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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: Certificate as to Securities, VA Form 21-4709.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0107.

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

Abstract: This notice solicits comments for information used to verify existence of savings bonds or other securities listed as assets on accountings required by State and/or Federal law or regulation.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 863 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4316.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary:

Sandra S. McIntyre,

Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0265]

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 for information that Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling (VR&C) needs to quickly assess applicant's entitlement to counseling.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 4, 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. 2900-0265" 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 Counseling, VA Form 28-8832.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0265.

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

Abstract: The data collected is used to quickly assess applicant's entitlement to counseling. A veteran or dependent may use this form as a convenience to apply for counseling services.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 417 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0319]

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 for information needed to complete the VA Form 21-4703, which

becomes a legal contract between VA and a Federal fiduciary.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 4, 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. 2900-0319" 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: Fiduciary Agreement, VA Form 21-4703.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0319.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously

approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The data collected is used as a legal contract between VA and a Federally appointed fiduciary. It outlines the fiduciary's responsibilities with respect to use of funds derived from VA benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, not for profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,390 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,676.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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