

accommodate full and open communications between organization representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, place, motivate, and recognize volunteers; and to provide Committee recommendations.

The March 4 session will include a National Executive Committee Meeting, Health Fair, and VAVS Representative and Deputy Representative training session.

The March 5 business session will include remarks from local officials, the Voluntary Service Report, Veterans Health Administration Update, and remarks by VA officials on the My HealtheVet initiative, Patient Centered-Care, and Homelessness. The James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship recipient will be honored at the Parke Awards Luncheon (requires prepayment) to be held at 12 noon. Educational workshops will be held in the afternoon and will focus on student volunteers, developing adaptive sports programs at the facility level, My HealtheVet volunteer program, and national cemetery volunteering.

On March 6, the morning business session will include subcommittee reports, presentations on No One Dies Alone program, suicide prevention, and Make the Connection resources. The educational workshops will be repeated in the afternoon. The meeting will conclude with a Closing Awards Dinner (requires prepayment) recognizing the recipients of the American Spirit Awards, VAVS Award for Excellence, and the NAC male and female Volunteer of the Year awards.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Laura Balun, Designated Federal Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10B2A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20420, or email at Laura.Balun@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Balun at (202) 461-7300.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on March 18–19, 2013, in Suite 800 at the United States Access Board, 1331 F Street NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on both days. 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 during 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.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments in the afternoon. 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 Nancy Copeland, Acting Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Regulation Staff (211D), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email at nancy.copeland@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Mrs. Copeland at (202) 461-9685.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting Amendment

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee has been rescheduled on April 11–12, 2013, in Room 830 on April 11 and in Room 630 on April 12 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC, and not on April 10–11, 2013, as originally announced in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2013. On April 11, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. On April 12, the session will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology. The Committee assesses the capability of VA health care facilities and programs to meet the medical, psychological, and social needs of older Veterans and evaluates VA programs designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on VA's geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, updates on VA's employee staff working in the area of geriatrics (to include training, recruitment and retention approaches), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) strategic planning activities in geriatrics and extended care, recent VHA efforts regarding dementia and program advances in palliative care, and performance and oversight of VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments for review by the Committee to Mrs. Marcia Holt-Delaney, Program Analyst, Geriatrics and Extended Care Services (10P4G), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at Marcia.Holt-Delaney@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Holt-Delaney at (202) 461-6769.

Dated: February 20, 2013.