

29, 2013, in Room GL20 of the Office of Rural Health (ORH), 1722 I Street, NW., Washington, DC. The toll-free number for the meeting is 1-800-767-1750, and the access code is 44970#. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on health care issues affecting enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the provision of VA health care to enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA services for these Veterans.

The Committee will receive an update from the ORH Director; discuss VA's response to the 2011 Annual Report; and the agenda and planning for the Committee's upcoming May 2013 meeting in Washington, DC.

A 15-minute period will be reserved at 3:15 p.m. for public comments. Individuals who wish to address the Committee are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Judy Bowie, Designated Federal Officer, ORH (10P1R), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email at rural.health.inquiry@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at (202) 461-7100.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on January 28-29, 2013, at the Veterans Health Administration National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 150A, Arlington, Virginia. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and end at 4 p.m. on January 28 and at 2 p.m. on January 29. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising during service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of

responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments in the afternoon. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Nancy Copeland, Acting Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Regulation Staff (211D), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email at nancy.copeland@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact Mrs. Copeland at (202) 461-9685.

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