

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Titles:** Follow-Up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans, VA Form 10-0488, and Consent Form for Release of Medical Records, VA Form 10-0488a.

**OMB Control Number:** OMB Control No. 2900-New.

**Type of Review:** New Collection.

**Abstracts:**

a. The data collected on VA Form 10-0488, will help VA to assess the health of Gulf War veterans who were exposed to a variety of environmental factors potentially linked to chronic condition including Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and unexplained multi-system illnesses. VA will use the data to better understand the long-term consequences of military deployment and to provide better health care for Gulf War veterans.

b. VA Form 10-0488a is completed by claimants to request release of medical records from their health care provider.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:**

a. Follow-Up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans, VA Form 10-0488—9,000.

b. Consent Form for Release of Medical Records, VA Form 10-0488a—117.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Average Burden per**

**Respondents:**

a. Follow-Up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans, VA Form 10-0488—30 minutes.

b. Consent Form for Release of Medical Records, VA Form 10-0488a—10 minutes.

**Estimated Annual Responses:**

a. Follow-Up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans, VA Form 10-0488—18,000.

b. Consent Form for Release of Medical Records, VA Form 10-0488a—700.

Dated: August 26, 2010.

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 8-9, 2010, at Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 West 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day and end at 4:30 p.m. on October 8, and at noon on October 9, 2010. The meeting is open to the public.

The Committee, comprised of sixty-four 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 Executive Committee consists of twenty representatives from the NAC member organizations.

On October 8, agenda topics will include: NAC goals and objectives; review of minutes from the May 2010 NAC annual meeting; VAVS update on the Voluntary Service program's activities; Parke Board update; evaluations of the 2010 NAC annual meeting; and plans for 2011 NAC annual meeting (to include workshops and plenary sessions).

On October 9, agenda topics will include: Recommendations from the 2009 and 2010 NAC annual meetings; subcommittee reports; review of standard operating procedure revisions; 2012 NAC annual meeting plans; and any new business.

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 Balum, Designated Federal Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or e-mail to [laura.balum@va.gov](mailto:laura.balum@va.gov). Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Balum at (202) 461-7300.

Dated: August 31, 2010.

By Direction of the Secretary.

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