

solicit comments from the general public and select experts on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems.

DATES: The town hall will be held Thursday, October 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The town hall will be held at the Marriott Courtyard, 1721 E. Central Texas Expressway (US Route 190), Killeen, Texas 76541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Nuneviller, Associate Director, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, PO Box 13170, Arlington Virginia 22209; telephone 703-692-2080; fax 703-697-8330; email christopher.nuneviller@mcrmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (Commission) was established by the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2013, Public Law 112-239, §§ 671-680 (2013), (amended by National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2014, Pub. L. 113-66, § 1095(b)) (2014). The Commission will conduct public hearings and town halls across the United States and on select military installations internationally to solicit comments on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems. The Commission seeks the views of Service members, veterans, retirees, their beneficiaries and other interested parties regarding pay, retirement, health benefits and quality of life programs of the Uniformed Services. The Commission will hear from senior commanders of local military commands and their senior enlisted advisors, unit commanders and their family support groups, local medical and education community representatives, and other quality of life organizations. These meetings sites will be accessible to members of the general public including individuals with disabilities.

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, the Commission will hold a public town hall meeting from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 16, 2014 Agenda

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Town Hall.

On the evening of Thursday, October 16, 2014, the Chairman and Commissioners will hear from the public. Attendees will be given an opportunity to address the Chairman and Commissioners and relay to them their experience and comments.

Due to the deliberative, nascent and formative nature of the Commission's work, the Commissioners are unable to discuss their thoughts, plans or

intentions for specific recommendations that will ultimately be made to the President and Congress.

The town hall will be transcribed and the transcripts placed on the Commission's Web site. In addition to public hearings, and due to the essential need for input from the beneficiaries, the Commission is accepting and strongly encourages comments and other submissions through its Web site (www.mcrmc.gov).

Christopher Nuneviller,

Associate Director, Administration and Operations.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Arts 183rd Meeting

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held at the in Grand Ballroom B of the Mandarin Hotel, 1330 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20024. This meeting also will be webcast. Agenda times are approximate.

DATES: Friday, October 31, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Public Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, at 202/682-5570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting, on Friday, October 31st, will be open to the public on a space available basis. The meeting will begin with opening remarks and voting on recommendations for funding and rejection and guidelines, followed by updates by the Chairman. There also will be the following presentations (times are approximate): From 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.—*The Art of Empathy: Celebrating Literature in Translation* (Amy Stolls: Director of Literature; Don Ball: Assistant Director of Publications, Office of Public Affairs; Esther Allen: Writer, Editor, & Literary Translator); from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—presentations from the Dallas Museum of Art (Eugene McDermott: Director, Maxwell Anderson); from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.—presentation from Center of Creative Arts (COCA), St. Louis (Kelly

Pollack: Executive Director; COCA Alum: Christopher Page). From 11-11:15 there will be concluding remarks from the Chairman and announcement of voting results. The meeting will adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

To register to watch the webcasting of the open session of this meeting, go to <http://artsgov.adobeconnect.com/nca-oct2014-webcast/event/registration.html>.

If, in the course of the open session discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and in accordance with the February 15, 2012 determination of the Chairman. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may attend, as observers, Council discussions and reviews that are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of Accessibility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5733, Voice/T.T.Y. 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 6, 2014.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Modification Request Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 10, 2014. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or ACApermits@nsf.gov or (703) 292-7149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Description of Permit Modification Requested: The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2014-006) to Eric Stangeland of Quark Expeditions on September 18, 2013. The issued permit allows the applicant to conduct waste management activities associated with tourism activities including shore excursions, kayaking, camping, cross country skiing, ice climbing and mountaineering in the Antarctic Peninsula region. Mitigation measures are in place to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills.

A recent modification to this permit, dated February 13, 2014, permitted the applicant to allow for the conduct of waste management activities associated with conducting ice swimming and remote controlled camera copter activities.

Now the applicant proposes a modification to his permit to allow for the conduct of waste management activities associated with downhill skiing, polar plunging, and stand up paddleboarding (SUPing).

The SUPing activity would consist of up to 10 passengers per excursion. Quark staff would maintain a watch for leopard seals and killer whales and abort the activity if these animals are sighted. SUPers would be accompanied by 2 Quark staff, one on a SUP and one in a zodiac in case of emergency. Mitigation measures would be in place

to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills ashore.

The polar plunge activity would consist of participants entering the water wearing a bathing suit, for about 5-15 seconds. This activity would take place either away from land, with passengers wearing a safety belt, tethered to the ship, or from a beach landing. A safety zodiac with at least two staff members will be deployed and staff would maintain a watch for leopard seals and killer whales and abort the activity if these animals are sighted. If the activity requires a beach landing, mitigation measures would be in place to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills ashore.

The downhill ski activity is the same as was described for the one-off activity detailed in the applicant's original permit application. The applicant wishes to carry out this activity again this season, and in future seasons depending on passenger demand.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

DATES: (that the mod would be valid) November 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Engineering Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Engineering Advisory Committee Meeting #1170.

Date/Time: October 22, 2014: 12:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. October 23, 2014: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: OPEN.

Contact Person: Evette Rollins, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 505, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone 703-292-8300.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

Agenda:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

- The Federal Advanced Manufacturing Landscape
- The Future of Advanced Manufacturing
- Directorate for Engineering Update

- OSTP Perspective on Engineering at NSF

Thursday, October 23, 2014

- Perspectives from the Office of the Director
- Planning for ENG AdCom Subcommittee Work
- Overview, Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (CBET)
- Roundtable on ENG Strategic Activities and Recommendations

Dated: October 6, 2014.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Input (RFI)—National Big Data R&D Initiative; Correction

AGENCY: The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD), NSF.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Wigen at 703-292-4873 or wigen@nitrd.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

DATES: To be considered, written comments must be received by November 14, 2014.

SUMMARY: This is a correction to the previous submission published on October 2, 2014, at 79 FR 59520. The changes are limited to the insertion of links to various documents referenced within this notice. For additional information and supporting information please see the NITRD Web site, www.nitrd.gov. This request encourages feedback from multiple big data stakeholders to inform the development of a framework, set of priorities, and ultimately a strategic plan for the National Big Data R&D Initiative. A number of areas of interest have been identified by agency representatives in the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Big Data Senior Steering Group (BDSSG) as well as the many members of the big data R&D community that have participated in BDSSG events and workshops over the past several years. This RFI is a critical step in developing a cross-agency strategic plan that has broad community input and that can be referenced by all Federal agencies as they move forward over the next five to ten years with their own big data R&D programs, policies, partnerships, and activities.