

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established by direction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 2. The Committee consists of 12 Members representing federal agencies appointed by the Secretary of VA and 4 appointed Ex Officio members. The Committee is tasked with examining ways to enhance health care services for Veterans in rural areas. The Committee works in collaboration with the VA Office of Rural Health (ORH) to discuss programs and policies that impact the provision of VA health care services to Veterans in rural areas. The Committee hosts a minimum of two Advisory meetings a year and provides recommendations to the VA Secretary.

**Membership Criteria:** Nominee must understand issues and/or policy affecting rural Veterans, their families, and the rural communities where they live. Nominee must be familiar with healthcare services, delivery of care in rural areas, and benefits issues as they pertain to rural Veterans. Members of the Committee meet in person twice a year and may meet at other times by teleconference as needed. Members serve an initial three-year term and the Secretary may reappoint members for additional terms of service. During the course of their terms, Committee members are expected to attend all meetings and to contribute their time and expertise to Committee projects. It is the potential candidate's responsibility to identify possible conflict(s) of interest that might affect their objectivity and recommendations submitted to the Secretary. If a potential conflict is identified, detailed information about the possible conflict such as employment, research grants and/or contracts must be provided to permit evaluation of possible conflicts of interest.

**Professional Qualifications:** Nominee must have experience working on Veterans' policy issues at the local, state or regional level; and have an understanding of how the rural healthcare delivery system operates.

**Requirements for Nomination Submission:** Nominations should be type written (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominee's contact information,

including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address; (3) the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume, and (4) a summary of the nominee's experience and qualification relative to the professional qualifications criteria listed above. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the nominee has been contacted and is willing to serve.

**Membership Terms:** Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a three-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, males and females, racial and ethnic minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

**Authority:** The Committee was established in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR) will be held on Thursday, September 15, and Friday, September 16, 2016 in Room 4E400 at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Board of Veterans' Appeals Conference Room,

425 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST) on September 15 and at 1:00 p.m. (EST) on September 16, 2016. The meeting will be partially closed to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary on the rehabilitation needs of Veterans with disabilities and on the administration of VA's rehabilitation programs.

On September 15, 2016, the Committee will meet in closed session. The Committee will discuss nominees for the office of Vice-Chair of the Committee for the one-year term from September 2016 through September 2017. During the closed session, the Committee will also meet with the VA Office of General Counsel. These discussions will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Closing the meeting is in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

On September 16, 2016, the Committee will meet in open session from 8:00 a.m. (EST) to 1:00 p.m. (EST). During the meeting, Committee members will be provided updated briefings on various VA programs designed to enhance the rehabilitative potential of disabled Veterans. Members will also begin consideration of potential recommendations to be included in the Committee's next annual report.

Although no time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public, members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee to Anthony Estelle, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration (28), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at [anthony.estelle@va.gov](mailto:anthony.estelle@va.gov). In the communication, writers must identify themselves and state the organization, association or person(s) they represent. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should RSVP to Anthony Estelle at (202) 461-9912, no later than close of business, September 7, 2016. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Due to an increase in security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Anthony Estelle at the phone number or email address noted above.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (Committee) will conduct a site visit on September 19–23, 2016, in San Diego, CA. Sessions are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting tours of VA facilities, participating in off-site events, and participating in workgroup sessions. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). The site visit will also include a town hall meeting for women Veterans and those who provide services to women Veterans.

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 VA designed to meet

such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On Monday September 19, the Committee will convene an open session at the San Diego VA Medical Center, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161, in Conference Room 1 (4E), from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The agenda will include overview briefings from the San Diego VA Medical Center leadership on the facilities, programs, demographics, women Veterans programs, the transition program, suicide prevention program, mental health, military sexual trauma, homeless Veteran program, caregiver support, telehealth, One VA, and Veterans Choice.

On Tuesday September 20, the Committee will convene closed sessions, as it tours the San Diego VA Medical Center, and the Mission Valley Clinic, 8810 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108.

On Wednesday September 21, the Committee will convene a closed session, as it attends the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, hosted by the San Diego VA Medical Center. For information on the National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, please visit [www.va.gov/opa/speceven/ssc/](http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/ssc/).

On Thursday September 22, the Committee will convene a closed session, as it tours the San Diego VA Regional Benefit Office, 8810 Rio San

Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108; the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego, CA 92106; and the Miramar National Cemetery, 5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 92122.

In the morning of September 23, the Committee will convene an open session at the San Diego Marriot La Jolla, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, with San Diego VA Medical Center leadership, followed by a town hall meeting with the women Veterans and other stakeholders. The town hall meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end promptly at noon. In the afternoon of September 23, the Committee will reconvene a closed session, to discuss Committee business, participate in workgroup discussions, and other administrative matters.

With the exception of the town hall meeting, there will be no time for public comment during the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to [00W@mail.va.gov](mailto:00W@mail.va.gov), or by fax at (202) 273–7092. Any member of the public wishing to attend or seeking additional information should contact Shannon L. Middleton at (202) 461–6193.

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