

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses; DD Form 2769; OMB Number 0704-0402.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 400.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 400.

Needs and Uses: The respondents of this information collection are surviving spouses of each member of the uniformed services who, (1) died before March 21, 1974, and was entitled to retired or retainer pay on the date of death or, (2) was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces during the period beginning on September 21, 1972, and ending on October 1, 1978, and at the time of the member's death would have been entitled to retired pay. The Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105-85, section 644, requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. The DD Form 2769, Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses, used in this information collection, provides a vehicle for the surviving spouse to apply for the benefit. The Department will use this information to determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written request for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense Acquisition University.

ACTION: Board of Visitors Meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at the Packard Conference Center, Building 184, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia on Wednesday September 16, 1998 from 0900 until 1600. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest and to discuss an external research program. The agenda will also include further discussion and an update on efforts directed toward consolidation of the DAU structure into a unified educational institute.

The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocations of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Mr. John Michel at 703-845-6756.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate, OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet. Public hearings will be held for the purpose to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for hearing dates.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information section for hearing addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Coon, telephone (888) 428-6440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) for this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 1996. Public Scoping meetings were held in Bremerton, WA, on February 3, 1997; in Everett, WA, on February 4, 1997; in Pearl City, HI, on February 6, 1997; and in Coronado, CA, on February 10, 1997.

The U.S. Navy has analyzed the environmental effects resulting from construction and operation of facilities and infrastructure needed to support the home-porting of three aircraft carriers. Four possible alternative locations are being considered: Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) Coronado near San Diego, CA; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Bremerton, WA; Naval Station (NAVSTA) Everett, WA; and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNS) Pearl Harbor, HI.

The Navy proposes to construct and operate facilities and infrastructure needed to support the home-porting of three Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers in the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Two Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers will join the U.S. Pacific Fleet, replacing two conventionally powered aircraft carriers (CVs) currently home-ported at NASNI in the Naval Port San Diego, CA. The current location of a third Nimitz-Class aircraft carrier at NAVSTA Everett is being reevaluated in order to increase efficiency of support infrastructure, maintenance, and repair capabilities, and to enhance crew quality of life.

From the four alternative sites locations (NASNI, PSNS, NAVSTA Everett and PHNS), six different alternative home-porting configurations, including the no-action alternative were developed and analyzed. The Navy currently prefers Alternative Two, which would home port two additional Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers at NASNI (for a total of three Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers), home port a total of two Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers in the Pacific Northwest (one at PSNS and one

at NAVSTA Everett), and would not have any aircraft carrier at PHNS. Alternative Two would result in significant but mitigable impacts on marine biological resources at NASNI and PSNS. All other environmental impacts associated with Alternative Two would be less than significant.

Environmental resource areas addressed in the DEIS include geology, topography, and soils; dredging, hydrology, and water quality; pollution prevention; socioeconomic, environmental justice, schools, and housing; transportation/ circulation/ parking; public facilities and recreation; safety and environmental health; aesthetics; and utilities. Issue analysis includes an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts; and irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources associated with the proposed actions.

No decision on the proposed action will be made until the National Environmental Policy Act process has been completed and the Secretary of the Navy, or a designated representative, releases the Record of Decision.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups and public libraries. The DEIS is also available for public review at the following libraries:

- Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA.
- San Diego Library (Science & Industry Section), 820 E Street, San Diego, CA.
- Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI.
- Aiea Public Library, 99-143 Moanalua Road, Aiea, HI.
- Pearl City Public Library, 1138 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, HI.
- Ewa Beach Public and School Library, 91-950 North Road, Ewa Beach, HI.
- Everett Library, 2702 Hoyt, Everett, WA.
- Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA.
- Sno-IsL Library System, 7312 35th Avenue, Marysville, WA.

The Navy will conduct five public hearings to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at each hearing to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearings. Those who intend to speak will be asked to submit a speaker card

(available at the door). Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. To assure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearings and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Mr. John Coon (Code 05ALJC), Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132, telephone 888) 428-6440, fax (619) 532-4998, or e-mail address at CVN_HOME_PORTING@efdswest.navfac.navy.mil. Written comments are requested not later than Monday, October 12, 1998.

DATES AND ADDRESSES:

1. September 21, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Public Utility District County Building, Training Auditorium, 2320 California Street, Everett, WA.
2. September 22, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Star of the Sea Church, Cameran Hall, 500 Veneta Avenue, Bremerton, WA.
3. September 24, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Leeward Community College Theater, 96-045 Ala Ike Street, Pearl City, HI.
4. September 29, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Coronado High School Auditorium, 650 D Avenue, Coronado, CA.
5. September 30, 1998, 7:00 p.m., San Diego County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed

information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.