

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 October 24, the meeting will begin with an introduction of Committee members, remarks from dignitaries, and a review of Committee reports. The afternoon session will consist of an update of activities since the last meeting and time for FPOW veterans and the public to address the Committee. The agenda on October 25 will include a review of VA's Compensation and Pension Service activities, focusing on outreach initiatives to FPOWs about the new presumptive medical conditions of heart disease and the residuals of stroke. The Committee will then receive a progress report on the development of special designations of FPOW records at VA medical facilities. The Committee will also receive a presentation from the Robert E. Mitchell, Center for Prisoner of War Studies. The day will conclude with new business and general discussion. On October 26, the Committee's medical and administrative work groups will meet to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee. Then the Committee will review the issues discussed throughout the meeting to compile a report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Renée L. Szybala, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by October 15, 2005.

Dated: September 19, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Voluntary Services National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Executive Committee to the Department of Veterans Affairs

Voluntary Services (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will meet October 24-25, 2005, at the John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, Nevada. On October 24 the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. On October 25 the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12 noon. the meeting is open to the public.

The NAC consists of sixty-three national organizations and advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The Executive Committee consists of nineteen representatives from the NAC member organizations and acts as the NAC governing body in the interim period between NAC annual meetings.

Business topics for the October 24 morning session include: review of goals and objectives, review of minutes, Veterans Health Administration update, VAVS update of the Voluntary Service program's progress since the 2005 NAC annual meeting, Parke Board update, review of the 2005 annual meeting evaluations and the VAVS Partner's Treasurer report. The October 24 afternoon business session topics include: the 2006 NAC Annual Meeting plans, workshop and plenary sessions/suggestions. The October 25 morning business session topics include: 2007 NAC Annual Meeting planning, review of recommendations from the 2005 NAC Annual Meeting, subcommittee reports, standard operating procedure revisions, new business and Executive Committee appointments.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to : Ms. Laura Balun, Designated Federal Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact Ms. Balun at (202) 273-8952.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; 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 Women Veterans will meet November 1-3, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, in room C-7, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On November 1, the agenda will include a briefing from VHA's Women Veterans Health Program Director, VA's mammography program, the Commander of the Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response from the Department of Defense, VA's "Seamless Transition" initiative, the required ethics briefing, an update on the 2004 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans recommendation matrix, and presentation of Certificates of Appointment to four new Committee members. On November 2, the Committee will receive briefings and updates on issues related to women veterans in the Veterans Health Administration, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and medical exams for separating and retiring service members. On November 3, the Committee will receive briefings and updates on issues in the Veterans Benefits Administration, including the review of PTSD ratings disparities, legislative issues related to veterans, and will discuss any new issues that the Committee members may introduce.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Rebecca Schiller, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Schiller may be contacted either by phone at (202) 273-6193, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at [00W@mail.va.gov](mailto:00W@mail.va.gov). Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before