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By Direction of the Secretary.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration.*  
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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 April 30 through May 2, 2001, at the Washington, DC, Headquarters of The American Legion, Room 700, 1608 K Street NW, Washington DC. Each day the meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the committee 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 needs of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The agenda for April 30th will begin with an introduction of committee members and dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for POW veterans and/or the public to address the committee. The Committee will also review the Secretary's response to the April and October, 2000, report of meeting, and receive presentations on Veterans Benefits Administration and Veterans Health Administration activities, as well as on the One VA POW Learning Seminars. The agenda on May 1 will include an update on VA long term health care, a report from the Center on POW Studies, an update by the National Institute of Health on the follow-up report on morbidity and mortality among POWs and a report on the development of the Data Merge project as a follow-up to the findings of the Expert Panel on Stroke. The committee will also take up consideration of priority for POWs in long-term Health Care programs and other issues. On May 2, the Committee's Medical and Administrative working committees will break out to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee.

Additionally, the Committee will review and analyze the comments discussed 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 Mr. John F. McCourt, Acting Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by April 20, 2001. A report of the meeting and roster of Committee members may be obtained from Mr. McCourt.

Dated: April 10, 2001.  
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**Ventris C. Gibson,**  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR)**

**Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR), authorized by Public Law 96-466, Subsection 1521, will be held on May 22 through 24, 2001.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date	Address	Room number	Time
May 22 .....	Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.	230 and 530 .....	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 23 .....	Veterans Benefits Administration, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006	542 .....	9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
May 24 .....	Veterans Benefits Administration, 1800 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20006	542 .....	9 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the quality of the services which the Department of Veterans Affairs provides to disabled veterans who participate in VA-sponsored programs of rehabilitation.

On the morning of May 22, the Committee will hold a joint meeting with the VA Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs to discuss mutual issues and concerns. Both Committees will also receive a briefing on the current status of the rehabilitation bed issues by the Chief Consultant of the Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group. At the conclusion of the joint meeting, the Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation will move to room #530 for the remainder of the day. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive briefings regarding veteran demographics and the linkage between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Labor.

On the morning of May 23, the Committee will receive a briefing on the current status of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive a briefing concerning the recommendations from VR&E's Blue Ribbon Panel of rehabilitation experts. On the morning of May 24, the Committee will discuss future meeting dates, agenda items and recommendations.

The meeting is open to the public. For those wishing to attend, contact Jada G. Jones, Veterans Benefits Administration (28), phone (202) 273-7425, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, prior to May 17, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee

#### Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, that a meeting of the Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at The River Inn, 924 Twenty-Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, on May 9-10, 2001. The session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. A total of six studies and three sub-studies will be reviewed. One study, including its two sub-studies, "Testosterone Treatment to Prevent Fractures in Aging Hypogonadal Men" is a resubmission. Three studies are undergoing mid-term reviews: "18-F-Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Imaging in the Management of Patients with Solitary Pulmonary Nodules," "Genetic Tissues Banking in VA Clinical Research: A Cooperative Studies Program Demonstration Project," and "The Coronary Artery Revascularization Prophylaxis Trial (CARP)." The two new studies and one new sub-study submitted for review are: "Veterans Affairs Open Versus Endovascular Repair (OVER) Trial for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm," "Total Myocardial Revascularization On and

Off Cardiopulmonary Bypass: A Prospective Randomized Study," and a sub-study "Homocysteinemia in Kidney and End Stage Renal Disease—DNA Bank."

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Denise Shorter, Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC at (202) 273-8265.

The meeting will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This portion of the meeting involves consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by sections 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During the closed session of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosures of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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