

and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 96-62, On-Line Filing Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 17, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* On-Line Filing Program.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-1513.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 96-62.

*Abstract:* Revenue Procedure 96-62 informs those who participate in the On-Line Filing Program for Form 1040, Form 1040A, and Form 1040EZ, of their obligations to the Internal Revenue Service, taxpayers, and other participants.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 423 hours (or approximately two (2) minutes per on-line electronically filed return).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,919.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**Request For Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 10, 1997.  
Garrick R. Shear,  
*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Department of Veterans Affairs' Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Charter Renewal**

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1992, that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning December 30, 1996, through December 30, 1998.

Dated: January 7, 1997.  
By direction of the Secretary.  
Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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**Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal**

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning January 3, 1997, through January 3, 1999.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.  
Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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**Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Headstone or Marker Allowance Rate**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in certain benefit rates and income limitations. These COLAs affect the pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) programs. These adjustments are based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the one year period ending September 30, 1996. VA is also giving notice of the maximum amount of reimbursement that may be paid for headstones or markers purchased in lieu of Government-furnished headstones or markers in Fiscal Year 1997, which began on October 1, 1996.

**DATES:** These COLAs are effective December 1, 1996. The headstone or marker allowance rate is effective October 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service (213B), Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7218.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 38 U.S.C. 2306(d), VA may provide reimbursement for the cost of non-Government headstones or markers at a rate equal to the actual cost or the average actual cost of Government-furnished headstones or markers during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the non-Government headstone or marker was purchased, whichever is less.

Section 8041 of Pub. L. 101-508 amended 38 U.S.C. 2306(d) to eliminate the payment of the monetary allowance in lieu of VA-provided headstone or marker for deaths occurring on or after November 1, 1990. However, in a precedent opinion (O. G. C. Prec. 17-90), VA's General Counsel held that there is no limitation period applicable to claims for benefits under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 2306(d).

The average actual cost of Government-furnished headstones or markers during any fiscal year is determined by dividing the sum of VA