

Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552 in triplicate.

The agency must receive statements no later than October 21, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charlotte M. Bahin, Designated Federal Official, (202) 906-6452, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By this notice, the Office of Thrift Supervision is announcing that the OTS Mutual Savings Association Advisory Committee will convene a meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, in the Chicago Office of the at the Office of Thrift Supervision, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Central Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility with limited space, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting, and members of the public who require auxiliary aid, must contact the Office of Thrift Supervision at 202-906-6429 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, to inform OTS of their desire to attend the meeting and to provide the information that will be required to facilitate entry into the OTS building. To enter the building, attendees should provide their full name, e-mail address and organization. The purpose of the meeting is to advise OTS on what regulatory changes or other steps OTS may be able to take to ensure the continued health and viability of mutual savings associations, and other issues of concern to the existing mutual savings associations.

Dated: October 2, 2009.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Deborah Dakin,**

*Acting Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009, in the Coolidge Room at the Washington Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless Veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide on-going advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless Veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The agenda will include briefings from VA and other officials regarding services for homeless Veterans. The Committee will also discuss final preparation of its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 461-7401. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues affecting homeless Veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs Office (075D), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: October 1, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials will be held November 17-18, 2009, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 14th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will begin at 8 a.m. on November 17 and at 8:30 a.m. on November 18 and adjourn at 4 p.m. on both days. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of national cemeteries, soldiers' lots and plots, the selection of new national cemetery sites,

the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.

On November 17, the Committee will receive updates on National Cemetery Administration issues. On November 18, the Committee will tour the Baltimore National Cemetery, 5501 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and reconvene at the hotel for a business session, including discussions of committee recommendations, future meeting sites, and potential agenda topics for upcoming meetings.

Time will be allocated for receiving public comments at 1 p.m. on November 18. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Mr. Michael Nacincik, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration (41C2), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, or by e-mail at [Michael.n@va.gov](mailto:Michael.n@va.gov). In the public's communications with the Committee, the writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or persons they represent. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Nacincik at (202) 461-6240.

Dated: October 2, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

| Subcommittee for                    | Date(s)                    | Location                    |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B .....     | November 10, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Cellular & Molecular Medicine ..... | November 13, 2009 .....    | Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase. |
| Nephrology .....                    | November 13, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Surgery .....                       | November 16, 2009 .....    | *VA Central Office.         |
| Infectious Diseases-B .....         | November 18, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A .....     | November 19, 2009 .....    | Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase. |
| Hematology .....                    | November 20, 2009 .....    | *VA Central Office.         |
| Respiration .....                   | November 20, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Endocrinology-A .....               | November 23, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Neurobiology-D .....                | November 30, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Endocrinology-B .....               | December 1, 2009 .....     | *VA Central Office.         |
| Clinical Research Program .....     | December 2, 2009 .....     | *VA Central Office.         |
| Oncology .....                      | December 3–4, 2009 .....   | Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase. |
| Neurobiology-A .....                | December 4, 2009 .....     | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Immunology .....                    | December 4, 2009 .....     | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Cardiovascular Studies .....        | December 7, 2009 .....     | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Neurobiology-E .....                | December 7, 2009 .....     | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Epidemiology .....                  | December 9, 2009 .....     | *VA Central Office.         |
| Gastroenterology .....              | December 11, 2009 .....    | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |
| Infectious Diseases-A .....         | December 11, 2009 .....    | *VA Central Office.         |
| Neurobiology-C .....                | December 17–18, 2009 ..... | L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.       |

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are:

Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC.

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.

\*VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.

\*Teleconference.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion,

and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing

portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20420 at (202) 461–1664.

Dated: September 25, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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