

the healing of body and spirit by motivating Veterans to reach their full potential, improve their independence, and achieve a healthier lifestyle and higher quality of life. Surveys are designed to allow program improvement and measure the tangible, quantifiable benefits of the events using event applications. Information collection is used for the planning, distribution and utilization of resources and to allocate clinical and administrative support to patient treatment services.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2782 burden hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 2.552 minutes.

(a) National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, VA Form 10107 (2.5 min.)

(b) National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, VA Form 10108 (2.25 min.)

(c) National Veterans Golden Age Games, VA Form 10109 (2.5 min.)

(d) National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, VA Form 10110 (2.25 min.)

(e) National Veterans TEE Tournament, VA Form 10111 (2.75 min.)

(f) National Veterans Wheelchair Games, VA Form 10112 (2.75 min.)

*Frequency of Response:* 28.75 (annual).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2275.

Dated: December 17, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*VA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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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 Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on January 7-8, 2014. The meeting will be held in room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC, at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. each day and will adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on January 7 and at 12:30 p.m. on January 8. All sessions will be open to the public.

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.

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. The research presentations on January 7 will involve gender differences related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and treatments guided by systems biology. There will also be Committee training and updates on the Department of Defense and VA Gulf War research initiatives. A Committee report and other Committee business will be discussed on both days.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments on both days. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary 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. Roberta White at [rwhite@bu.edu](mailto:rwhite@bu.edu).

Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as part of the clearance process. Therefore, any person intending to attend should allow an additional 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Roberta White, Scientific Director, at (617) 638-4620 or Dr. Victor Kalasinsky, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5682.

Dated: December 17, 2013.

**Jeffrey M. Martin,**

*Office Manager, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Privacy Act of 1974, at 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a(e)(4), requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their records. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that it is amending the

system of records entitled "Accreditation Records-VA" (01VA022) as set forth in the **Federal Register**, 40 FR 38095, August 26, 1975; and amended in 47 FR 1460, January 13, 1982, 54 FR 30969, July 25, 1989, 59 FR 47377, September 15, 1994, 67 FR 54529, August 22, 2002, and 74 FR 23247, May 18, 2009. VA is amending the system notice by adding new routine uses 15, 16, and 17.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed amendments to this system of records must be received no later than January 21, 2014. If no public comments are received by this date, the amendments will become effective on January 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulation Policy and Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Lee (022D), Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Professional Staff Group II, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7699.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By statute, VA is required to ensure that, in presenting their claims, VA claimants have access to competent representation by individuals of good character and reputation. 38 U.S.C. 5904(a). Therefore, individuals wishing to represent claimants before VA must be authorized to do so. 38 CFR 14.626. This authorization is known as accreditation. The System of Records "Accreditation Records-VA" (01VA022) contains VA's accreditation records.

### I. Applicants for VA Accreditation

VA accredits claims agents, attorneys, and representatives of recognized veterans service organizations to ensure that claimants for VA benefits have responsible, qualified representation before the Department. 38 CFR 14.626. An individual seeking VA accreditation as an attorney or claims agent is required to establish his or her fitness to