

meeting. Additionally, there will be scientific presentations on research programs and studies related to Gulf War illnesses at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, an update on the VA Gulf War tissue repository, and discussion of committee business and activities.

Members of the public may attend and present oral statements. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes each. Individuals presenting oral statements are invited to submit 1–2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Lea Steele, RAC–Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (T–GW), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2200 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66622.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. William Goldberg, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254–0294 or Dr. Steele, Scientific Director, at (785) 350–3111 ext. 54617.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Special Medical Advisory Group will meet on November 13, 2006. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Group is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the care and treatment of disabled veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of VHA's leadership transition, an update of the information technology reorganization, CARES, Project HERO, graduate medical education, staff tenure, the physician pay bill, and public relations with regard to the Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) population.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Juanita Leslie, Office of Administrative Operations (10B2), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs at (202) 273–5882. No time will be set aside at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Statements, in written form, may be submitted to Juanita Leslie before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting.

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