

## 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 that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will meet on September 12–13, 2017. The Committee will meet at 1800 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will be held on the Eighth Floor in Conference Room 870. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. EST each day. 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 will 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 on other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments. 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 Stacy Boyd, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs,

Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Policy Staff (211A), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email [Stacy.Boyd@va.gov](mailto:Stacy.Boyd@va.gov). Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the screening process. Due to an increase in security protocols, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Routine escorts will be provided until 9:00 a.m. each day. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should email Stacy Boyd or call her at (202) 461–9580.

Dated: August 2, 2017.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. that a meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs will be held on October 4–5, 2017, in Room 530 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days, and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on October 4 and at 12 noon on October 5. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of VA on VA's prosthetics programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such

technology. The Committee also provides advice to the Secretary on special-disabilities programs, which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve Veterans with spinal cord injuries, blindness or visual impairments, loss of extremities or loss of function, deafness or hearing impairment, and other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On October 4, the Committee will receive briefings on Annual Ethics, General Counsel, Rehabilitation Research and Development, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids; Blind Rehabilitation Service; and the National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events. On October 5, the Committee members will receive briefing from the Connected Care/Telemedicine and Audiology and Speech Pathology.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public; however, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Judy Schafer, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services (10P4R), VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at [Judy.Schafer@va.gov](mailto:Judy.Schafer@va.gov). Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Therefore, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Dr. Schafer at (202) 461–7315.

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**LaTonya L. Small,**

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