

Most customer satisfaction surveys will be recurring so that VHA can create ongoing measures of performance and to determine how well the Agency meets customer service standards. Each collection of information will consist of the minimum amount of information necessary to determine customer needs and to evaluate VHA's performance. VHA expects to distribute written surveys with a total annual burden of approximately 22,500 hours in FYs 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7613. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0570" in any correspondence.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (National Survey of Veterans (NSV))]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Policy and Planning, 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 Policy and Planning (OPPA), 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 4, 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 "National Survey of Veterans (NSV)."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Survey of Veterans (NSV).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The NSV will be conducted in order to obtain current information relevant to the planning and budgeting of VA programs and services for veterans. The information collected from the telephone survey will also enable VA to study its role in the total use of benefits and services by veterans and provide current information about the characteristics of the veteran population. The survey will also provide information needed for research and policy analyses.

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 June 27, 2000 at page 39647.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,667 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden Per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "National Survey of Veterans (NSV)."

Dated: September 22, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0074]

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 December 4, 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. 2900-0074."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Change of VA Education Program or Place of Training for Veterans, Servicepersons, & Members of the Selected Reserve, VA Form 22-1995.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0074.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA pays educational benefits to eligible veterans and persons on active duty, and to persons in the Selected Reserve. Each veteran, person on active duty, or person in the Selected Reserve must be pursuing an approved program of training to be eligible for benefits. The eligible student must complete VA Form 22-1995 to identify and request approval for a supplementary educational objective or place of training. VA uses the information to determine continued eligibility for educational benefits, and to monitor the number of times a veteran, person on active duty, or person in the Selected Reserve has changed his or her educational objectives.

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 June 15, 2000, at pages 37603-37604.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 24,060 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120,300.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's 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. 2900-0074" in any correspondence.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War will be held on December 4-6, 2000, at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4646 John R, Room B-5327, Detroit, Michigan 48201. Each day the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The agenda for December 4 will begin with an introduction of committee members and dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for POW veterans and/or the public to address the committee. The Committee will also review the Secretary's response to the April and October 2000 report of meeting, and receive presentations on the Veterans Benefits Administration and Veterans Health Administration activities, as well as on the Robert E. Mitchell Center for POW Studies. The agenda on December 5 will include presentations by representatives of POW and other veterans service organizations, a report of the Expert Panel on Stroke, discussion of recommended presumptive diseases for former POWs and a review of POW lists by VA and the Department of Defense. The committee will also take up consideration of priority for POWs in Long-Term Health Care programs and

other issues. On December 6, the Committee's Medical and Administrative subcommittees will break out to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee.

Additionally, the Committee will review and analyze the comments discussed throughout the meeting for the purpose of assisting and compiling a final report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Mr. Robert J. Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (216), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by November 22, 2000. A report of the meeting and roster of Committee members may be obtained from Mr. Epley.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 103-446, gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held from Monday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at the VA Medical and Regional Office Center (VAMROC) located at 1601 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805. The meeting will convene in the Director's conference room.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of VA benefits and services for minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On Monday, the Committee will focus on the Veterans Small Business and Entrepreneurial Act of 1999. The Associate Administrator for Veterans

Affairs of the Small Business Administration (SBA) will brief the Committee on Veterans programs administered by SBA. Two other witnesses will brief the Committee on progress toward implementation of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act. The Committee will also be briefed on the status of its Sixth Annual Report and receive testimony from the Delaware State Director of Veterans Affairs and representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBO).

On Tuesday, the Committee will concentrate on VA programs and facilities located in the Pennsylvania/Delaware Valley. The Wilmington VAMROC Director will brief the Committee on issues impacting minority veterans who reside in the Wilmington area. The Committee will also tour the Philadelphia VA Regional Office and Insurance Center. In addition, the Committee will examine VA plans for sensitivity training and VA staffing to achieve a more diverse workforce.

On Wednesday, the Committee will examine opportunities for partnership between VA and the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) in an effort to determine how minority veterans can take advantage of medical care options available through Medicare and Medicaid. The Committee will also receive a presentation concerning VA research on "Race Related Experience Scale for Asian American Veterans with PTSD."

These sessions will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Anthony T. Hawkins, Department of Veterans Affairs at (202) 273-6708. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept appropriate written comments from interested parties on issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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