

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An open meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2007 from 9 a.m. ET to 10 a.m. ET via a telephone conference call. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-2085, or write Audrey Y. Jenkins, TAP Office, 10 MetroTech Center, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Audrey Y. Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-2085, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: March 15, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Availability of Report of 2006 Closed Meetings

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. I section 10(d), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and 5 U.S.C. 552b, the Government in the Sunshine Act, a report summarizing the closed meeting activities of the Art Advisory Panel during 2006 has been prepared. A copy of this report has been filed with the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective March 23, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The report is available for public inspection and requests for copies should be addressed to: Internal Revenue Service, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1621, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, telephone number (202) 622-5164 (not a toll free number). The report is also available at <http://www.irs.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Carolan, AP:ART, Internal Revenue Service/Appeals, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, telephone (202) 435-5609 (not a toll free telephone number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this document is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and that a regulatory impact analysis therefore, is not required. Neither does this document constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

**Mark W. Everson,**

*Commissioner of Internal Revenue.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Service-Connected Benefits

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006, Public Law 109-361, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of adjustments in certain benefit rates. These adjustments affect the compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) programs.

**DATES:** These adjustments are effective December 1, 2006, the date provided by Public Law 109-361.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lyric Collier, Program Analyst, Compensation and Pension Service (212A), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7212.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2 of Public Law 109-361 provides for an increase in each of the rates in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States Code. VA is required to increase these benefit rates by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. In computing increased rates in the cited title 38 sections, fractions of a dollar are rounded down to the nearest dollar. The increased rates are required to be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 3.3 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following rates for VA compensation and DIC programs will be effective December 1, 2006:

### DISABILITY COMPENSATION (38 U.S.C. 1114)

| Disability evaluation<br>Percent | Monthly rate            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10 .....                         | \$115                   |
| 20 .....                         | 225                     |
| 30 .....                         | 348                     |
| 40 .....                         | 501                     |
| 50 .....                         | 712                     |
| 60 .....                         | 901                     |
| 70 .....                         | 1,135                   |
| 80 .....                         | 1,319                   |
| 90 .....                         | 1,483                   |
| 100 .....                        | 2,471                   |
| (38 U.S.C. 1114(k) through (s)): |                         |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(k) .....          | 89; 3,075;<br>89; 4,313 |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(l) .....          | 3,075                   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(m) .....          | 3,392                   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(n) .....          | 3,860                   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(o) .....          | 4,313                   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(p) .....          | 4,313                   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(r) .....          | 1,851; 2,757            |
| 38 U.S.C. 1114(s) .....          | 2,766                   |

### ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS (38 U.S.C. 1115(1))

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1):         |         |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(A) ..... | \$139   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(B) ..... | 240; 70 |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(C) ..... | 94; 70  |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(D) ..... | 112     |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(E) ..... | 265     |
| 38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(F) ..... | 222     |

### CLOTHING ALLOWANCE (38 U.S.C. 1162)

\$662 per year

### DIC TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE (38 U.S.C. 1311)

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Pay Grade:    |         |
| E-1 .....     | \$1,067 |
| E-2 .....     | 1,067   |
| E-3 .....     | 1,067   |
| E-4 .....     | 1,067   |
| E-5 .....     | 1,067   |
| E-6 .....     | 1,067   |
| E-7 .....     | 1,104   |
| E-8 .....     | 1,165   |
| E-9(1) .....  | 1,215   |
| W-1 .....     | 1,128   |
| W-2 .....     | 1,172   |
| W-3 .....     | 1,207   |
| W-4 .....     | 1,276   |
| O-1 .....     | 1,128   |
| O-2 .....     | 1,165   |
| O-3 .....     | 1,246   |
| O-4 .....     | 1,319   |
| O-5 .....     | 1,452   |
| O-6 .....     | 1,637   |
| O-7 .....     | 1,768   |
| O-8 .....     | 1,941   |
| O-9 .....     | 2,076   |
| O-10(2) ..... | 2,276   |

(1) If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, the

surviving spouse's monthly rate is \$1,312.

(2) If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, the surviving spouse's monthly rate is \$2,443.

#### DIC TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE (38 U.S.C. 1311(A) THROUGH (D))

|                                | Monthly rate |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(a) through (d): |              |
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(1) .....     | 1,067        |
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(2) .....     | 228          |
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(b) .....        | 265          |
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(c) .....        | 265          |
| 38 U.S.C. 1311(d) .....        | 126          |

#### DIC to Children (38 U.S.C. 1313)

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 38 U.S.C. 1313:            |          |
| 38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(1) ..... | \$452    |
| 38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(2) ..... | 649      |
| 38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(3) ..... | 846      |
| 38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(4) ..... | 846; 162 |

#### SUPPLEMENTAL DIC TO CHILDREN (38 U.S.C. 1314)

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 38 U.S.C. 1314:         |       |
| 38 U.S.C. 1314(a) ..... | \$265 |
| 38 U.S.C. 1314(b) ..... | 452   |
| 38 U.S.C. 1314(c) ..... | 225   |

Approved: March 16, 2007.

**Gordon H. Mansfield,**

*Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies has scheduled a meeting for April 10, 2007 at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Building 5, Auditorium, 40 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, New York. The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed business plans at those VA facility sites identified in May 2004 as requiring further study by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Decision document.

The objective of the meeting is to provide the Secretary with advice regarding the final selection of a business planning option to modernize the medical center from those options previously selected by the Secretary for further study. An analysis of the business planning options completed by the VA contractor will be presented for Committee review in preparation for submitting the Committee's final recommendations to VA. The agenda will also accommodate public commentary on the options.

Interested persons may attend and present oral or written statements to the Committee. For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Jay Halpern, Designated Federal Officer, (00CARES), at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-5994, or by e-mail at [jay.halpern@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:jay.halpern@hq.med.va.gov).

Dated: March 16, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will meet at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on April 16-19, 2007. The meeting is open to the public.

*The meeting sessions and locations are as follows:*

April 16, 2007 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., Room 230.

April 17, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Room 230.

April 18, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Room 230.

April 19, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Room 530.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On April 16, the agenda will include briefings and updates from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, Readjustment Counseling Service, CARES, Loan Guaranty Service, and Policy & Program Management. On April 17, the agenda will include briefings and updates of the National Cemetery Administration, Human Resources Administration, National Veterans Employment Program, VA Strategic Plan, Telehealth, and the presentation of Certificates of Appointment to five new Committee members.

On April 18, the agenda will include briefings and updates on the Center for Women Veterans, seamless transition activities, the Fisher House/Center for the Intrepid, VA Office of Research and Development, homeless veterans programs, and DC National Guard. The agenda will also feature a panel of OIF/OEF soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. On April 19, the Committee will review and analyze comments presented during the meeting to prepare for the Committee's annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Juanita J. Mullen, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Minority Veterans (OOM), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Mullen may be contacted either by phone at (202) 273-6708, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at [Juanita.mullen@va.gov](mailto:Juanita.mullen@va.gov). Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: March 19, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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