

The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of the discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the relationship of certain diseases to exposure to ionizing radiation.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will be available for 30 minutes in the afternoon each day. People wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be provided three minutes per statement.

Members of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by phone at (202) 461-9723, or by fax at (202) 275-1728 or by e-mail at bernice.green@va.gov. Individuals should submit written questions or prepared statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Green prior to the meeting. The Committee may ask those who submit material for clarification prior to its consideration.

Dated: October 14, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Acting 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 gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War has scheduled a meeting on November 2-4, 2009, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, 5460 Reno Corporate Drive, Reno, Nevada, 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.

On November 2, the Committee will receive remarks from VA officials and tour the VA Regional office. In the afternoon, a town hall meeting will be

held at the VA Regional Office to hear from former prisoners of war. On November 3, the Committee will receive updates on the report from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoners of War Studies, educational programs, Veterans Health Administration and discuss the Committee's recommendations and VA responses. In the afternoon, the Committee will continue a tour of the VA Regional Office. On November 4, the Committee's Medical and Administrative Working Groups will complete their interim report for the Committee's final report. In the afternoon, the Committee will work on its first draft of its final report.

Members of the public may attend the town hall meeting and may also 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, or to Ms. Carolyn Bryant at Carolyn.bryant@va.gov.

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Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; 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 Disability Compensation will meet on November 16-17, 2009, in the Carlton Ballroom at the St. Regis, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 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 maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising from service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of veterans relating to disability compensation.

On November 16, the Committee will receive briefings on transition policy and care coordination and the cost of providing medical and disability care to

veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. On November 17, the Committee will receive updates on Veterans Benefits Administration automation of records initiatives and an overview of organization and involvement with psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

On the afternoon of November 17, time will be allocated for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Ersie Farber, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (211A), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or to Ersie.farber@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Farber at (202) 461-9728.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will meet on November 2-5, 2009, in the Pan American Room at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority Veterans, to assess the needs of minority Veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On November 2, the agenda will include briefings and updates on the role of the advisory committee, ethics,