

was no increase in mortality attributable to cancer of the brain and nervous system. This study was limited by the small number of cases. (Akhtar *et al.*, 2004).

NAS concluded that there was no new evidence to change the previous determination that there is limited or suggestive evidence of no association between exposure to herbicides and brain tumors.

Taking account of the available evidence and NAS' analysis, the Secretary has found that the credible evidence against an association between herbicide exposure and brain tumors outweighs the credible evidence for such an association, and he has determined that a positive association does not exist.

### Conclusion

NAS reviewed scientific and medical articles published since the publication of its first report as an integral part of the process that resulted in "Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2004." The comprehensive review and evaluation of the available literature that NAS conducted in conjunction with its report has permitted VA to identify all conditions for which the current body of knowledge supports a finding of an association with herbicide exposure. Accordingly, the Secretary has determined that there is no positive association between exposure to herbicides and any other condition for which he has not specifically determined that a presumption of service connection is warranted.

After careful review of the NAS findings in Update 2004 and other pertinent information, the Secretary has determined that no new presumptions

of service connection are warranted for any illnesses based on exposure to herbicides used during the Vietnam War or to dioxin.

Approved: June 5, 2007.

**Gordon H. Mansfield,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on OIF/OEF Veterans and Families; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on OIF/OEF Veterans and Families will conduct a site visit in the Las Vegas, Nevada area on June 26-28, 2007. The site visit will include a town hall meeting, tours and briefings at various VA facilities, and a tour of Nellis AFB medical facilities. The town hall meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the full spectrum of health care, benefits delivery and related family support issues that confront servicemembers during their transition from active duty to veteran status and during their post-service years. The Committee focuses on the concerns of all men and women with active military service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom, but pays particular attention to severely disabled veterans and their families.

On June 26, the subcommittee will attend a veterans small business conference at the Caesars Palace Hotel and will receive afternoon briefings by Nellis AFB officials. On June 27, the subcommittee will tour several VA medical clinics and will receive briefings by Veterans Health Administration and Veterans Benefits Administration personnel on issues of particular relevance to OIF/OEF veterans and their families. The subcommittee will conduct a two hour town hall meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in the Jewel Box Theater at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. On June 28, the subcommittee will hold a wrap up session to review and analyze the previous days' briefings. That session will be held at the MGM Grand, 3799 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Public comments will be received by the subcommittee at the town hall meeting on June 27. Individuals wishing to make oral statements at the meeting should contact the Committee at [oifoeef@va.gov](mailto:oifoeef@va.gov). Just prior to the town hall meeting, there will also be a sign up sheet for people to register their interest in making public statements. Oral statements by the public will be limited to five minutes each.

Anyone seeking additional information should contact Ronald Thomas, Esq., Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5182.

Dated: June 6, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

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