

4. Provide a forum for covered Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) serving covered Veterans and the Department to discuss issues and proposals for changes to regulations, policies, and procedures of the Department.

5. Identify priorities for and provide advice to the Secretary on appropriate strategies for consultation with VSOs serving covered Veterans.

6. Encourage the Secretary to work with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies, and Congress, to ensure covered Veterans are provided the full benefits of their status as covered Veterans.

7. Highlight contributions of covered Veterans in the Armed Forces.

8. Conduct other duties as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

*Authority:* The Committee is authorized by statute, 38 U.S.C. 548 Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States. The Committee operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

*Membership Criteria:* VA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of not more than 15 members. The Secretary will select the Committee Chair from among the Committee members. The Committee is required to appoint at least one member to represent covered Veterans as specified in and stipulated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Further, at all times, unless an insufficient number of qualified covered Veterans are available, not fewer than half of the members shall be covered Veterans. Each appointed member must reside in an area specified in and stipulated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Additionally, the Committee shall incorporate such ex-officio members as the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint from their Departments, respectively.

*Membership Terms:* Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. At the Secretary's discretion, members may be reappointed to serve an additional term.

All members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee.

*Requirements for Nomination Submission:* Nominations should be type written (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 a 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 curriculum vitae, *not to exceed five pages* and (4) a summary of the nominee's experience and qualification relative to the membership criteria listed above. 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.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the Committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, racial and ethnic minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### VA National Academic Affiliations Council, Notice of Meeting, Amended

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that the VA National Academic Affiliations Council (Council) will meet via conference call on June 29, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. The meeting session is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

On June 29, 2023, the Council will receive project updates and have discussions on actions affecting the educational mission of VA. The Council will receive public comments from 3:45 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. EST.

Interested persons may attend and/or present oral statements to the Council.

The dial in number to attend the conference call is: 669-254-5252. At the prompt, enter meeting ID 161 502 3864, then press #. The meeting passcode is 842538, then press #. Individuals seeking to present oral statements are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Council prior to the meeting or at any time, by email to [nellie.mitchell@va.gov](mailto:nellie.mitchell@va.gov), or by mail to Nellie Mitchell, MS, RHIA, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Academic Affiliations (14AA), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to participate or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Mitchell via email or by phone at (608) 358-9902.

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