

distributes copies of publications to Veterans Service Organizations' representatives to be used in rendering services and representation of veterans, their spouses and dependents. Service organizations complete VA Form 3215 to request placement on a mailing list for specific VA publications.

b. Veterans or beneficiaries complete VA Form 3288 to provide VA with a written consent to release his or her records or information to third parties such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals.

c. VA Form Letter 70-2 is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as processing a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder.

d. Title 38 U.S.C.5701(f)(1) authorized the disclosure of names or addresses, or both of present or former members of the Armed Forces and/or their beneficiaries to nonprofit organizations (including members of Congress) to notify veterans of Title 38 benefits and to provide assistance to veterans in obtaining these benefits. This release includes VA's Outreach Program for the purpose of advising veterans of non-VA Federal, State and local benefits and programs.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 30, 2005, at pages 37898-37899.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Not for Profit Institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 22,700 hours.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—25 hours.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—18,875 hours.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—3,750 hours.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—10 minutes.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—7.5 minutes.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—5 minutes.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 196,200.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—150.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—151,000.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—45,000.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on November 2-3, 2005, at the Sheraton National Hotel—Arlington, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The Board advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on

the relevance and feasibility of proposed studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The sessions each day will open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The sessions will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

During the closed sessions of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As provided by section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Assistant Director, Cooperative Studies Program (125), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0183.

Dated: October 13, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Infectious Diseases-A	November 9, 2005	St. Gregory Hotel.
Hematology	November 10, 2005	Hotel Madera.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences-A	November 11, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences-B	November 17, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Respiration	November 17, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Surgery-A/B	November 21, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Endocrinology-A	November 21–22, 2005	St. Gregory Hotel.
Cardiovascular Studies-A	November 28, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	November 29, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Neurobiology-D	November 29, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Oncology-B	November 29–30, 2005	St. Gregory Hotel.
Immunology-B	December 2, 2005	St. Gregory Hotel.
General Medical Science (Cellular and Molecular Medicine)	December 2, 2005	Hotel Madera.
Endocrinology-B	December 2, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Clinical Research Program	December 5, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Nephrology	December 5, 2005	St. Gregory Hotel.
Immunology-A	December 6, 2005	Topaz Hotel.
Neurobiology-A	December 7–8, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Gastroenterology	December 8, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Infectious Diseases-A	December 9, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Cardiovascular Studies-B	December 9, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Epidemiology	December 12–13, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Oncology-A	December 12–13, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Neurobiology-B/C	December 12–13, 2005	Wyndham Hotel.
Neurobiology-E	December 12, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Hilton Embassy Row, 2015
Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC
Hotel Madera, 1310 New Hampshire
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC
St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW.,
Washington, DC
The Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC
Topaz Hotel, 1733 N Street, NW.,
Washington, DC
Wyndham Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW.,
Washington, DC

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of

biomedical, behavioral and clinic science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which significantly

frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20420 at (202) 254–0288.

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