

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 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; 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