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By direction of the Secretary.

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*Director, Information Management Service*

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### Advisory Committee on Research Realignment, Notice of Meeting

As required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the VA hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Research Realignment Advisory Committee will be held May 28 and 29, 1996. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on May 28 and will start at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon on May 29. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to make the final revisions to the Draft Report to be presented to Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, concerning the Committee's review of VA's present research programs to ensure that VA research meets the present and future healthcare needs of veterans.

The agenda for May 28 will address comments from the field concerning the Draft Report to Dr. Kizer with recommendations for a realigned research program which includes implementation of Special Emphasis Areas. There will also be discussion of the recommendations for improving policies and procedures concerning informed consent in VA research.

On May 29 the committee will make final revisions of the Draft Report to Dr. Kizer.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Efrend Z. Garcia, Chief Career Development, Department of Veterans Affairs at (202) 565-7133.

The Designated Federal Official for the Committee is Timothy Gerrity, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Medical Research Service. His phone number is (202) 565-4004.

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By Direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting

As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the VA hereby gives notice that the Special Medical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting on May 8, 1996. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end approximately at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Secretary and Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include an update on VHA's reorganization, status of activation of Veterans Integrated Service Networks and Residency and Research Realignment Committees efforts.

All sessions will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Melinda Murphy, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs. Her phone number is (202) 273-5878.

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### Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission, Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that the Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission will conduct its seventh public meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at the Washington, D.C., office of The American Legion, 1608 K Street (7th Floor), N.W., Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10, the Commission will continue this public meeting at VA's Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue N.W., Room 230, Washington, D.C. The Commission will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 10.

This public meeting will focus mainly on discussion and consideration of draft findings and conclusions in the Commission's latest areas or pursuit. In addition, the Commission will discuss and begin draft recommendations based on the Commission's preliminary report.

On May 8, the Commission will discuss and consider draft findings and

conclusions generated from new areas of pursuit including:

- "Product Issues"—Analyzing the effect of VA's Compensation "Product" on the claims adjudication process;
- Medical Examinations and Attendant Issues—Documenting and assessing current separation examinations and initial VA compensation examinations, including VBA pilot projects in these areas;
- Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Issues—Developing cooperative strategies with VSOs to encourage the submission of fully supported claims;
- Assessing VA's Strategic Management Planning—Including VBA and BVA organizational issues, the extent of management planning, and their vision for the future; and
- Exploring the feasibility and equity of Lump Sum Compensation benefits at lower disability levels.

On May 9 the Commission will begin discussing draft recommendations based on the Commission's February 7, 1996, report of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions in the following statutory reporting areas:

- Preparation/Submission of Claims;
- Process and Procedures;
- Effect of Attorneys, VSO's, and Advocates;
- Effect of Modernizing IRM;
- Effect of Work Performance Standards;
- Extent/Effect of Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations;
- Effectiveness of Pilot Programs; and
- Effectiveness of Quality Control/Assurance

On the morning of May 10, the Commission will discuss project management issues, including the format and the date of submission of the Commission's Final Report and possible dates for the Commission's next public meeting.

The meeting is open to the public; however, no time is allocated for the purpose of receiving oral presentations from the public. The Commission will accept appropriate written comments from interested parties on the subject matter addressed during the meeting. Such comments may be referred to the Commission at the following address: Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission (20C), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Commission at (202) 275-2142.

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