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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that the Advisory Committee on U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States (Committee) will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual) on December 10–12, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Guam, Tumon, Guam. Public participation will commence as follows:

Dates	Times	Locations	Open session
December 10, 2024 .....	6:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) = GMT +10.	Hyatt Regency Guam 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, 4206, 96913, Guam.	Yes.
December 11, 2024 .....	6:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. ChST = GMT +10.	Hyatt Regency Guam, 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, 4206, 96913, Guam.	Yes.
December 11, 2024 .....	9:15 a.m.–11 a.m. ChST = GMT +10.	VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Naval Hospital, 96910, Guam.	No.
December 11, 2024 .....	12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. ChST = GMT +10.	Guam Veterans Affairs Office, 253 Senator Juan Tim Toves, St, Asan, 96913, Guam.	No.
December 12, 2024 .....	6:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. ChST = GMT +10.	Hyatt Regency Guam, 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, 4206, 96913, Guam.	Yes.

Meeting sessions are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting a tour of VA facilities. Per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), tours of VA facilities are closed to protect Veterans’ privacy and personal information.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on covered Veterans. The term “covered Veteran” is defined as a Veteran residing in American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands of the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The Committee advises on improving VA programs and services to serve covered Veterans better.

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the Committee will convene an open session from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ChST at the Hyatt Regency Guam. The agenda will include opening remarks by the Committee Chairman and Committee member introductions; welcoming remarks from the Deputy Executive Director of Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development; a briefing on the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) efforts to assist covered Veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors; remarks by the VA Chief of Staff; a briefing conducted by the Advisory Committee Management Office; a review of the Committee charter and ethics; a briefing on the Veterans Health Administration initiatives and updates; a briefing regarding the Foreign Medical Program;

an overview of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act; and a briefing from the Network Director—VISN 21 Sierra Pacific.

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the Committee will convene an open session from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ChST at the Hyatt Regency Guam where the Committee will receive information about the Veterans Experience Office, the role of the VBA regional offices, prescription drug information, travel funding, and telehealth. From 9:15–11:00 a.m. ChST and from 12:00–2:00 p.m. ChST the Committee will reconvene a closed session as it tours local VA facilities. Per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), tours of VA facilities are closed to protect Veterans’ privacy and personal information. The Committee will reconvene an open session from 2:00–3:30 p.m. ChST at the Hyatt Regency Guam for a daily closeout with updates and reminders.

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, the Committee will convene an open session from 6:00–10:30 a.m. ChST at the Hyatt Regency Guam. The Committee will discuss observations from the tours of the VA facilities and receive briefings from the National Cemetery Administration and the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Additionally, the Committee will receive public comments before the final close-out session.

The public is invited to address the Committee during the public comment period from 8:15–8:45 a.m. ChST on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Individuals will be allowed 3–5 minutes

to speak. Additionally, individuals who wish to provide public comments are invited to submit a one-page summary of their comments no later than Monday, December 2, 2024, for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee’s review to Mr. Bernard Johnson at [fascommittee.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:fascommittee.vbaco@va.gov).

Members of the public may attend open sessions of the Committee meeting in person or virtually. Approximately 10 seats will be available for public stakeholders in attendance. The limited number of seats is due to the meeting room’s capacity. Members of the public who wish to attend virtually can do so by dialing into the Microsoft Teams conference information below. Attendees requiring reasonable accommodations should notify Mr. Bernard Johnson at [fascommittee.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:fascommittee.vbaco@va.gov) no later than Monday, December 2, 2024.

**Join on Your Computer or Mobile App**

*Tuesday, December 10, 2024*

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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Dated: November 19, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans and Survivors Pension and Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by law, VA is hereby giving notice of COLA in certain benefit rates and income limitations. These COLAs affect the Pension and Parents' DIC programs. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2023, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 3.2%.

**DATES:** The COLAs became effective on December 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gabrielle Mancuso, Lead Management and Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8863. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 5312 and Public Law 95-588 sec. 306, VA is required to increase the benefit rates and income limitations in the Pension and Parents' 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. VA is required to publish the increased rates and income limitations in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration announced a 3.2% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2023. Therefore, applying the same percentage and rounding in accordance with 38 CFR 3.29, the following increased rates and income limitations for the VA Pension and Parents' DIC programs became effective December 1, 2023:

#### Pension

##### Maximum Annual Rates—Veterans

(1) Veterans permanently and totally disabled (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$16,551.

Veteran with one dependent, \$21,674.

For each additional dependent, \$2,831.

(2) Veterans in need of aid and attendance (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$27,609.

Veteran with one dependent, \$32,729.

For each additional dependent, \$2,831.

(3) Veterans who are housebound (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$20,226.

Veteran with one dependent, \$25,348.

For each additional dependent, \$2,831.

(4) Two Veterans married to one another, combined rates (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Neither Veteran in need of aid and attendance or housebound, \$21,674.

Either Veteran in need of aid and attendance, \$32,729.

Both Veterans in need of aid and attendance, \$43,791.

Either Veteran housebound, \$25,348.

Both Veterans housebound, \$29,021.

One Veteran housebound and one Veteran in need of aid and attendance, \$36,395.

For each dependent child, \$2,831.

(5) Net worth limit under 38 CFR 3.274(a):

For purposes of entitlement to VA pension, the net worth limit effective December 1, 2023, is \$155,356.

(6) Monthly Penalty Rate under 38 CFR 3.276(e)(1):

The monthly penalty rate is \$2,727.

Mexican border period and World War I Veterans: The applicable

maximum annual rate payable to a Mexican border period or World War I Veteran under this table shall be the applicable rate under paragraph (1)–(4), increased by \$3,762. (38 U.S.C. 1521(g)).

#### Maximum Annual Rates—Survivor Beneficiaries

(7) Surviving spouse alone and with a child or children of the deceased Veteran in custody of the surviving spouse (38 U.S.C. 1541):

Surviving spouse alone, \$11,102.

Surviving spouse and one child in his or her custody, \$14,529.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,831.

(8) Surviving spouses in need of aid and attendance (38 U.S.C. 1541 and 1536):

Surviving spouse alone, \$17,743.

Surviving spouse with one child in custody, \$21,166.

Surviving Spouse of Spanish-American War Veteran alone, \$18,461.

Surviving Spouse of Spanish-American War Veteran with one child in custody, \$21,807.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,831.

(9) Surviving spouses who are housebound (38 U.S.C. 1541):

Surviving spouse alone, \$13,568.

Surviving spouse and one child in his or her custody, \$16,989.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,831.

(10) Surviving child alone (38 U.S.C. 1542), \$2,831.

(11) Net worth limit under 38 CFR 3.274(a):

For purposes of entitlement to VA pension, the net worth limit effective December 1, 2023, is \$155,356.

(12) Monthly Penalty Rate under 38 CFR 3.276(e)(1):

If we determine you're subject to a pension penalty, we wouldn't pay pension benefits during the penalty period.

#### Section 306 Pension Income Limitations

Veteran or surviving spouse with no dependents, \$18,824 (Pub. L. 95-588 sec. 306(a)).

Veteran in need of aid and attendance with no dependents, \$19,502 (38 U.S.C. 1521(d) as in effect on December 31, 1978).

Veteran or surviving spouse with one or more dependents, \$25,303 (Pub. L. 95-588 sec. 306(a)).

Veteran in need of aid and attendance with one or more dependents, \$25,978 (38 U.S.C. 1521(d) as in effect on December 31, 1978).

Child (no entitled Veteran or surviving spouse), \$15,393 (Pub. L. 95-588 sec. 306(a)).