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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 17, 2017, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following person pursuant to E.O. 13304, "Termination of Emergencies With Respect to Yugoslavia and Modification of Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001":

Individuals

1. DODIK, Milorad, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina; DOB 12 Mar 1959; Gender Male (individual) [BALKANS].

Dated: January 17, 2017.

John E. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and on other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Ioulia Vvedenskaya, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Policy Staff (211C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or via email at Ioulia.Vvedenskaya@va.gov. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the screening process. Due to an increase in security protocols, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Routine escort will be provided until 9:00 a.m. each day. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should email Dr. Vvedenskaya or call her at (202) 461-9882.

Dated: January 18, 2017.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will meet on March 6-7, 2017. The Committee will meet at 1800 G Street NW., 8th Floor, Conference Room 870, Washington, DC 20006. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. EST each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising during service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of

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Cost-of-Living Adjustments Effective December 1, 2016

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. These COLAs affect the dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) program. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2016, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 0.3%.

DATES: The COLAs are effective December 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel McCargar, Pension Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 (612-713-8911).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The provisions of Public Law 114-197, "Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2016," require VA to increase the benefit rates of DIC programs by the same percentage, and effective the same date, as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act, effective December 1, 2016. VA must also publish the increased rates in the **Federal Register**.

SSA has announced a 0.3% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2016. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates and income limitations for the DIC program will be effective December 1, 2016:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Monthly Payment Rates

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death On or After January 1, 1993

Basic Monthly Rate: \$1,257.95.

If, at the time of the Veteran's death, the Veteran was in receipt of or entitled to receive compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling (including a rating based on individual unemployability) for a continuous period of at least eight years immediately preceding death AND the surviving spouse was married to the Veteran for those same eight years, add: \$267.12.

For each dependent child under the age of 18, add: \$311.64.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to aid and attendance benefits, add \$311.64.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to housebound benefits, add \$145.99.

If the surviving spouse has one or more children under the age of 18 on the award, add the 2-year transitional benefit of \$270.00 (no change to this rate as a result of the round-down in 38 U.S.C. 1311(f)(4)).

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death Prior to January 1, 1993

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable (d, e)
E-1(f)	\$1,257.95
E-2(f)	1,257.95
E-3(a,f)	1,257.95
E-4(f)	1,257.95

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable (d, e)
E-5(f)	1,257.95
E-6(f)	1,257.95
E-7(g)	1,301.44
E-8(g)	1,373.92
E-9(g)	1,432.93
E-9(b)	1,546.82
W-1(g)	1,328.36
W-2(g)	1,381.16
W-3(g)	1,421.54
W-4(g)	1,504.37
O-1(g)	1,328.36
O-2(g)	1,373.92
O-3(g)	1,468.13
O-4	1,556.13
O-5	1,712.47
O-6	1,930.94
O-7	2,084.16
O-8	2,289.17
O-9	2,448.61
O-10	2,685.70
O-10(c)	2,882.42

(a) Surviving spouse of Aviation Cadet or other service not covered by this table is paid the DIC rate for enlisted E-3.

(b) Veteran who served as Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, or as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(c) Veteran served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army or Air Force, Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(d) If surviving spouse entitled to aid and attendance, add \$311.64; if entitled to household, add \$145.99.

(e) Add \$311.64 for each child under 18.

(f) Add \$267.12 if Veteran was rated totally disabled for eight continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same eight years.

(g) Base rate is \$1,525.07 if Veteran was rated totally disabled eight continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same eight years.

DIC Payable to Children

Surviving Spouse Entitled

For each child over the age of 18 who is attending an approved course of education, the rate is \$264.02.

For each child over the age of 18 who is helpless, the rate is \$531.14.

No Surviving Spouse Entitled

Number of children	Total payable	Each child's share
1	\$531.14	\$531.14
2	764.09	382.04
3	997.05	332.35

For each additional child, add \$189.48 to the total payable.

For each additional helpless child over 18, add \$311.64 to the total payable.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document, for publication.

Dated: January 12, 2017.

Jeffrey Martin,

Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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