

tractor-trailer combinations for two years, accumulating 50,000 miles. He holds an operator's license from Minnesota. His driving record for the last three years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Alvin J. Urke*

Mr. Urke, 77, has aphakia in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/25, and in his left eye, hand motion. Following an examination in 2018, his ophthalmologist stated, "I certify that in my medical opinion, Mr. Urke has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Urke reported that he has driven straight trucks for 26 years, accumulating 130,000 miles. He holds a Class B CDL from California. His driving record for the last three years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*David Wiebe*

Mr. Wiebe, 52, has had amblyopia in his left eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/200. Following an examination in 2018, his optometrist stated, "Based on the above listed findings the patient's vision is sufficient to perform driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Wiebe reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for six years, accumulating 564,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Texas. His driving record for the last three years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Robert L. Williams, Jr.*

Mr. Williams, 56, has corneal opacity in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 1988. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/800, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2018, his optometrist stated, "It is my professional opinion Mr. Williams has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Williams reported that he has driven straight trucks for 20 years, accumulating 400,000 miles, tractor-trailer combinations for 20 years, accumulating 200,000 miles, and buses for 32 years, accumulating 320,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Mississippi. His driving record for the last three years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

**IV. Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on

the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments and material received before the close of business on the closing date indicated in the dates section of the notice.

Issued on: February 28, 2019.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will meet at 201 South Linn Street, (Hotel Vetro Conference Center) Iowa City, IA 52240 on April 17-18, 2019. Both meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST). The meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership, the Executive Director of the Office of the VA Office of Rural Health, and the Committee Chairman, as well as presentations on general rural health care access.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on April 18, 2019. Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie, by email at [VRHAC@va.gov](mailto:VRHAC@va.gov), or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (10P1R), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: March 15, 2019.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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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 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of adjustments in certain benefit rates. These adjustments affect the compensation program.

**DATES:** These adjustments became effective on December 1, 2018, the date provided by Public Law 115-258.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline Imboden, Acting Chief, Policy Staff (211A), Compensation Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-9700. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2 of Public Law 115-258 provides for an increase in each of the rates in sections 1114, 1115(1), and 1162 of title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.). 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. The increased rates are required to be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 2.8 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits for 2019. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following rates for VA's compensation program became effective on December 1, 2018:

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
<b>Disability Compensation [38 U.S.C. 1114]</b>	
10 .....	\$140.05
20 .....	276.84
30 .....	428.83
40 .....	617.73
50 .....	879.36
60 .....	1,113.86
70 .....	1,403.71
80 .....	1,631.69
90 .....	1,833.62
100 .....	3,057.13
(38 U.S.C. 1114(k) through (t)):	
38 U.S.C. 1114(k) .....	\$108.57
38 U.S.C. 1114(l) .....	3,804.04
38 U.S.C. 1114(m) .....	4,198.14
38 U.S.C. 1114(n) .....	4,775.68
38 U.S.C. 1114(o) .....	5,338.04
38 U.S.C. 1114(p) .....	5,338.04
38 U.S.C. 1114(r) .....	2,289.60;
	3,411.05

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate	Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
38 U.S.C. 1114(s) .....	3,421.90	38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(F) ...	273.58
38 U.S.C. 1114(t) .....	3,411.05		
<b>Clothing Allowance</b> <b>[38 U.S.C. 1162]</b>			
817.48 per year			
<b>Additional Compensation for Dependents</b> <b>[38 U.S.C. 1115(1)]</b>			
38 U.S.C. 1115(1):			
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(A) ..	170.45		
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(B) ..	295.28;		
	84.69		
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(C) ..	113.99;		
	84.69		
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(D) ..	136.79		
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(E) ..	326.77		

**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. Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on March 12, 2019, for publication.

Dated: March 15, 2019.

**Luvenia Potts,**

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

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