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Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5111(a)(2)

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David J. Ryder,

Director, United States Mint.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (“Committee”). The Committee advises VA on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology.

DATES: Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill two vacancies on the Committee. Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on September 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be mailed to Ms. Alejandra Paulovich, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, (10NC4), Washington, DC 20420 or emailed to Alejandra.Paulovich@va.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alejandra Paulovich, DFO, GGAC, by phone at (202) 461–6016 or by email at Alejandra.Paulovich@va.gov. A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current membership can also be obtained by contacting Ms. Paulovich.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is authorized by statute, title 38 U.S.C § 7315, to advise on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology and to (1) assess (through an evaluation process that includes a site visit conducted no later than 3 years after its establishment) each new VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center on its ability to achieve its established mission; (2) assess the capability of VA to provide high-quality geriatric, extended, and other health

care services to eligible Veterans, taking into consideration the likely demand for such services from such Veterans; (3) assess the current and projected needs of eligible Veterans for geriatric, extended care, and other health care services from VA and its activities and plans designed to meet such needs; and (4) perform such additional functions as the Secretary or Under Secretary for Health may direct. The Committee provides, not later than December 1 of each year, an annual report summarizing its activities for the preceding year.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: The Committee is comprised of not more than 12 non-Federal employee members appointed for a 4-year term. The Committee’s membership includes individuals who have demonstrated interest and expertise in research, education, and clinical activities relating to aging.

The expertise sought includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. familiarity or experience with VA and/or non-VA health systems;
- b. familiarity or experience with academic geriatric and gerontology programs;
- c. familiarity or experience with palliative medicine, home and community-based care, and nursing home care;
- d. familiarity or experience with grant-funded academic research;
- e. familiarity or experience with clinical and health policies concerning the elderly;
- f. familiarity or experience with the partnerships between VA academic programs;
- g. familiarity with the history of geriatrics in the VA and in the U.S.;
- h. familiarity or experience with VA’s Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

Membership Requirements: The Committee holds at least one face-to-face meeting in Washington DC and conducts 4–5 site visits a year. The ideal candidate will be willing to travel 3–5 times per year to help the Committee fulfill its objectives. In accordance with Federal Travel Regulations, VA will cover travel expenses—to include per diem—for all members of the Committee, for any travel associated with official Committee duties.

The Committee’s membership is characterized by a range of backgrounds and knowledge appropriate to carry out its statutory obligations in advising VA. VA strives to develop a Committee membership that includes diversity in military service (e.g. rank, branch and era of service, deployments), diversity of professional experience and work with

Veterans, diversity of subject matter expertise, and diversity in race/ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, geographical background, and profession. We ask that nominations include information of this type 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.

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.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses will meet on September 18, 2018 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 in Room 230, at 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST) on September 18, 2018. All sessions will be open to the public, and for interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone

number 1 (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia Theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Presentations will include updates on the VA Gulf War research program and descriptions and discussions of new areas of research technology and treatments that can be applied to the health problems of Gulf War Veterans. Also, there will be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments in the afternoon. A signup sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Karen Block by email at karen.block@va.gov.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Block, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5600.

Dated: July 27, 2018.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0788]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Description of Materials

AGENCY: Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0788" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0788" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

Title: Description of Materials.
OMB Control Number: 2900-0788.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1852 is completed by builders in Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) projects involving construction as authorized under Title 38, U.S.C., section 2101 (a), section 2101 (b), and the Temporary Residence Adaptations (TRA) grant under Title 38, U.S.C., section 2102A. This form is also completed by builders who propose to construct homes to be purchased by veterans using their VA home loan benefit as granted in Title 38 U.S.C., section 3710(a)(1). SAH field staff review the data furnished on the form for completeness and it is essential to determine the acceptability of the construction materials to be used. In cases of new home construction, a technically qualified individual, not VA staff, is required to review the list of materials and certify they meet or exceed general residential construction material requirements, as specified by the International Residential Code and residential building codes adopted by local building authorities, and are in substantial conformity with VA Minimum Property requirements.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 83 FR 18875 on April 30, 2018, page 18875.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Estimated Annual Burden: 9,251 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,501 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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