

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Neurobiology—D	June 1, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Hematology	June 2, 2005	Hotel Lombardy.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences—A	June 3, 2005	Hotel Rouge.
Surgery—B	June 6, 2005	Hotel Lombardy.
Clinical Research Prgrm	June 6, 2005	One Washington Circle.
Gastroenterology	June 9–10, 2005	Holiday Inn on the Hill.
Infectious Diseases—A	June 10, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Surgery—A	June 13, 2005	Holiday Inn Central.
Endocrinology—B	June 13, 2005	Hotel Madera.
Oncology—A	June 13–14, 2005	Crystal Gateway Marriott.
Infectious Diseases—B	June 14–15, 2005	The Churchill Hotel.
Immunology—A	June 16, 2005	Topaz Hotel.
Neurobiology—C	June 16–17, 2005	Hotel Helix.
Oncology—B	June 16–17, 2005	Holiday Inn on the Hill.
Cardiovascular Studies—A	June 20, 2005	Holiday Inn Central.
Endocrinology—A	June 20–21, 2005	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology—E	June 22, 2005	Holiday Inn on the Hill.
Cardiovascular Studies—B	June 24, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Neurobiology—B	June 24, 2005	Hilton Embassy Row.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences—B	June 23–24, 2005	Hotel Rouge.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson
Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA.

Hilton Embassy Row, 2015
Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC.

Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Hotel Helix, 1430 Rhode Island Avenue,
NW., Washington, DC.

Hotel Lombardy, 2019 Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Hotel Madera, 1310 New Hampshire
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Hotel Rouge, 1315 16th Street, NW.,
Washington, DC.

One Washington Circle, One
Washington Circle, NW., Washington,
DC.

The Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Topaz Hotel, 1733 N 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 the meetings involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of the subcommittee meetings, 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 could 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.

Dated: April 8, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting on May 9 and 10, 2005, at Sofitel Lafayette Square Hotel, 806 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. each day and is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service. The Commission will receive briefings intended to provide an understanding of programs managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Federal departments and agencies for disabled veterans and their survivors. The Commission will also take testimony from representatives of interested stakeholders and the public concerning issues relating to these benefits that should be addressed by the Commission. Stakeholder groups include veterans' service organizations and military associations.

The agenda for May 9 includes an introduction of Commission members, a description and the legislative history of VA's disability compensation program, Commission responsibilities, ethics requirements, other federal disability and survivor programs, and a review of literature concerned with disability issues. Agenda items for May 10 include testimony by panels comprised of representatives from veterans' service organizations and military associations.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission. Interested parties can provide written comments for review by the Commission in advance of the

meeting to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Acting Executive Director, Program Evaluation Service (008B2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Wilburn at (202) 273-7509 or by e-mail at vetscommission@va.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Voluntary Services National Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held on May 25-28, 2005, at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort, 5401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. The meeting sessions are scheduled from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on May 25; from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on May 26 and 27; and from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 28, with a closing program at 6 p.m. that day. The meeting is open to the public.

The Committee, comprised of sixty-three national voluntary organizations advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: To provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

The May 25 session will involve opening ceremonies and remarks by several VA and local officials. The May 26 session will feature a video presentation from Dr. Perlin, a Voluntary Service Report, and recognition of the recipients of the VAVS Award for Excellence and NAC Volunteers of the Year. In addition, the James H. Parks Memorial Scholarship Luncheon will be held to honor an outstanding youth volunteer. The following educational workshops are scheduled:

1. Assignment-Driven Recruitment and Retention: It's All in the Packaging
2. My HealthVet
3. Hospice Care—A Celebration of Life

4. The Family Support in Seamless Transition

On May 27, the business session will include subcommittee reports and presentations on the Fisher House and Seamless Transition. This session will be followed by a repeat of the educational workshops.

The May 28 session will include remarks from the Director, Veterans Canteen Service and Mr. Stephen Gower, a motivational speaker. The evening will conclude with a Volunteer Recognition Dinner, with entertainment provided by winners in the National Veterans Creative Arts Program.

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, Administrative Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact Ms. Balun at (202) 273-8952.

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