

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: A recognized organization, attorney, agent, or other authorized person representing VA claimants before the Board of Veterans' Appeals complete VA Form 646 to provide identifying data describing the basis for their claimant's disagreement with the denial of VA benefits. VA uses the data collected to identify the issues in dispute and to prepare a decision responsive to the claimant's disagreement.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,462.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,462.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board; 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 Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on May 2, 2006, at the Doubletree Rockville Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The Board advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the

Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on the relevance and feasibility of proposed studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The session will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The sessions will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

During the closed sessions of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As provided by section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Deputy Director, Cooperative Studies Program (125), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0183.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) has scheduled a meeting for April 10-12, 2006, Room 430, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be held each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

On April 10, the meeting will include an introduction of Committee members, remarks from dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of Committee activities, and time for FPOW veterans and/or the public to address the Committee. On April 11, the Committee will receive reports from the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration. The Committee will also get an update from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies. On April 12, the Committee's medical and administrative work groups will meet to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee. Additionally, the Committee will review issues discussed throughout the meeting to compile a report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may ask questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Renée L. Szybala, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: March 17, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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