

the Committee will review the reports of subcommittee activities since the January meeting. The Committee will also finalize budgets for each subcommittee and schedule field visits for the coming year. On Wednesday, April 29, the Committee will begin outlining and drafting its fourth annual report to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. These sessions will be open to the public. It will be necessary for those wishing to attend to contact Mr. Anthony T. Hawkins, Department of Veterans Affairs phone (202) 273-6708 prior to April 20, 1998. No time will be allocated for the purpose of receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept appropriate written comments from interested parties on issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (OOM), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

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By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee will be held at the Park Plaza International Hotel, 1177 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, CA, May 1-2, 1998. Participant registration begins 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Burlingame Foyer, Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2, 1998. The meeting is open to the public.

The committee, comprised of sixty-two national voluntary organizations, advises the Under Secretary for Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

On Friday, May 1, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. there will be meetings of the following Subcommittees: Finance, Salon A; Recommendations, Salon B; and Positive Projects, Salon F. From

9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee in the Burlingame Rooms 1-3. There will be a luncheon from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Peninsula Room. A new member orientation will be provided from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. there will be an open forum for all participants in the Burlingame Rooms 1-3.

On Saturday, May 2, 1998, there will be a Business Session from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The morning business session will include: a report from the Chairperson of the Executive Committee; Subcommittee reports; voting on recommendations; VA Voluntary Service annual report; an address by VA's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; a report from VA's Office of General Counsel concerning community volunteer assignments; and an address from VA's Veterans Canteen Service program. The remainder of the business sessions will be devoted to interactive training sessions on: Respite Care; the Adopt a Veteran Program; Career Exploration Volunteers; Positive Projects; and Creative Job Assignments for Volunteers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Director, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, (202) 273-8952.

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