

approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Lending and Investment.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0078.

*Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR Parts 560, 562, 563, and 590.

*Description:* OTS uses the information during the examination process to ensure that savings associations are complying with applicable rules and regulations as well as engaging in safe and sound lending practices.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 830.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 783,230.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 296,100 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War has scheduled a meeting for April 14-16, 2008, in Room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. 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 14 will include remarks by VA officials, a review of committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for former prisoners of war and/or the public to address the Committee. On April 15, the Committee will hear presentations from representatives of the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies and the Employee Education System, Veterans Health Administration. The day will conclude with new business and general discussion. On April 16, the Committee's medical and administrative work groups will meet to discuss their activities and then will report back to the Committee in the afternoon.

Additionally, the Committee will review issues discussed throughout the meeting to compile a report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Mr. Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received not later than March 31, 2008.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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