

d. Title 38 U.S.C. 5701(f)(1) authorized the disclosure of names or addresses, or both of present or former members of the Armed Forces and/or their beneficiaries to nonprofit organizations (including members of Congress) to notify veterans of Title 38 benefits and to provide assistance to veterans in obtaining these benefits. This release includes VA's Outreach Program for the purpose of advising veterans of non-VA Federal State and local benefits and programs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Not for profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 22,700 hours.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—25 hours.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—18,875 hours.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70—2—3,750 hours.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—10 minutes.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—7.5 minutes.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70—2—5 minutes.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—150.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—151,000.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70—2—45,000.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50.

Dated: June 23, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards; 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 Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held August 1-2, 2005, in room C-7B at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

On August 1, VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office and Compensation and Pension Service will make presentations to the Committee. On August 2, the Committee will plan future activities and assign tasks to committee members.

Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7210, or by fax at (202) 275-1728. The Committee will accept written comments, which can be addressed to Ms. Ersie Farber, Designated Federal Officer, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (21), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In all communication to the Committee, writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or persons they represent.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will also be available in the afternoon each day. Each person who wishes to make a verbal statement before the Committee will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis and will be provided three (3) minutes to present the statement.

Dated: June 24, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Rigglin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on August 22-25, 2005, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets NW., Washington, DC. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the August 22 and August 24 sessions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meeting will be closed on August 22-August 25 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of the Public Law 92-463 as amended by Section 5(c) of the Public Law 94-109.

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact Dr. Denise Burton, Portfolio Manager, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0068

Dated: June 21, 2005.