

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0252]

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 October 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0252."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Authority to Close Loans on an Automatic Basis—Nonsupervised Lenders, VA Form 26-8736.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0252.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Title 38, U.S.C., Section 3702(d)(3) provides for nonsupervised lenders to make automatically guaranteed loans if the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves them for such

purposes. Automatic lending privileges eliminate the requirement for submission of loans to VA for prior approval. Lending institutions with automatic loan privileges may process and disburse such loans and subsequently report the loan to VA for issuance of guaranty. VA Form 26-8736 is used by nonsupervised lenders to request approval to close loans on an automatic basis. The form requests information considered crucial for VA to make acceptability determinations as to lenders who shall be approved for this privilege.

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 February 11, 1998 at page 7050.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

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. 2900-0252" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Advisory Committee on Geriatrics and Gerontology, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC) will be held on September 21-22, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Room 530, located at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the GGAC is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of the aging veterans, and to evaluate the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers. The Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on September 21 and from 9:00 a.m. until noon (EST) on September 22.

The agenda for September 21 will begin with a discussion of VA support for Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (GRECCs). The first day's agenda will also cover the Report of GRECC Site Visits and GRECC Performance Measures. On September 22, the Committee will review update on VA activities in Geriatrics and Extended Care.

The meeting will be open to the public. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Jacqueline Holmes, Program Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group at (202) 273-8539.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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