.

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