



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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1240 E. Ninth Street
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**TO: All Fee Appraisers Doing Business in Delaware,
Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania**

SUBJ: Annual MANDATORY VA Fee Appraiser Training Conference

1. Purpose: This is to announce our next mandatory VA fee appraiser training sessions. Our 2006 mandatory fee appraiser training conferences for all VA fee appraisers within the jurisdiction of the Cleveland RLC will be held on the following dates, at the following locations:

May 10th, in Lansing, MI (The Greater Lansing Association of Realtors)

May 16th, in Indianapolis, IN (Indiana Government Center South Building)

June 9th, in Cleveland, OH (Cleveland Regional Office)

June 15th, in Pittsburgh, PA (Pittsburgh Regional Office)

June 27th, in Philadelphia, PA (Philadelphia Regional Office)

June 29th, in East Brunswick, NJ (Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW))

2. When will the conference take place? The conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. **Attendance is mandatory, and you must bring a copy of your current Real Estate Appraiser license. All Fee Panel Appraisers appointed within past 12 months, and did not attend any of our fiscal year 2005 meetings or the October 19, 2005 meeting will be required to attend an additional one-hour orientation beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

3. Can I attend the training at another location? You may attend a training session at any of our other locations if you are unable to attend your local meeting, provided there is space available. Space is limited in some locations, so you must make conference reservations with the Regional Loan Center in Cleveland if you plan to attend out of your area. Priority will be given to the local fee panel members. Please e-mail reservations to: **325cnv@vba.va.gov**.

4. Will there be security screening? You will be required to show picture identification, such as a driver's license, for entrance at some locations. Only those people on our list of approved VA fee appraisers and specially invited guests will be admitted. Due to security requirements, there are no facilities for additional persons to attend or to wait for you until the conference ends. You may have to pass through a metal detector, so please be careful what you carry into the building.

5. What if there are questions? If you have any suggestions for topics that you would like to have discussed at the meeting, or any questions, please fax or e-mail Cal Gerrein, Valuation Officer or Joe Major, Assistant Valuation Officer, by April 14th, 2006. Our fax number is 216-522-2514. Our e-mail address is: 325cnav@vba.va.gov.

Conference Addresses:

MICHIGAN APPRAISERS

The Greater Lansing Association of Realtors
3350 North Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906
(May 10, 2006)

INDIANA APPRAISERS

Indiana Government Center South Building
Conference Center Auditorium
402 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(May 16, 2006)

OHIO APPRAISERS

Cleveland VA Regional Loan Center
Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal Building
1240 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44199
(June 9, 2006)

PITTSBURGH APPRAISERS

Pittsburgh VA Regional Office
1000 Liberty Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(June 15, 2006)

PHILADELPHIA APPRAISERS

Philadelphia VA Regional Office and Insurance Center
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144
(June 27, 2006)

NEW JERSEY APPRAISERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars
485 Cranberry Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
(June 29, 2006)

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

/s/

JAMES L. BRUBAKER, JR.
Loan Guaranty Officer