

Thursday, June 22, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, June 23, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI. The Citizen Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Written comments can be submitted to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Citizen Advocacy Panel, Mail Stop 1006 MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221.

The Agenda will include the following: Reports by the CAP sub-groups, presentation of taxpayer issues by individual members, discussion of issues, and CAP office report.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: May 19, 2000.

M. Cathy VanHorn,

CAP Project Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to identify health care patterns of minority veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Veterans Identity Program

Survey, VA Form 10-21037(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Veteran Identity Program (VIP) survey is intended to remedy shortcomings of existing data and research conducted on minority veterans health care patterns. Previous studies on veterans ethnicity have not been adequately studied due to the sampling methodologies employed, and veteran identity has never been studied due to theoretical shortsightedness. As a result, data on underrepresented veterans groups remains inadequate. Veteran identity is being introduced as a potentially significant predictor of veterans' health care use. The VIP will employ a primary data telephone survey to ensure adequate representation of underrepresented veterans groups. The collected data will be statistically analyzed by VIP researchers to determine how veteran identity and ethnicity predict VA ambulatory care service use by veterans. The results of the analysis will be used to improve minority veterans' access to health care.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 960 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 18 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,200.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0110]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before July 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release from Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan, VA Form 26-6381.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0110.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38, U.S.C., Section 3713(a) provides that when a veteran disposes of his or her interest in the property securing the loan, the VA may, upon request, release the original veteran-borrower from personal liability to the Government only if three requirements are fulfilled. First, the loan must be current. Second, the purchaser must assume all of the veteran's liability to the Government and the mortgage holder on the guaranteed loan. Third, the purchaser must qualify from a credit and income standpoint, to the same extent as if he or she were a veteran

applying for a VA-guaranteed loan in the same amount as the loan being assumed. Veterans who are selling their homes by assumption rather than requiring purchasers to obtain their own financing to pay off the loan must complete this form. The information furnished is essential to determinations for assumption approval, release of liability, and substitution of entitlement.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 14, 2000, at page 2459.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.
Estimated Annual Burden: 680 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,082.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110" in any correspondence.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0165]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Status Report, VA Form 20-5655.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0165.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Form 20-5655 is mailed with the first and second demand letters to debtors who owe amounts over \$50. The information collection on the form enables VA to determine the financial status of the debtor, his ability to pay, and the feasibility of exploring compromise.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 29, 1999 at page 66695.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 41,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 41,800.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0165" in any correspondence.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0564]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0564."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Direct Deposit Enrollment, VA Form 24-0296.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0564.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Form 24-0296 is used to gather the necessary information required to enroll VA Compensation and Pension beneficiaries in the DD/EFT program for recurring benefits payments. The information will be used to process the payment data from VA to the beneficiary's designated financial institution.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 29, 1999 at pages 66696-66697.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.