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Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel RESOLUTE is:

—INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: Sailing charters
—GEOGRAPHIC REGION: “California”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017-0096 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S. vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Date: May 24, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Veterans’ Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Veterans’ Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee (hereinafter in this section referred to as “the Committee”).

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on June 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be mailed to Veterans Experience Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW. (30), Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Merna, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Experience Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW. (30), Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 632-8692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Veterans’ Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee is being established to advise the Secretary of VA on issues related to:

(1) Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors across all generations, relationships, and Veteran status;

(2) The use of VA care and benefits services by Veteran’s families, caregivers, and survivors, and possible adjustments to such care and benefits services;

(3) Veterans’ family, caregiver, and survivor experiences, and VA policies, regulations, and administrative requirements related to the transition of Service members from the Department of Defense to enrollment in VA that impact Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors; and

(4) Factors that influence access to, quality of, and accountability for services and benefits for Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors.

The Committee responsibilities include:

(1) Advising the Secretary on how VA can assist and represent Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors, including recommendations regarding expanding services and benefits to Veterans’ family members, caregivers, and survivors who are not currently served by VA, and related policy. Administrative, legislative, and/or regulatory actions;

(2) Advising the Secretary on incorporating lessons learned from current, and previous, successful family research and outreach efforts that measure the impact of provided care and benefits services on Veterans’ family, caregivers, and/or survivors;

(3) Advising the Secretary on collaborating with family support programs within VA and engaging with other VA and non-VA advisory committees focused on specific demographics of Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors;

(4) Advising the Secretary on working with interagency, intergovernmental, private/non-profit, community, and faith-based organizations to identify and address gaps in services;

(5) Advising the Secretary on utilizing journey mapping or other means to depict the experience life cycle of families, caregivers, and survivors of Veterans to create a more holistic understanding of important life cycle events, moments that matter, and their impacts, and to ensure accountability;

(6) Advising the Secretary on Veterans’ family, caregiver, and survivor experiences, and the impact of VA policies, regulations, and administrative requirements related to the transition of Service members from the Department of Defense to the enrollment of Veterans;

(7) Advising the Secretary on integrating Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors into key VA initiatives such as access to care, suicide prevention, and homelessness; and

(8) Providing such reports as the Committee deems necessary, but not less than one report per year, to the Secretary, through the Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Veterans Experience Office to describe the Committee’s activities, deliberations, and findings, which may include but are not limited to: (1) Identification of current challenges and recommendations for remediation related to access to care and benefits services of Veterans’ families, caregivers, and survivors; and (2) identification of current best practices in care and benefits delivery to Veterans’ families, caregivers, and

survivors, and the impact of such best practices.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VA is requesting nominations for Committee membership. The Committee is composed of up to 20 members and several ex-officio members.

The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs from the general public, from various sectors and organizations, including but not limited to:

- (1) Veteran's family members, caregivers, and survivors
- (2) Veteran-focused organizations;
- (3) Military history and academic communities;
- (4) National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs;
- (5) The Federal Executive Branch;
- (6) Research experts and service providers; and
- (7) Leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations.

In accordance with the Committee Charter, the Secretary shall determine the number (up to 20), terms of service, and pay and allowances of Committee members, except that a term of service of any such member may not exceed two years. The Secretary may reappoint any Committee member for additional terms of service.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications including but not limited to subject matter experts in the areas described above. We ask that nominations include any relevant experience information so that VA can ensure diverse Committee membership.

Requirements for Nomination Submission: Nominations should be typed (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

- (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating the willingness to serve as a member of the Committee;
- (2) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;
- (3) The nominee's curriculum vitae; and
- (4) A summary of the nominee's experience and qualifications relative to the membership considerations described above.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for

attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for eligible travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory committees is diverse in terms of points of view represented and the committee's capabilities. Appointments to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Authority: The Committee is being established by the directive of the Secretary of VA, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

Dated: May 23, 2017.

Jelessa M. Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the MyVA Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Enterprise Integration—MyVA Task Force, is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the MyVA Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs related to the Department's MyVA initiative and VA's ability to rebuild trust with Veterans and other stakeholders, improve service delivery with a focus on Veteran outcomes, and set the course for longer-term excellence and reform of VA. Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill upcoming vacancies on the Committee.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2017. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle. All nomination packages should be sent to the Advisory Committee Management Office by email (recommended) or mail.

ADDRESSES: Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, vaadvisorycmte@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee's responsibilities include:

(1) Periodic reviews of the Department's progress on the MyVA efforts identified by the Secretary to address and improve Veteran engagement and experience, streamline internal processes to enhance the delivery of services, and reorganize to integrate services across VA business lines.

(2) Advise on completing short-term and long-range plans, priorities, and strategies to improve the operational functions, services, processes, and outputs of the Department to achieve the outcomes outlined above.

(3) Advice on appropriate levels of support and funding to develop those plans, priorities and strategies, and to help maintain appropriate balance between competing elements of the Department.

(4) Advice on implementation of recommended improvements. Management and support services for the Committee are provided by the MyVA Task Force.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications

VA is requesting nominations for Committee membership. The Committee is comprised of up to 20 members. The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public.

The Secretary shall determine the number, terms of service, and pay and allowances of members of the Committee appointed by the Secretary. Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. The Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms of service. Committee members will receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

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(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.* specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve as a member of the Committee;

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