

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 900.

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

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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: March 8, 2007.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 211 and 211(SP)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed 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 Form 211, Application for Reward for Original Information, and Form 211(SP) Solicitud de Recompensa por Informacion Original.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form 211, Application for Reward for Original Information, and Form 211(SP) Solicitud de Recompensa por Informacion Original.

OMB Number: 1545-0409.

Forms Number: Forms 211 and 211(SP).

Abstract: Forms 211 and 211(SP) are the official application forms used by persons requesting rewards for submitting information concerning alleged violations of the tax laws by other persons. Such rewards are authorized by Internal Revenue Code section 7623. The data is used to determine and pay rewards to those persons who voluntarily submit information.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Responses: 11,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,800.

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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: March 6, 2007.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 (toll-free), or 718-488-2085 (non toll-free).

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