

Authorization Card) credit card transactions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), with the assistance of an outside entity, will send VA Form Letter 4-555 to collect the necessary information from merchants the Federal governments has done business with using the I.M.P.A.C. credit card so that they may provide adequate reporting for CY 1997. The form letter will support the validity and urgency for the collection of information and provide a standardized format for reporting. The General Services Administration (GSA) could not issue this type of collection of information at this time, due to the current re-procurement status for the purchase credit card.

It is essential to the VA's reporting requirements that this type of information be collected for our I.M.P.A.C. card transactions during CY 1997. By law, VA as well as all Federal agencies, must report 1099 status and also have requirements to report the socio-economic status of the merchants with whom we do business.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 62,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750,000.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with P.L. 92-463, gives notice that a meeting of the VA

Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee will be held on:

Monday, November 17, 1997, at :30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., Room 230.

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Under Secretary for Health about medical findings affecting Persian Gulf era veterans.

At this meeting the Committee will review all aspects of patient care and medical diagnoses and will provide professional consultation as needed. The Committee may advise on other areas involving research and development, veterans benefits and/or training aspects for patients and staff.

All portions of the meeting will be open to the public except from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on November 17 and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 18, 1997. During these executive sessions, discussions and recommendations will deal with medical records of specific patients and individually identifiable patient medical histories. The disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Closure of this portion of the meeting is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The agenda for November 17 will begin with presentations on Depleted Uranium and a Follow-up on ill Persian Gulf Veterans. The first days' agenda will also cover a presentation on Chemical/Biological Agents.

On November 18 the Committee will hear updates on the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Leishmania.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Dated: September 23, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary-Designate:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Development at the VAMC, North Little Rock, AR

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of designation.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs is designating the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at North Little Rock, Arkansas, for an Enhanced-Use lease development. The Department intends to enter into a long-term lease of real property with the developer whose proposal will provide the most advantageous combination of services and revenue as consideration to the VA while retaining the therapeutic benefit of golf for patients at no cost to the Department.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Gallun, Office of Asset and Enterprise Development (189), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20420, (202) 565-4307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 38 U.S.C. Sec 8161 *et seq.* specifically provides that the Secretary may enter into an Enhanced-Use lease, if the Secretary determines that at least part of the use of the property under the lease will be to provide appropriate space for an activity contributing to the mission of the Department; the lease will not be inconsistent with and will not adversely affect the mission of the Department; and the lease will enhance the property. This project meets these requirements.

Approved: September 22, 1997.

Hershel W. Gober,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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