Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans’ Research and Health Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans’ Rural Health Advisory Committee will meet on November 1–2, 2017. The meeting will be held at 333 John Carlyle St., 4th Floor Conference Room, in Alexandria, VA 22314 on November 1–2; both meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST). The meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines Programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include briefings from the Deputy Secretary of VA, the Advisory Committee Management Officer, the Office of General Counsel, presentations on VA’s programs, and an overview of committee objectives, committee business, and activities.

Time will be allocated for receiving comments from the public in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. For interested parties who cannot attend in person, the dial-in number is (800) 767-1750, access code 030905#. Note: The telephone line will be muted until the Committee Chairman opens the floor for public comment. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee’s review to Tamika Barrier via email at tamika.barrier@va.gov.

Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented as part of the clearance process. Therefore, any person attending should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Tamika Barrier, Designated Federal Officer, at (757) 254-8630.


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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials will be held on October 31–November 1, 2017. The meeting sessions will take place at the Jefferson Barracks Medical Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, Building 56, St. Louis, MO 63125. 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 from disclosure Veterans’ information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of national cemeteries, soldiers’ lots and plots, the selection of new national cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On the morning of Tuesday, October 31st, the Committee will convene with an open session at the Jefferson Barracks Medical Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, Building 56, St. Louis, MO 63125, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The agenda will include briefings on NCA Modernization efforts and Committee recommendations. In the afternoon, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Committee will reconvene a closed session, as it tours the NCA National Training Center co-located at the meeting site and Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 2900 Sheridan Road, St. Louis, MO 63125.

On November 1st, the meeting will convene an open session at the Jefferson Barracks Medical Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, Building 56, St. Louis, MO 63125, from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. The agenda will include a continuation of briefings on Committee Recommendations and a briefing on the Veterans Legacy Program.

Time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public each day. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Christine Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461-5680. The Committee will also accept written comments. Comments may be transmitted electronically to the Committee at christine.hamilton3@va.gov or mailed to the National Cemetery Administration (40A1), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. In the public’s communications with the Committee, the writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or persons they represent.


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