DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominees to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (Committee) for the 2015 membership cycle. The Committee is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 542 (the statute), to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary) on the administration of VA’s benefits and services (health care, rehabilitation benefits, compensation, outreach, and other relevant programs) for women Veterans. In accordance with the statute and the Committee’s current charter, the majority of the membership shall consist of non-Federal employees appointed by the Secretary from the general public, serving as special government employees. The Committee provides a Congressionally-mandated report to the Secretary each even-numbered year, which includes: An assessment of the needs of women Veterans, with respect to compensation, health care, rehabilitation, outreach, and other benefits and programs administered by VA; a review of the programs and activities of VA designed to meet such needs; and other recommendations (including recommendations for administrative and legislative action), as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee reports to the Secretary, through the Director of the Center for Women Veterans.

The Committee is currently comprised of 12 members. In accordance with the statute, the Committee consists of members appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including: Representatives of women Veterans; individuals who are recognized authorities in fields pertinent to the needs of women Veterans, including the gender specific health-care needs of women; representatives of both female and male Veterans with service-connected disabilities, including at least one female Veteran with a service-connected disability and at least one male Veteran with a service-connected disability; and women Veterans who are recently separated from service in the Armed Forces. The Committee meets at least two times annually, which may include a site visit to a VA field location. In accordance with Federal Travel Regulation, VA will cover travel expenses—to include per diem—for all members of the Committee, for any travel associated with official Committee duties. A copy of the Committee’s most recent charter and a list of the current membership can be found at www.va.gov/ADVISORY/ or www.va.gov/womenvet/.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its advisory committees is fairly balanced, in terms of points of view represented. In the review process, consideration is given to nominees’ potential to address the Committee’s demographic needs (regional representation, race/ethnicity representation, professional expertise, war era service, gender, former enlisted or officer status, branch of service, etc.). Other considerations to promote a balanced membership include longevity of military service, significant deployment experience, ability to handle complex issues, experience running large organizations, and ability to contribute to the gender-specific health care and benefits needs of women Veterans.

Nomination Package Requirements

Nomination packages must be typed (12 point font) and include: (1) A cover letter from the nominee, and (2) a current resume that is no more than four pages in length. The cover letter must summarize: The nominees’ interest in serving on the committee and contributions she/he can make to the work of the committee; any relevant service or activities she/he is currently engaged in; the military branch affiliation and timeframe of military service (if applicable). To promote a balanced membership, please provide information about your personal and professional qualifications and background that would give you a diverse perspective on women Veterans matters. Finally, please include in the cover letter the nominee’s complete contact information (name, address, email address, and phone number); and a statement confirming that she/he is not a Federally-registered lobbyist. The resume should show professional work experience, and Veterans service involvement, especially service that involves women Veterans’ issues.

Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by August 31, 2015, no later than 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle. All nomination packages should be sent to the Advisory Committee Management Office by email (recommended) or mail. Please see contact information below.
Dated: July 30, 2015.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0319]

Proposed Information Collection (Fiduciary Agreement) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Fiduciary Agreement (VA Form 21P–4703).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0319.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA maintains supervision of the distribution and use of VA benefits paid to fiduciaries on behalf of VA claimants who are incompetent, a minor, or under legal disability. This form is used as a legal contract between VA and a federal fiduciary. It outlines the responsibilities of the fiduciary with respect to the uses of VA funds.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,917.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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