

The annual effective dates and times of the regulation are amended so that the regulation becomes effective each year on the last Tuesday through Sunday in July from 8:30 a.m. local time until the last race is completed each day at approximately 7:30 p.m. local time.

The boundaries of the regulated navigation area created by these regulations are also amended. The boundaries of the current regulated area, as defined in this section, include all waters of the Columbia River from the western end of Hydro Island to the western end of Clover Island at Kennewick, Washington. This amendment will change the boundaries of this regulated area to include all waters of the Columbia River between a point 400 yards upriver of Hydro Island and a point 1,000 yards upriver of Clover Island. As amended, the regulated area created by this regulation will include all waters of the Columbia River bounded by two lines drawn from shore to shore. The first line will run between position latitude 46°14'07" N, longitude 119°10'42" W and position latitude 46°13'42" N, longitude 119°10'51" W. The second line will run between position latitude 46°13'35" N, longitude 119°07'34" W and position latitude 46°13'10" N, longitude 119°07'47" W. Within these boundaries, general navigation and anchorage will be restricted by this regulation during the hours it is in effect. This change is intended to encourage spectator craft to anchor downriver of the race course, which would greatly reduce the number of vessels congregating upriver of the race course and reduce the risk of vessels floating downriver onto the race course. It is also intended to reduce the number of recreational vessels transiting from one end of the race course to the other before and after the race, thus reducing congestion in the vicinity of the event.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This conclusion is based on the fact that only minor changes are being made to

the regulations and that the changes made reduce the area affected by approximately one half mile.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider the economic impact on small entities of a rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The regulated navigation area created by this section is being reduced by this direct final rule. Moreover, vessels desiring to transit this area of the Columbia River may do so by scheduling their trips in the evening when the restrictions on general navigation imposed by this section will not be in effect. For these reasons, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this change will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection-of-Information

This rule contains no collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2.e.34(h) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, (as revised by 59 FR 38654, July 29, 1994), this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

Regulation

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35.

2. Section 100.1303 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:

§ 100.1303 Annual Kennewick, Washington, Columbia Unlimited Hydroplane Races.

(a) This regulation is effective each year on the last Tuesday through Sunday in July from 8:30 a.m. local time until the last race is completed each day at approximately 7:30 p.m. local time, unless sooner terminated by the Patrol Commander.

(b) The Coast Guard will restrict general navigation and anchorage by this regulation during the hours it is in effect on all waters of the Columbia River bounded by two lines drawn from shore to shore; the first line running between position latitude 46°14'07" N, longitude 119°10'42" W and position latitude 46°13'42" N, longitude 119°10'51" W; and the second line running between position latitude 46°13'35" N, longitude 119°07'34" W and position latitude 46°13'10" N, longitude 119°07'47" W. [Datum: NAD 83]

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J.W. Lockwood,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 2

RIN 2900-AH74

Delegation of Authority To Order Paid Advertising for Use in Recruitment

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends regulations concerning delegations of authority to order paid advertising for use in recruitment. Under the previous regulations, the authority was delegated to heads of each department; to the Director, Office of Personnel and Labor Relations; to the deputies to such officials; and to field facility heads. To reflect current organizational structure and titles, and to ensure that delegations are made to all of those who need

authority to order paid advertising for use in recruitment, the regulations are amended to delegate such authority to Administration Heads, Assistant Secretaries, Other Key Officials (the General Counsel; the Inspector General; the Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; the Chairman, Board of Contract Appeals; and the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization), Deputy Assistant Secretaries, to the deputies of such officials, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Management, and to field facility Directors. Also, nonsubstantive changes are made for purposes of clarity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria C. Oliver, Chief, Recruitment and Examining Division (054E), Employment and Training Service, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420, (202) 565-8231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule consists of delegations of authority and nonsubstantive changes and, therefore, is not subject to the notice and comment and effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553.

The Secretary hereby certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612. This rule merely sets forth delegations of authority and nonsubstantive changes.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number for this regulation.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 2

Authority delegations (government agencies).

Approved: April 1, 1996.

Jesse Brown,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 2 is amended as set forth below:

PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

1. The authority citation for part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 72 Stat. 1114; 38 U.S.C. 501, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 2.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.4 Delegation of authority to order paid advertising for use in recruitment.

Paid advertisements may be used in recruitment for VA competitive and excepted service positions. Authority to order such advertisements is hereby delegated to Administration Heads, Assistant Secretaries, Other Key Officials (the General Counsel; the Inspector General; the Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; the Chairman, Board of Contract Appeals; and the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization), Deputy Assistant Secretaries, to the deputies of such officials, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Management, and to field facility Directors.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 302(b)(2); 44 U.S.C. 3702)

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38 CFR Part 9

RIN 2900-AH50

Servicemen's and Veterans' Group Life Insurance

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations relating to Servicemen's and Veterans' Group Life Insurance by eliminating provisions that merely restate statutory provisions or that no longer apply to the insurance programs and by rewriting other provisions for purposes of clarification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Poole, Chief, Insurance Program Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Insurance Center, PO Box 8079, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101, (215) 951-5718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Insurance Service of the Veterans Benefits Administration has determined that it is no longer practicable to publish in the Federal Register provisions that merely restate statutory provisions. This is especially evident when one considers the burden involved in keeping such regulatory provisions current with statutory changes. As an illustrative example, consider the previous 38 CFR 9.4, which merely restated the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1967(a) as they pertain to the amount of life insurance coverage allowable under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. When Congress

established the SGLI program in 1965, it set the maximum coverage available at \$10,000. VA promulgated § 9.4 to reflect this maximum coverage. Section 9.4 was merely informational, but added no real value to the operation of the SGLI program. Since then, Congress has increased the maximum coverage six times, and each time VA has had to amend § 9.4 to reflect the statutory change. If VA had not initially promulgated § 9.4, VA would have avoided a total of seven regulatory submissions and their resultant costs.

Accordingly, all or portions of §§ 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.10, 9.12, 9.14, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.24, 9.32, 9.34 and 9.36 are eliminated because they merely restate provisions in 38 U.S.C. Chapter 19.

Also, provisions set forth in §§ 9.2(a), 9.2(d)(3), 9.3(a), 9.3(e), 9.5(d), 9.24(a)(1), 9.24(a)(2), and 9.30(a) concern "sunset" requirements that no longer apply to Servicemen's or Veterans' Group Life Insurance. Consequently, these provisions are eliminated.

In addition, §§ 9.2 and 9.3 are combined and rewritten to eliminate redundant text, and amendments are made to other sections for purposes of clarification.

This final rule consists of nonsubstantive changes and, therefore, is not subject to the notice-and-comment and effective-date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553. Also, this final rule is not a significant revision as defined in FAR 1.501-1.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, since it does not contain any substantive provisions. This final rule will not significantly affect any entity. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program number for these regulations is 64.103.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 9

Life insurance, Military personnel, Veterans.

Approved: April 29, 1996.
Jesse Brown,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 9 is amended as set forth below: