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Dated: August 21, 2019.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee will meet at Partnership for Public Service, 1100 New York Ave. NW, Suite 200 East, Washington, DC 20005 on September 25-26. Both meeting sessions will begin at 8:45 a.m. (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST). The meetings are open to the public. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership, the Executive Director Office of the VA Office of Rural Health and the Committee Chairman, as well as presentations on general rural health care access.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on September 26, 2019. Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie, via email at VRHAC@va.gov, or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (10P1R), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0270]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Financial Counseling Statement.

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0270" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danny Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email danny.green2@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0270" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.
Title: Financial Counseling Statement, VA Form 26-8844.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0270.
Type of Review: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: This form was developed under 38 U.S.C. 3732. VA Form 26-8844 provides for recording comprehensive financial information concerning the borrower's net income, total expenditures, net worth, suggested areas for which expenses can be reduced or income increased, the arrangement of a family budget and recommendations for the terms of any repayment agreement on the defaulted loan.

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 at 84 FR118 on June 19, 2019, pages 28627 and 28628.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Danny Green,

VA Interim Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance, and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials (herein-after in this section referred to as "the Committee").

DATES: Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill possible upcoming vacancies on the Committee. Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on September 13, 2019.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be mailed to National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, (40A1), Washington, DC 20420, or faxed to (202) 273-6709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine Hamilton, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, (40A1), Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 461-5681. A copy of Committee charter and list of the current membership can be obtained by contacting Ms. Hamilton or by accessing the website managed by NCA at: http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/about/advisory_committee.asp.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee responsibilities include:

(1) Advising the Secretary on VA's administration of burial benefits and the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits;

(2) Providing to the Secretary and Congress periodic reports outlining recommendations, concerns, and observations on VA's delivery of these benefits and services to Veterans;

(3) Meeting with VA officials, Veteran Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to assess the Department's efforts in providing burial benefits and outreach on these benefits to Veterans and their dependents;

(4) Undertaking assignments to conduct research and assess existing burial and memorial programs; to examine potential revisions or expansion of burial and memorial programs and services; and to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary based on this research.

Authority: The Committee is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2401 to provide advice to the Secretary of VA with respect to the administration of VA national cemeteries, soldiers' lots and plots, which are the responsibility of the Secretary, the erection of appropriate memorials and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits. The Secretary shall determine the number, terms of service, and pay and allowances of members of the Committee appointed by the Secretary, except that a term of service of any such member may not exceed three years. The Secretary may reappoint any such member for additional terms of service.

Membership Criteria and Qualification: NCA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. The Committee is composed of up to twelve members and several ex-officio members.

The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs from the general public, including but not limited to:

(1) Veterans or other individuals who are recognized authorities in fields pertinent to the needs of Veterans;

(2) Veterans who have experience in a military theater of operations;

(3) Recently separated service members;

(4) Officials from Government, non-Government organizations (NGOs) and industry partners in the provision of memorial benefits and services, and outreach information to VA beneficiaries.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications, including but not limited to prior military experience and military deployments, experience working with Veterans, and experience in large and complex organizations, and subject matter expertise in the areas described above. We ask that nominations include information of this type so that VA can ensure diverse Committee membership.

Requirements for Nomination Submission: Nominations should be typed (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.* specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity),

and a statement from the nominee indicating the willingness to serve as a member of the Committee;

(2) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(3) The nominee's curriculum vitae; and

(4) A summary of the nominee's experience and qualifications relative to the membership considerations described above.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA federal advisory committees is diverse in terms of points of view represented and the committee's capabilities. Appointments to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: August 22, 2019.

Jelessa M. Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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