

D.C. The meeting on September 22 will be held in Room 530 and the meeting on September 23 will be held in Room 730. The September 22 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. and the September 23 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon. The meeting's agenda will include: officially welcoming three new members to the Advisory Committee, briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-Disabilities Programs regarding the status of their activities over the last six months and a status report on implementation of the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 as it pertains to the legislative requirement to maintain capacity to meet specialized needs of disabled veterans. The Advisory Committee will also receive the opportunity to meet the new VA Chief Research and Development Officer. The meeting on September 23 will consist of a continuation of briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-Disabilities Programs.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Advisory Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

The meeting is open to the public to the capacity of the room. For those wishing to attend, contact Kathy Pessagno, Veterans Health Administration (113), phone (202) 273-8512, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420, prior to September 18, 1997.

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the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee will be held at the Albuquerque Hilton, 1901 University Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 22 through 25, 1997. The meeting begins with participant registration from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21 through Thursday, October 23, in the Garden Room of the Albuquerque Hilton. The meeting is open to the public.

The committee, comprised of sixty one national voluntary organizations, advises the Under Secretary for Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1997, VAVS Field Staff will meet from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. a free health screening is provided for all participants. At 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. there will be a meeting of the National Executive Committee. At 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. there will be a non-participant orientation and from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., a new member orientation will be provided. In the afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. there will be an open forum for all participants. Opening ceremonies begin at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, October 23, 1997, there will be a Business Session from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. participants will choose from four educational workshops. These workshops will be repeated from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. On Friday, October 24, the four workshops will be repeated from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and again from 2:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. At 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. participants will attend the James H. Parke luncheon.

On the morning of Saturday, October 25, there will be a Plenary Session from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. followed by a Business Session from 10:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The closing business session will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For further information, contact the Director, Voluntary Service Office (162), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, (202) 273-8952.

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By Direction of the Secretary-Designate.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will be held on September 30–October 2, 1997, at the Department of Veterans Affairs; Washington, DC. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs, and activities administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The sessions will convene on September 30, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; October 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and conclude October 2, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Committee will meet in conference room 630, VA Central Office Building, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. All sessions will be open to the public. It will be necessary for those wishing to attend to contact Ms. Maryanne Carson, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC (phone 202-273-6193) prior to September 20, 1997. A tentative agenda follows:

#### Tuesday, September 30, 1997

- 9:00 am—Review of Minutes, May meeting—Chair
- 9:30 am—Old Business: Chair
- 10:00 am—Briefing: Proceedings Summit on Women Veterans—Furey
- 10:30 am—Break
- 11:00 am—Briefing: Center for Women Veterans—Furey
- 12:15 pm—Lunch
- 1:30 pm—Briefing: Veterans Health Administration Initiatives—Zeiler
- 2:30 pm—Break
- 3:00 pm—Briefing: Veterans Benefits Administration Initiatives—Petty
- 4:00 pm—Executive Session—Chair

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### Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 that