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Dated: August 22, 2001.

**Judith R. Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans Affairs National Research Advisory Council will meet at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Pentagon City in the Eisenhower Ballroom, 550 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, on September 5, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The agenda for this session of the meeting will include the minutes from the previous meeting and overview of the VA Career Development Program, research infrastructure needs, and the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service. Established by the Secretary of the VA, the purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission. Those planning to attend the open meeting should contact Ms. Lisa Gilbert, Office of Research and Development at (202) 273-8243.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

**Nora E. Egan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### President's Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans will take place on Wednesday, September 12, 2001. The meeting will be held in the Polaris Room at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., adjourn at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the general public.

The purpose of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is to:

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and for Department of Defense (DoD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Review barriers and challenges that impede VA and DoD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement. Identify opportunities to improve such business practices to ensure high quality and cost effective health care; and

(c) Identify opportunities for improved resource utilization through partnership between VA and DoD to maximize the use of resources and infrastructure, including: buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment and services, and delivery of care.

The meeting will commence with the formal administration of the oath to the appointed Task Force members followed by further introductions and discussion of administrative and substantive issues. Such issues will include dates and locations of future meetings, potential topics and similar matters pertaining to the official organization and charge of the Task Force.

The VA and DoD will separately brief the Task Force on existing VA-DoD joint-venture initiatives and other practices currently being undertaken within VA and DoD concerning the Task Force's designated mission under Executive Order 13214.

Representatives of the General Accounting Office (GAO) will provide a synopsis of their findings from GAO's studies of VA-DoD joint ventures and opportunities for sharing initiatives.

Task Force members will conduct brief question and answer sessions with VA, DoD and GAO officials following their respective presentations.

Interested parties can provide written comments to Mr. Richard Larson, Staff Assistant, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Secretary, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: August 24, 2001.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Nora E. Egan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting

As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, VA hereby gives notice that the Special Medical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting on September 12, 2001. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Secretary and Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include an update on VHA Communication Plans; Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) update; Graduation Medical Education update; and an overview on the Mental Health Program.

All sessions will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Celestine Brockington, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs at (202) 273-5878.

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By direction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Nora E. Egan,**

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