

**LOCATION:** 1550 M Street, NW., M Street Lobby Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** March 1998 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Eighty-Third Meeting (January 22, 1998) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Unsolicited Grant Applications; Review of fellowship applications; Space Plans; Other General Issues.

**CONTACT:** Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

**Charles E. Nelson,**

*Vice President for Management and Finance, United States Institute of Peace.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War will be held on May 4th through 6th, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. On May 4th, the meeting will be held in Room 930 and on both May 5th and 6th, the meeting will be held in Room 630. Each day the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the need of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The agenda for May 4th will begin with a review of committee reports and an update on the eight issues and five recommendations made to the Secretary on ways to help VA improve services to our POW community since the last meeting. The agenda on May 5th will include general business and a presentation of POW issues by the administrative and medical subcommittee of the Advisory Committee. The Committee has invited medical professionals from VA field activities (those who work with Ex-POW veterans) and medical professionals from the National Institute of Health and from the Naval Aero Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida, for their input to the Committee. On May 6th, there will be discussions relating to complaints received from former POWs as to their care, treatment at VA medical centers, and compensation benefits. Subcommittee work will also be completed by medical professionals who sit on the Committee. They will review and analyze the comments that had been discussed by the Committee throughout the meeting for the purpose of assisting and compiling a final report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Ms. Krsitine Moffitt, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted material must be received at least five business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may be asked to

clarify submitted material prior to consideration by the Committee. A report of the meeting and roster of Committee members may be obtained from Ms. Moffitt.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Availability of Annual Report

Under Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act), notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Special Medical Advisory Group for Fiscal Year 1997 has been issued.

The report summarizes activities of the Group relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans and other matters pertinent to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration. It is available for public inspection at two locations:

Federal Documents Section, Exchange and Gift Division, LM 632, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540  
and

Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, VA Central Office, Room 811, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W, Washington, D.C. 20420.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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