

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 217 hours, 57 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 831,714

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#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 28, 2004.

**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5471 (and Related Schedules)

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this

opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5471 (and related schedules), Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 5, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet at [carol.a.savage@irs.gov](mailto:carol.a.savage@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0704.

*Form Number:* 5471 (and related schedules).

*Abstract:* Form 5471 and related schedules are used by U.S. persons that have an interest in a foreign corporation. The form is used to report income from the foreign corporation. The form and schedules are used to satisfy the reporting requirements of Internal Revenue Code sections 6035, 6038 and 6046 and the regulations thereunder pertaining to the involvement of U.S. persons with certain foreign corporations.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 43,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 155 hours, 49 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,700,035.

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Approved: January 27, 2004.

**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on February 23-24, 2004, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 819, Washington, DC. The meeting on February 23 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting on February 24 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. Both meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War.

On February 23, the Committee will hear a series of scientific presentations on infectious diseases in Gulf War veterans. The Committee will also hear presentations on immunological research and findings with respect to Gulf War veterans. On February 24, the Committee will hear presentations on research concerning the biological effects and health concerns of depleted uranium. The Committee will also receive an update on VA-sponsored Gulf War illness research. Time will be available for public comment on both days.

Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Laura O'Shea, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs (008A1), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will be held Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on both days, at The American Legion, Washington Office, 1608 K Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to review the post-war readjustment needs of veterans and to evaluate the availability and effectiveness of VA programs to meet these needs.

The agenda for February 19 will focus on military service-related needs of returning combatants from the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. The day's activities will also cover the coordination of services between VA and the Department of Defense to ensure continuity of care for returning veterans.

On February 20, the Committee will be provided with an update of the

recent activities of the Readjustment Counseling Service Vet Center program and a review of VA tele-medicine operations. The agenda for February 20 will also include strategic planning activities to formulate goals and objectives for the coming year. In addition, the Committee will formulate recommendations for submission to Congress in its annual report.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct written questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Mr. Charlie M. Flora, M.S.W., Designated Federal Officer, Readjustment Counseling Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (15), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Those who plan to attend or have questions concerning the meeting may contact Mr. Flora at (202) 273-8969 or [charles.flora@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:charles.flora@hq.med.va.gov).

Dated: January 23, 2004.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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