

The agenda for September 13 will include updates on the progress of the studies being conducted by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA). CNA will also present a report of its review of lump sum payments as an option for disability compensation. There will be a presentation by the Veterans Health Administration on environmental and deployment health issues related to presumption of service connection and an overview by Commission staff of the Bradley Commission report.

The agenda for September 14 will include a briefing on the Army's Battle Mind Training program and discussions of the 2006 Older Americans Report and the aging veteran population, as well as initial draft issue papers by Commission staff. Commissioners Cassidy and McGinn will provide a summary of their regional team site visits to the Pacific Northwest and New England. There will also be time set aside on Thursday afternoon, September 14, for public comments.

On September 15, the Commission will receive an update on the VA-DoD Information Technology (IT) initiatives in various stages of development or implementation to foster interoperability between the two agencies' health IT systems. Certification and training for VA Compensation and Pension examiners and the use of templates for these exams will also be addressed.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission on Thursday, September 14. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested

parties may also provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting or at any time, by e-mail to [veterans@vetscommission.intranets.com](mailto:veterans@vetscommission.intranets.com) or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Executive Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will meet October 12-13, 2006, at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and end at 5 p.m. on October 12 and at 12 noon on October 13. The meeting is open to the public.

The NAC consists of 63 national organizations and advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The Executive Committee consists of 19 representatives from the

NAC member organizations and acts as the NAC governing body during the period between NAC annual meetings.

On October 12, agenda topics will include NAC goals and objectives, minutes of the May 2006 meeting, Veterans Health Administration update, VAVS update of the Voluntary Service program's progress, concerns since the May 2006 NAC annual meeting, Parke Board update, evaluations of the May 2006 annual meeting and plans for 2007 NAC annual meeting, to include workshops and plenary sessions.

On October 13, agenda topics will include 2008 NAC annual meeting planning, recommendations from May 2006 NAC annual meeting, subcommittee reports, standard operating procedure revisions, new business and Executive Committee appointments.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Ms. Laura Balun, Designated Federal Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Balun can be contacted by phone at (202) 273-8952.

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