

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT), governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, is an organized public forum for discussion of relevant employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and Federal, state, local, and Indian tribal government issues between officials of the IRS and representatives of the above communities. The ACT also enables the IRS to receive regular input with respect to the development and implementation of IRS policy concerning these communities. ACT members present the interested public's observations about current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, as well as suggest improvements. ACT members shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall serve for two-year terms. Terms can be extended in one-year increments, not to exceed two years. ACT members will not be paid for their time or services. ACT members will be reimbursed for their travel-related expenses to attend working sessions and public meetings, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5703.

The Secretary of the Treasury invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and Federal, state, local or Indian tribal governments, to nominate individuals for membership on the ACT. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the ACT. Nominations should also specify the vacancy for which they wish to be considered. The Secretary seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons experienced in employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and Federal, state, local or Indian tribal governments.

Nominees must go through a clearance process before selection by the Secretary of the Treasury. In accordance with Department of the Treasury Directive 21-03, the clearance process includes, among other things, pre-appointment and annual tax checks, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check and security clearance.

Dated: October 19, 2005.

**Steven J. Pyrek,**

*Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0104]

### 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 extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to support a claim for disability benefits based on an accidental injury.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 27, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0104" 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. 3501-3521), 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:** Report of Accidental Injury in Support of Claim for Compensation or Pension, VA Form 21-4176.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0104.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The data collected on VA Form 21-4176 is used to determine a veteran's eligibility for disability benefits based on an accidental injury that he or she incurred while in the line of duty. VA uses the information collected to determine whether the injury was the result of a willful misconduct by the veteran.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 2,204.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 4,408.

Dated: October 12, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0016]

### 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. 3501-3521) 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 November 25, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management

Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-6950 or e-mail: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0016."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB 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. 2900-0016" in any correspondence.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Claim for Disability Insurance Benefits, Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-357.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0016.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Policyholder's complete VA Form 29-357 to claim disability insurance on National Service Life Insurance and United States Government Life Insurance policies. The information collected is used to determine the policyholder's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

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 9, 2005 at pages 6925-6926.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 14,175 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour and 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,100.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200.

Dated: October 13, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act)

that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of its analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the relationship of certain diseases with exposure to ionizing radiation. On November 30, there will be a presentation by VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office. The December 1 session will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7210, or by fax at (202) 275-1728. Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements in advance for the Committees review. Statements should be sent to Ms. Green's attention at least 5 days prior to the meeting at the address show above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Committee.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will also be available for 20 minutes during the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon each day. Each person who wishes to make a verbal statement before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be provided three (3) minutes to present a statement.

Dated: October 19, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K streets, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission.

The agenda will include a review of and discussion about the Council's annual report for 2005, an overview of research, education, and clinical centers, and an update on deployment health and Gulf War research.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0200. Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to [karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov) or mailed to Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: October 14, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs will meet on November 16-17, 2005, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. On November 16, the session will be held in the Omar Bradley Conference Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on November 17, the session will be held in Room 830 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting is open to the public.