

comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education will meet on April 6-7, 2006. The April 6 session will be held at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club, Camp Pendleton, CA from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will resume at the Oceanside Marina Suites, 2008 Harbor Drive North, Oceanside, CA, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The April 7 session will be held at the Oceanside Marina Suites, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans, servicepersons, reservists, and dependents of veterans under Chapters 30, 32, 35, and 36 of Title 38, and Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code.

On April 6, the meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview by Mr. James Bombard, Committee Chair. The session will include an introduction of new members and a "town hall" forum at 10 a.m. with Marine Corps and Navy personnel to discuss use of Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits.

On April 7, the Committee will hold a town hall forum with veterans and

educators to discuss use of education benefits. Afterwards, the Committee will review and summarize issues raised during this session. Oral statements will be heard on April 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Interested persons may file written statements to the Committee before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting, with Mrs. Judith B. Timko, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Judith B. Timko or Mr. Michael Yunker at (202) 273-7187.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on April 5-6, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 728, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

The agenda for both days will be analyses 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. On April 5, VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office will also make a presentation. The April 6 session will include planning for future Committee activities and assignment to tasks among the members.

Interested persons wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Bernice

Green, Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7210 or by fax at (202) 275-1728. Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements in advance for the Committee's review. Statements should be sent to Ms. Green's attention at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Committee.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will be available for 20 minutes during the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon each day. Each person wishing to make a verbal statement before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be provided three (3) minutes to present a statement.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held from April 3-6, 2006, at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLAHCS), the VA Regional Office in Los Angeles, California, and the VA Long Beach Healthcare System in Long Beach, California. 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 will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On April 3, the Committee will meet at the Greater Los Angeles Health Care System, VA Medical Center (VAMC), Executive Conference Room, 11301 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, California, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The Director will brief the Committee on services and benefit delivery challenges, successes and concerns in serving minority veterans. Following these discussions,

the Committee will be briefed on how the VAMC conducts its outreach initiatives, activities and programs within the minority communities. Starting at noon the Committee will receive a briefing and tour the New Directions training facility, located at VAMC Building 116. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Committee will receive a briefing and tour of the Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Center located in GLAHCS VAMC Building 206.

On April 4, the Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the VA Regional Office (VARO) Executive Conference Room, located at the Federal Building, 11000 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles. The VARO Director and key staff members will brief the Committee on their outreach activities, challenges and initiatives in providing benefit services to minority veterans within the communities they serve, followed by a tour of the Regional Office. Following these discussions, the Committee will hold a working lunch with the Veteran Service Organizations from the Greater Los Angeles area to discuss their concerns, assessments and observations of minority veterans needs. This meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the VA Regional Office, Room 7106. At 1:30 p.m. the Committee will visit the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center located at 351 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles to receive a briefing and tour of the facility. During the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Committee will conduct a town hall meeting at the Patriotic Hall, located at 1816 S. Figueroa Street.

On April 5, the Committee's morning session will be held at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, 950 South Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, in the Executive Conference Room, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Committee will be briefed by the Cemetery Director on minority veteran outreach and significant issues in addressing minority veteran concerns. This discussion will be followed by a guided tour of the grounds and facility. The Committee's afternoon meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will be held at the GLAHCS VAMC Executive Conference Room and will focus on health care disparities, with a presentation by Dr. Nancy Harada, Research Physical Therapist, GLAHCS VAMC.

On April 6, the Committee will conduct its meetings at the VA Long Beach Health Care System (HCS) Executive Conference Room located at 5901 7th Street, Long Beach. The meeting will begin at 10 with a briefing from the Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN 22) Director, followed by an overview of outreach activities,

challenges and initiatives by the Director, Long Beach HCS and key staff members. The afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. with presentations from the Veteran Services Organizations who will discuss the needs, concerns and outreach required to serve the Long Beach minority communities. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. the Committee will tour the Villages of Cabrillo located at 2001 River Avenue., Long Beach. In the evening, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a town hall meeting will be held at the Long Beach HCS, Pantages Theatre located at 5901 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Long Beach. This will be the final Committee meeting and the members will adjourn at the conclusion of this town hall meeting.

The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (OOM), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Olmo at (202) 273-6708.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs will be held April 11-12, 2006, Room 230, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days. On April 11 it will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. and on April 12 at noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also

provides advice to the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss or loss of the use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of April 11, the Committee will receive briefings by the Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group, and Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development. In the afternoon, briefings from the Directors of Seamless Transition Office, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, and Chief Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer will be presented. On the morning of April 12, the Committee will be briefed by the Chief Consultant, Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Service.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade at (202) 273-8485.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, intends to grant to APMed Solutions, Inc. 3282 Alpine Road Portola Valley, CA 94028 an exclusive license to practice U.S. Patent No. 6,840,242 issued January 11, 2005, entitled "Tracheostomy Aspiration Suction Tube."