

appear before the Committee should indicate this in a letter to Mrs. Paige Lowther, Designated Federal Official, National Cemetery Administration (40), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 20420. In any such letters, the writers must fully identify themselves and state the organization, association or person(s) they represent. In addition, to the extent practicable, letters should indicate the subject matter to be discussed. Oral presentations should be limited to 10 minutes in duration.

Individuals wishing to file written statements to be submitted to the Committee must also mail, or otherwise deliver, them to Mrs. Lowther.

Letters and written statements as discussed above must be mailed or delivered in time to reach Mrs. Lowther by 12 noon (EDT), April 26, 2000. Oral statements will be heard between 1 pm and 1:30 pm (EDT), May 4, 2000, at Arlington Hilton and Towers in Arlington, VA.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

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, the VA hereby gives notice that the Special Medical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting on April 5, 2000. The meeting will convene at 8:30 am and end at 2 pm. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 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 discussion of Patient Safety Program, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Program, VISN 12 Options Study, National Formulary Process, Office of Research Compliance and Assurance, and an update on the service line implementation.

All sessions will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the meeting room. Those wishing to attend should contact Celestine Brockington, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs. Her phone number is 202.273.5878.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Marvin R. Eason,

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