

**Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with P.L. 92-463, gives notice that a meeting of the VA Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee will be held on:

Monday, November 18, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 801 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Room 1105.

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Under Secretary for Health about medical findings affecting Persian Gulf era veterans.

At this meeting the Committee will review all aspects of patient care and medical diagnoses and will provide professional consultation as needed. The Committee may advise on other areas involving research and

development, veterans benefits and/or training aspects for patients and staff.

All portions of the meeting will be open to the public except from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on November 18 and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 19, 1996. During these executive sessions, discussions and recommendations will deal with medical records of specific patients and individually identifiable patient medical histories. The disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Closure of this portion of the meeting is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The agenda for November 18 will begin with an update on recent events, followed by responses from Committee members. The first day's agenda will also cover reports on activities of the

Persian Gulf Spouses and Children Exam, Persian Gulf Programs/Surveys, and Veterans Benefits Applications from Persian Gulf Veterans, as well as a follow-up on VA Referral Centers.

On November 19 the Committee will hear reports on the Syntax of Immune-Neuroendocrine Communications/PTSD as well as an updates on Research Centers findings and DoD Investigative Team Operations.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Eugene A. Brickhouse,

*Committee Management Officer.*

[FR Doc. 96-22590 Filed 9-4-96; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-M**