

g. DIC Parent's Eligibility Verification Report, VA Forms 21-0514 and 21-0514-1.

h. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With No Children), VA Forms 21-0516 and 21-0516-1.

i. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With Children), VA Forms 21-0517 and 21-0517-1.

j. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With No Children), VA Forms 21-0518 and 21-0518-1.

k. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Child or Children), VA Forms 21-0519C and 21-0519C-1.

l. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With Children), VA Forms 21-0519S and 21-0519S-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0101.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Eligibility Verification Reports are used to report changes in entitlement factors in VA's income-based benefit programs, pension and parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). Any individual who has applied for or receives pension or parents' DIC must promptly notify VA in writing of any changes in entitlement factors.

The reports are also used to confirm that there have been no changes in entitlement factors.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 146,947 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 293,894.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0130]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to securing information from holder's of VA-guaranteed loans regarding a loan to be foreclosed.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0130" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Status of Loan Account—Foreclosure or Other Liquidation, VA Form Letter 26-567.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0130.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form letter is used to obtain information from holders of VA-guaranteed loans regarding a loan to be foreclosed. The information is used to specify the amount, if any, to be bid at the foreclosure sale.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-VHA2]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health 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 Health Administration (VHA), 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 December 24, 2001.

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, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-VHA2."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of Military Sexual Trauma Among the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces, VA Form 10-21052(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-VHA2.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act mandates that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, will conduct a study to determine: (1) The extent to which former members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces experienced physical assault of a sexual nature or battery of a sexual nature while serving on active duty for training; (2) the extent to which such former members have sought counseling through VA relating to these incidents; and (3) the additional resources that, in the judgment of the Secretary, would be required to meet the projected need of these former members for such counseling.

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 August 28, 2001, at pages 45372–45373.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,375 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–VHA2" in any correspondence.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary:

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0393]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, 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 Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, 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 December 24, 2001.

FOR THE 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 or e-mail to: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0393" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) part 813—Simplified Acquisition Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0393.

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

Abstract: VA issues requests for quotations (RFQs) under procedures of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 13 and VAAR part 813 for the acquisition of goods and services necessary to operate the Department. In addition, VA requests information from vendors to establish blanket purchase agreements (BPAs). Any individual or business wishing to submit an offer on an RFQ or respond to a request to establish a BPA may do so. VA will use the information to determine which business or individual VA should issue a purchase order for the acquisition of goods or services or to determine which business or individual VA should establish a BPA. This collection of information covers only those acquisition-related actions conducted under the procedures of FAR part 13 and VAAR part 813 that affect 10 or more persons and are, therefore, subject to the PRA. Such actions include open market competitive acquisitions between \$25,000 and \$100,000 and, for commercial items, acquisitions between \$100,000 and \$5 million where simplified procedures are used.

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 August 24, 2001, at page 44667.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions and state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,650.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,650.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0393" in any correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Illnesses Not Associated With Service in the Persian Gulf During the Persian Gulf War

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice; clarification.

SUMMARY: In a notice published July 6, 2001 (66 FR 35702–35710), we stated in the **SUMMARY** paragraph, "As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, under the authority granted by the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), and the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–368, 112 Stat. 3315, has determined that there is no basis to establish a presumption of service connection for any disease based on service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War."

The purpose of this notice is to clarify that the September 7, 2000, National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report entitled "Gulf War and Health, Volume 1. Depleted Uranium, Sarin, Pyridostigmine Bromide, Vaccines" covered only those items. This notice also is to clarify that VA's July 6, 2001, notice was intended to convey to the public that the Secretary of Veterans