

understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world."

Notice: The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by the Agency that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Agency reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification: Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, and allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

John P. Loiello,

Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200—Conference Room, Washington, DC 20036.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: November 1998 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Eighty-Sixth Meeting (September 17, 1998) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Reports on Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 Budgets; Other General Issues.

CONTACT: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Charles E. Nelson,

Vice President for Management and Finance, United States Institute of Peace.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0216]

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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the appropriate claimant eligible for accrued benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 1999.

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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0216" 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: Application for Reimbursement from Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary, VA Form 21-601.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0216.

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

Abstract: The form is used to file a claim for accrued benefits available at the time of the veteran's death. The information is used by the Veterans Benefits Administration to determine the appropriate claimant eligible for accrued benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households—Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,875 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time for most beneficiaries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,750.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4) agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of the appointment of Performance Review Board (PRB) members. This notice revises the list of members of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Performance Review Boards which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1997 (62 FR 53686).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angel I. Wolfrey, Office of Human Resources Management (052B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-4940.

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Dated: October 28, 1998.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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