

Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Catskill Savings Bank, Catskill, New York, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: February 8, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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**[AC-11; OTS Nos. H-2137 and 04569]**

**Commonwealth M.H.C., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on January 31, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Commonwealth M.H.C., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

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*Corporate Secretary.*

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**[AC-12; OTS No. 0086]**

**Great American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on February 5, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Great American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to convert to the stock form of

organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

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*Corporate Secretary.*

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**[AC-15; OTS Nos. H-2651 and 05843]**

**North Central Bancshares M.H.C., Ft. Dodge, Iowa; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of North Central Bancshares M.H.C., Ft. Dodge, Iowa, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75039-2010.

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Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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**[AC-13; OTS Nos. H-2628 and 01405]**

**Pomona First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pomona, California; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on February 6, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Pomona First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pomona, California, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the West Regional Office, Office of Thrift

Supervision, 1 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94104.

Dated: February 8, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**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 1995, Public Law 104-57, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) programs.

**DATES:** These COLAs are effective December 1, 1995, the date provided by Public Law 104-57.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service (211B), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7210.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1995, Public Law 104-57, provides for a COLA for 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 the computation of increased rates, fractions of a dollar are rounded to the next lower dollar amount. The increased rates are required to be published in the Federal Register.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates for VA compensation and DIC programs will be effective December 1, 1995:

**DISABILITY COMPENSATION (38 U.S.C. 1114)**

Disability evaluation—in percent	Monthly rate
10% .....	\$91
20 .....	174
30 .....	266
40 .....	380
50 .....	542
60 .....	683
70 .....	862
80 .....	999
90 .....	1,124
100 .....	1,870
(38 U.S.C. 1114(k) through (s)):	
38 U.S.C. 1114(k) .....	\$72; 2,326;
	72; 3,261
38 U.S.C. 1114(l) .....	2,326
38 U.S.C. 1114(m) .....	2,565
38 U.S.C. 1114(n) .....	2,918
38 U.S.C. 1114(o) .....	3,261
38 U.S.C. 1114(p) .....	3,261
38 U.S.C. 1114(r) .....	1,400;
	2,085
38 U.S.C. 1114(s) .....	2,093
Additional compensation for de-	
pendents (38 U.S.C.	
1115(1)):	
38 U.S.C. 1115(1) .....	
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(A) .....	109
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(B) .....	186; 57
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(C) .....	75; 57
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(D) .....	88
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(E) .....	205
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(F) .....	172
Clothing allowance (38 U.S.C.	
1162)—503 per year..	
DIC to a surviving spouse (38	
U.S.C. 1311):	
Pay grade:	
E-1 .....	810
E-2 .....	810
E-3 .....	810
E-4 .....	810
E-5 .....	810
E-6 .....	810
E-7 .....	837
E-8 .....	883
E-9(1) .....	922
W-1 .....	855
W-2 .....	889
W-3 .....	916
W-4 .....	969
O-1 .....	855
O-2 .....	883
O-3 .....	945
O-4 .....	999
O-5 .....	1,100
O-6 .....	1,240
O-7 .....	1,339
O-8 .....	1,467
O-9 .....	1,572
O-10(2) .....	1,724

(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 surviving spouse's monthly rate is \$994.

(2) If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, the surviving spouse's monthly rate is \$1,848.

**DIC TO SURVIVING SPOUSE (38 U.S.C. 1311(a) THROUGH (D))**

38 U.S.C. 1311(a) through (d)	Monthly rate
38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(1) .....	\$810
38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(2) .....	177
38 U.S.C. 1311(b) .....	205
38 U.S.C. 1311(c) .....	205
38 U.S.C. 1311(d) .....	99
DIC to children (38 U.S.C.	
1313):	
38 U.S.C. 1313 .....	
38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(1) .....	344
38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(2) .....	496
38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(3) .....	643
38 U.S.C. 1313(a)(4) .....	769; 126
Supplemental DIC to children	
(38 U.S.C. 1314):	
38 U.S.C. 1314 .....	
38 U.S.C. 1314(a) .....	205
38 U.S.C. 1314(b) .....	344
38 U.S.C. 1314(c) .....	174

Dated: February 5, 1996.  
 Jesse Brown,  
*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*  
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**Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 103-446, gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held March 11-13, 1996, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of VA benefits and services for minority

veterans and to assess the needs of minority veterans and evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The sessions will convene daily in room 230, VA Central Office (VACO) Building, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Monday March 11, five Veterans Service Organizations and five Community Based Organizations will testify about how their organizations inform and assist minority veterans. On March 12th, two VA Under Secretaries and the Assistant Secretary of Labor will testify about their agencies programs for minority veterans. On Wednesday March 13, the Committee will discuss subcommittee reports and findings. All sessions will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Because seating is limited, it will be necessary for those wishing to attend to contact Mrs. Angelia Sare, Department of Veterans Affairs (phone 202 273-6708) prior to March 7, 1996. No time will be allocated for the purpose of receiving oral presentations from the public, however, the Committee will accept appropriate written comments from interested parties on issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: February 5, 1996.  
 By Direction of the Secretary:  
 Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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