

business use; records documenting policies and procedures involving agency-wide responsibilities for FOIA, PA, and classified documents must be scheduled for disposal on an agency-specific schedule. Agencies must dispose of general request files involving requests for information with no need for administrative action, policy decision, or special complications or research when ninety days old but may retain such files longer if required for business use. Agencies must dispose of case files created in response to requests for information under FOIA or PA either six years after the final agency determination or three years after final adjudication by the courts, whichever is later, but retain them longer if required for business use. These retention and disposal statements are pursuant to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) General Record Schedules: 4.2 Information Access and Protection Records, Items 001, 010, and 020.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

This list of safeguards furnished in this System of Records is not an exclusive list of measures that has been, or will be, taken to protect individually-identifiable information.

All records are maintained in compliance with applicable VA security policy directives that specify the standards that will be applied to protect sensitive personal information, including protection from unauthorized access through appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards. These safeguards include restricting access to authorized personnel who have a need-to-know, using locks, and password protection identification features.

Authorized personnel are required to take annual VA mandatory data privacy and security training. Access to data storage areas is restricted to authorized VA employees or contract staff who have been cleared to work by the VA Office of Security and Law Enforcement. File areas are locked after normal duty hours. VA facilities are protected from outside access by the Federal Protective Service and/or other security personnel. Security complies with applicable Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Contractors and their subcontractors who access the data are required to maintain the same level of security as VA staff. Access to electronic files is controlled by using an individually unique password entered

in combination with an individually unique user identification code.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to request access to their records maintained under his or her name may write or visit the nearest VA facility or write to their regional VA Public Liaison/FOIA officer listed at https://www.va.gov/FOIA/docs/Updated_Documents/POC/VACOCentralOffice.pdf.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

(See "Record Access Procedures above.")

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

An individual who wishes to determine whether a record is being maintained in this system under his or her name or other personnel identifier, or wants to determine the contents of such record, should submit a written request or apply in person to the last VA facility where the request or appeal was submitted or to the Director, FOIA Service (005R1C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

During the course of a FOIA action, exempt materials from other systems of records may in turn become part of the case records in this system. To the extent that copies of exempt records from those 'other' systems of records are entered into this FOIA case record, VA hereby claims the same exemptions for the records from those 'other' systems that are entered into this system, as claimed for the original primary systems of records of which they are a part.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, 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 Former Prisoners of War (ACFPOW) will conduct a virtual meeting December 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting session is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under

Title 38 U.S.C., for Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (FPOW), and to make recommendations on the needs of such Veterans for compensation, health care, rehabilitation, and memorial benefits.

The agenda will include briefings/presentations from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and VA Staff Offices, as well as briefings on other issues impacting FPOW Veterans and their families.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Any member of the public may also submit a 1–2-page commentary for the Committee's review. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Julian Wright, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War at Julian.Wright2@va.gov no later than November 23, 2021. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the virtual meeting may use the following.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link, either on your Computer or Mobile App: https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_YzlyM2QzZjQtNGEyYi00ZTU3LWFiNDAtODYyY2Q0ZDUxNjY1%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251a-b3bf%2522%252c%25220id%2522%253a%2522b857b6c6-44d8-46b4-8041-6e7d50b9890a%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7C%7C402bbc307f964be3b0fb08d9a2d7bae0%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C637719869694150889%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjBTiI6IjE6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uQcchCiQ0KkRVpZEiuLWHyXhWXXkxWU5V4ErU2BxXmtc%3D&reserved=0

Or you may dial into the meeting via phone audio at 1-872-701-0185, Code: 289 339 150#.

Dated: November 9, 2021.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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