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Director, Records Management Service.

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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 Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 446, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon 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 its analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the relationship of certain diseases with exposure to ionizing radiation. On April 14 there will be a presentation by VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office. The April 15 session will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7210, or by fax at (202) 275-1728. Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting. Statements should be sent to Ms. Green's attention at least 5 days prior to the meeting at the address shown above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Committee.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will also be available for

20 minutes during the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon each day. Each person who wishes to make a verbal statement before the Committee will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis and will be provided three (3) minutes to present the statement.

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E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) has scheduled a meeting for April 11-13, 2005, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will be held each day in Conference Center C-7, from 9 a.m. to 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 11 will begin with an introduction of Committee members, remarks from dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for FPOW veterans and/or the public to address the Committee. The Committee will also discuss future plans for the VA FPOW Learning Seminars, and conclude with a report on the progress of Special FPOW Care and Benefits Teams. The agenda on April 12 will include a review of VA's Compensation and Pension Service activities, including new outreach initiatives to FPOWs, initiatives to contact FPOW pensioners, and a special report on outreach to FPOWs about the new presumptive medical conditions of heart diseases and the residuals of stroke. The Committee will then receive a report from VA's FPOW Medical Presumptions Workgroup. The Committee will also hear a presentation from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies. The day will conclude with new business and general

discussion. On April 13, the Committee's Medical and Administrative work groups will meet 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 compiling a report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Renée L. Szybala, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by April 1, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Veterans Health Administration Resident Education; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Resident Education will hold a teleconference on April 29, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The conference call will be held in Room 530 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The conference call is open to the public at this location.

The Committee has been established to provide broad assessment of physician resident positions in relationship to future veteran health care needs. The Committee will affirm the philosophical principles governing VHA's internal Graduate Medical Education Advisory Committee, provide external perspective and national guidance on VHA resident education, and make recommendations regarding further actions to the Secretary.

The agenda topics for this meeting will include a review of Committee activities and updates on the VHA Resident Education Program. The discussions will primarily center around evaluation of how VHA may best go forward with the goal of balancing the educational needs of resident physicians while providing excellent health care to veterans.