

consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War.

On February 3, the Committee will review current activities and receive an update on new research. The Committee will hearing presentations on and discuss antibiotic therapy and exercise behavior therapy, Phase III of the National Gulf War Veterans Survey and treatment research concepts. Throughout the day, there will be presentations by visiting experts including, Chief of VA Research and

Development, Directors of the Washington, DC and New Jersey War-Related Illness and Injury Study Centers and Dr. Hermona Soreq, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. On February 4, the Committee will hear presentations on and discuss vaccine and mechanism research concepts. The Committee will also discuss and develop recommendations and next steps. 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, Committee Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs (008A1), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing further information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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