

supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T09–0293 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–0293 Safety Zone; Village of Waterloo Memorial Day Fireworks Display; Seneca-Cayuga Canal, Waterloo, NY.

(a) *Location.* The safety zone will encompass all waters of the Seneca-Cayuga Canal; Waterloo, NY contained within a 280-foot radius of: 43°27'36.58" N, 076°30'43.87" W.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 9:15 p.m. through 10:45 p.m. on May 25, 2019 with a rain date of May 26, 2019.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, entry

into, transiting, or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of the Captain of the Port Buffalo is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Buffalo to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or alternatively they may contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo via landline at 716–843–9525. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the Captain of the Port Buffalo, or his on-scene representative.

Dated: April 30, 2019.

Joseph S. Dufresne,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0356]

Safety Zones; Annual Fireworks Displays Within the Sector Columbia River Captain of the Port Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce safety zone regulations at 29 locations in the Sector Columbia River Captain of the Port zone during the dates and times noted under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. This action is necessary to prevent injury and to protect life and property of the maritime public from the hazards associated with annual fireworks displays. These regulations prohibit persons and vessels from entry into, transit through, mooring, or anchoring within the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Columbia River or their designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1315 will be enforced for the 29 safety zones identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the dates and times specified in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LCDR Dixon Whitley, Waterways Management Division, Marine Safety Unit Portland, Coast Guard; telephone 503–240–9319, email msupdxwwm@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce safety zones regulations found in 33 CFR 165.1315 for the following 29 events listed below. These safety zones will be activated 1 hour prior to and conclude 1 hour following the duration of the event as listed in the following Table:

TABLE—DATES AND DURATIONS IN 2019 FOR EVENTS LISTED IN 33 CFR 165.1315 AND THE LOCATION OF THESE EVENTS WITHIN THE SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER CAPTAIN OF THE PORT ZONE

Event name (typically)	Event location	Date and duration of event	Latitude	Longitude
Splash Aberdeen Waterfront Festival	Aberdeen, WA	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°58'40" N	123°47'45" W
Astoria Warrenton 4th of July Fireworks	Astoria, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°11'34" N	123°49'28" W
Bandon 4th of July	Bandon, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	43°07'29" N	124°25'05" W
Brookings, OR July 4th Fireworks	Brookings, OR	July 4, 2019 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	42°02'39" N	124°16'14" W
Port of Cascade Locks 4th of July Fireworks.	Cascade Locks, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°40'15" N	121°53'43" W
Bald Eagle Days	Cathlamet, WA	July 20, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°12'14" N	123°23'17" W
Clatskanie Heritage Days Fireworks	Clatskanie, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°6'17" N	123°12'02" W
City of Coos Bay July 4th Celebration/ Fireworks Over the Bay.	Coos Bay, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	43°22'06" N	124°12'24" W

TABLE—DATES AND DURATIONS IN 2019 FOR EVENTS LISTED IN 33 CFR 165.1315 AND THE LOCATION OF THESE EVENTS WITHIN THE SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER CAPTAIN OF THE PORT ZONE—Continued

Event name (typically)	Event location	Date and duration of event	Latitude	Longitude
Florence Independence Day Celebration	Florence, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	43°58'09" N	124°05'50" W
Garibaldi Days Fireworks	Garibaldi, OR	July 27, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°33'13" N	123°54'56" W
July 4th Party at the Port of Gold Beach	Gold Beach, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	42°25'30" N	124°25'03" W
Huntington 4th of July	Huntington, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	44°18'02" N	117°13'33" W
Ilwaco July 4th Committee Fireworks/ Independence Day at the Port.	Ilwaco, WA	July 6, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°18'17" N	124°02'00" W
Lincoln City 4th of July	Lincoln City, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	44°55'28" N	124°01'31" W
Waverly Country Club 4th of July Fireworks.	Milwaukie, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°27'03" N	122°39'18" W
Cedco Inc./The Mill Casino Independence Day.	North Bend, OR	July 3, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	43°23'42" N	124°12'55" W
Port Orford 4th of July	Port Orford, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	42°44'31" N	124°29'30" W
Oaks Park Association 4th of July	Portland, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°28'22" N	122°39'59" W
Portland Rose Festival Fireworks	Portland, OR	May 24, 2019 9:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°30'58" N	122°40'12" W
Waterfront Blues Festival Fireworks	Portland, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°30'42" N	122°40'14" W
City of Rainier/Rainier Days	Rainier, OR	July 13, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	46°05'46" N	122°56'18" W
City of St. Helens 4th of July Fireworks ..	St. Helens, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°51'54" N	122°47'26" W
The Dalles Area Fourth of July	The Dalles, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°36'17" N	121°10'23" W
Toledo Summer Festival	Toledo, OR	July 20, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	44°37'08" N	123°56'24" W
Waldport 4th of July	Waldport, OR	July 3, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	44°25'31" N	124°04'44" W
Washougal 4th of July	Washougal, WA	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	45°34'32" N	122°22'53" W
Westport 4th of July	Westport, WA	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.	46°54'17" N	124°05'59" W
Winchester Bay 4th of July Fireworks	Winchester Bay, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	43°40'56" N	124°11'13" W
Yachats 4th of July	Yachats, OR	July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	44°18'38" N	124°06'27" W

All coordinates are listed in reference Datum NAD 1983.

The special requirements listed in 33 CFR 165.1315(b) apply to the activation and enforcement of these safety zones, along with special requirements for fireworks barges. Before any vessel operator may enter the designated zone, they must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port or their Designated Representative. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts.

Dated: May 13, 2019.

J.C. Smith,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Columbia River.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

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Streamlining Annual Rate Publication for VA Educational Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations regarding the monthly rates payable for the following educational assistance programs: Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB-AD), Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), and Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA). Instead of publishing the monthly rates in regulations, VA will continue to publish the monthly rates annually on VA's Education Service rate tables website. This website publication provides the public with timely notification of the annual changes to monthly rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This rule is effective May 17, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Schnell Carraway, Management and Program Analyst (225C), Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-9632. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory amount of payment for basic educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB-AD) program is set out in 38 U.S.C. 3015 and 3032, under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program in 10 U.S.C. 16131, and under the Survivors' and

Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program in 38 U.S.C. 3532, 3686, and 3687.

In accordance with statutory requirements, VA annually adjusts the monthly rates of educational assistance payable under the MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, and DEA programs to reflect cost-of-living increases. *See* 38 U.S.C. 3015(h); 10 U.S.C. 16131(b)(2); and 38 U.S.C. 3564. VA calculates the monthly rates based on the statutory provisions. Historically, VA annually revised its regulations with the updated calculated amounts.

Publication of the calculated amounts as regulatory amendments subject to the informal rulemaking process of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) is unnecessary because the rates are set by statute and VA has no discretion in determining those rates. Furthermore, it is inefficient to utilize the rulemaking process as a vehicle for notifying the public of revised rates, because delays in the rulemaking process result in a delay in notification of the new rates to beneficiaries. Finally, the published monthly rates of educational assistance are often out-of-date because of the delay of publishing the monthly rates in regulations.

To reduce the administrative burden and improve the provision of notice of the changes in monthly rates payable for basic educational assistance under the MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, and DEA programs, we are amending 38 CFR