

the Offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary in carrying out their duties and authorities towards advancing racial equity and addressing acute disparities for communities of color who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.

The Committee will provide an opportunity for experts to offer their advice and recommendations to the Office of the Secretary on a regular basis on aspects of the domestic economy that have directly and indirectly resulted in unfavorable conditions for Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color. Topics to be addressed by the Committee may include, but are not limited to, financial inclusion, capital access, housing stability, federal government supplier diversity and economic development.

The duties of the Committee shall be solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, which shall be non-binding to the Department. No determination of fact or policy shall be made by the Committee. Membership appointments are for a duration of two years. Members will not receive compensation, other than reimbursement for travel, if required.

Application Process for Advisory Committee Appointment

Applicants are required to submit the following documents specifically referencing the objectives and duties outlined above:

- A one (1) page cover letter detailing their qualifications and areas of expertise as they relate to the key issues before the committee; and
- A two (2) page resume/curriculum vitae, which should clearly highlight relevant experience that addresses the focus areas of TACRE

Nominations may be submitted by the candidate him- or herself or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

Some members of the Committee may be required to adhere to the conflict of interest rules applicable to Special Government Employees, as such employees are defined in 18 U.S.C. 202(a). These rules include relevant provisions in 18 U.S.C. related to criminal activity, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR part 2635), and Executive Order 12674 (as modified by Executive Order 12731).

In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance

process includes fingerprints, tax checks, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal check. *Applicants must state in their application that they agree to submit to these pre-appointment checks.*

The application period for interested candidates will extend to the date outlined above. Applications should be submitted in sufficient time to be received by the close of business on the closing date and should be sent to Equity@treasury.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, 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 Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (the Committee) will meet virtually using Microsoft Teams May 24, 2022–May 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST. The meeting sessions are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for Veterans, Servicepersons, Reservists, and Dependents of Veterans including programs under Chapters 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 of title 38, and Chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to hear briefings on topics of interest to its three subcommittees (Modernization, OJT/Apprenticeship and Distance Learning) and to obtain updates based on its report and recommendations to VA submitted in December 2021.

Interested persons may attend. The meeting will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. Please email EDUSTAENG.VBAVACO@va.gov for an invitation link prior to May 24, 2022 or dial-in by phone (for audio only) 1-872-701-0185 United States, Chicago (Toll), Conference ID: 464 437 245#.

Although no time will be allotted for receiving oral presentations from the public, individuals wishing to share information with the Committee may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Mr. Joseph Maltby, Designated Federal Official, Department of Veterans Affairs, by

email at EDUSTAENG.VBAVACO@va.gov. Comments will be accepted until close of business on Monday, May 23, 2022. In the communication, the writers must identify themselves and state the organization or association they represent for inclusion in the official record. Any member of the public wishing to participate or seeking additional information should contact Joseph Maltby at EDUSTAENG.VBAVACO@va.gov not later than May 23, 2022.

Dated: April 11, 2022.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Advisory Committee (Committee) on Former Prisoners of War (FPOW).

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 2, 2022.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be mailed to Outreach, Transition and Economic Development (OTED), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 1800 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 or emailed to julian.wright2@va.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julian Wright, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), OTED, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1800 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 302-8629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the activities of the Committee include, but are not limited to:

(1) Advising the Secretary on how VA can assist and represent FPOWs', including recommendations regarding expanding services and benefits to FPOWs' and related policy. Administrative, legislative, and/or regulatory actions;

(2) Advising the Secretary on incorporating lessons learned from current, and previous, successful family research and outreach efforts that

measure the impact of provided care and benefits services on FPOWs;

(3) Advising the Secretary on collaborating with family support programs within VA and engaging with other VA and non-VA advisory committees focused on specific demographics of FPOWs;

(4) Advising the Secretary on working with interagency, intergovernmental, private/non-profit, community, and Veteran service organizations to identify and address gaps in services for FPOWs;

(5) Providing such reports as the Committee deems necessary, but not less than one report per year, to the Secretary, through the DFO/VBA to describe the Committee's activities, deliberations, and findings, which may include but are not limited to: (1) Identification of current challenges and recommendations for remediation related to access to care and benefits services of FPOWs; and (2) identification of current best practices in care and benefits delivery to FPOWs, and the impact of such best practices.

Authority: The Committee is authorized by statute (5 U.S.C. 541) and operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee advises the Secretary on the following:

(1) The administration of benefits for Veterans who are FPOW, in the areas of service-connected compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

(2) The use of VA care and benefits services by FPOWs, and possible adjustments to such care and benefits services;

(3) Factors that influence access to, quality of, and accountability for services and benefits for FPOWs.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VA is seeking nominations for Committee membership. The Committee is composed of up to 12 members and several ex-officio members.

The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs from the general public, from various sectors and organizations, including but not limited to:

(1) Veterans who are FPOWs.

(2) Appropriate representatives of Veterans who are former prisoners of war;

(3) Individuals who are recognized authorities in fields pertinent to disabilities prevalent among former prisoners of war, including authorities in epidemiology, mental health, nutrition, geriatrics and internal medicine; and

(4) Appropriate representatives of disabled Veterans.

In accordance with the Committee Charter, the Secretary shall determine the number, terms of service, and pay and allowances of Committee members. The term of service for any member may not exceed three years. The Secretary may reappoint any Committee member for additional terms of service.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications including but not limited to subject matter experts in the areas described above. We ask that nominations include any relevant experience information so that VA can ensure diverse Committee membership.

Requirements for Nomination

Submission: Nominations should be typed (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the

nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating the willingness to serve as a member of the Committee;

(2) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(3) The nominee's resume; and

(4) A summary of the nominee's experience and qualifications relative to the membership considerations described above.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for eligible travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory committees are diverse in terms of points of view represented and the committee's capabilities. Appointments to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: April 11, 2022.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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