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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,