

issues, transfer of GI Bill Benefits status and related issues that the committee members may choose to introduce. On January 28, the committee will discuss future meeting locations and topics, subcommittee formation and administration, and desirability of a committee Web site.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Mr. Stephen Dillard or Mr. Michael Yunker, Department of Veterans Affairs, Education Service (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 273-7187. Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written form, may be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting. Oral statements will be heard at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2003.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Commission on VA Nursing; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA Nursing will hold its fourth meeting on January 8-9, 2003, at the MGM Grand, 3799 Las Vegas Blvd., So. Las Vegas, NV 89109. On January 8, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On January 9, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA. The Commission is required to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report, not later than two years from May 8,

2002, on its findings and recommendations.

The Commission will meet to continue data analysis, update the work plan, finalize selection of sites for focus groups, review correspondence from VA staff, finalize issues paper, and review staffing data from VA facilities.

Members of the public may direct written questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Commission in advance of the meeting, to Ms. Oyweda Moorer, Director of the National Commission on VA Nursing, at the Department of Veterans Affairs (108N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Stephanie Williams, Program Analyst at (202) 273-4944.

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