

conference call. You can submit written comments to the Panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, P.O. Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53201-3205, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various VITA Issues.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, P.O. Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI, 53201-3205, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: discussion of issues and responses brought to the Joint Committee; office report; and discussion of next meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—March 29–30, 2007, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission's statutory mandate from Congress, contained in Pub. L. 109-108, directs it to assess, among other key dynamics of the U.S.-China relationship, "the state of the security challenges presented by the People's Republic of China to the United States and whether the security challenges are increasing or decreasing from previous years." This hearing is part of the Commission's efforts to obtain the information it needs to fulfill this portion of its congressional mandate.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 29–30, 2007 to address "China's Military Modernization and its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific."

Background

This event is the second in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2007 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in government, the academe and industry, to examine China's capacity to wage war in the irregular, traditional, and disruptive domains as set forth in the threat framework described in the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review. Subtopics to be explored include: Chinese perception management campaigns directed at the populations of other countries, doctrines and tactics of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) aimed at undermining the technological edge of U.S. forces (including newly-demonstrated anti-satellite capabilities), and the ways in which PLA modernization has affected the military balance across the Taiwan Strait.

On March 29, the hearing will be divided into four sessions. In each session, commissioners will hear

testimony from witnesses followed by a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses. Members of Congress will comprise the first panel and share their perspectives on the general issue of Chinese military modernization. The second panel will examine Beijing's doctrine on the conduct of irregular forms of warfare, including such acts as interrupting supply chains or manufacturing processes through economic means, managing perceptions about China in potentially hostile nations, and the use of cyber terrorism. The third session will explore topics related to PLA modernization in the domain of traditional warfare, especially as it relates to force integration and force projection. The fourth session will survey the military balance across the Taiwan Strait, including the implications of the significant intertwining of economic activity between actors in the PRC and Taiwan.

On March 30, there will be two hearing sessions that examine China's disruptive warfare capabilities. The first session will focus on the tactics and doctrines aimed at undermining the current qualitative advantage of U.S. forces through asymmetric means, such as cruise missiles and submarine forces, in order to deter U.S. intervention in Pacific theater conflicts. The second session that morning (and the final session of the hearing) will examine the role that space and counter-space technology will play in disrupting U.S. operability in the region. Specifically, panelists will analyze what the January 2007 anti-satellite test means for the security of U.S. forces, the implications for free access and transit of outer space, and the effects of the resulting space debris.

The hearing will be cochaired by Commissioners William Reinsch and Larry Wortzel.

Information on this hearing, including a detailed hearing agenda and information about panelists, will be made available on the Commission's Web site closer to the hearing date. Detailed information about the Commission, the texts of its annual reports and hearing records, and the products of research it has commissioned can be found on the Commission's Web site at www.uscc.gov.

Any interested party may file a written statement by March 29, 2007, by mailing to the contact below.

Dates And Times: Thursday, March 29, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and Friday, March 30, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to approximately 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Pub. L. 109-108 (November 22, 2005) for the purpose of monitoring, investigating, and reporting to the Congress on the national security implications of the bilateral economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. It is charged with providing an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Congress. The Commission is composed of twelve Commissioners appointed by the leaders of both parties in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0458]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0458" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-7870 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0458."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of School Attendance or Termination, VA Forms 21-8960 and 21-8960-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0458.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Form 21-8960 and VA Form 21-8960-1 to certify that a child between the ages of 18 and 23 years old is attending school. VA uses the information collected to determine the child's continued entitlement to benefits. Benefits are discontinued if the child marries, or no longer attending school.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 28, 2006 at page 68911.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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