

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0073]

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. 3501-21), 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 2, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Initiative Coordination Service (005G1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-7870 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0073." 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. 2900-0073" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Enrollment Certification, VA Form 22-1999.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0073.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: School officials and employers complete VA Form 22-1999 to report and certify a claimant's enrollment in an educational program. The data is used to determine the amount of benefits payable and whether the claimant requested an advanced or accelerated payment.

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 1, 2006 at pages 31262-31263.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 158,975 hours.

a. Electronically—8 minutes.

b. Paper copy—10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Annual Response:

1,109,129.

a. Electronically—776,390.

b. Paper copy—332,739.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,485.

Dated: September 20, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0427]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health 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 Health Administration (VHA), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 2006.

FOR FURTHER OR A COPY OF THE

SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Initiative Coordination Service (005G1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-7870 or e-mail to:

denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0427."

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. 2900-0427" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Former POW Medical History, VA Form 10-0048.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0427.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA physicians complete VA Form 10-0048 during a claimant's medical examination. The data collected will be used to assess the healthcare, disability compensation or rehabilitation needs of former prisoner of war.

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 29, 2006 at page 37167.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 113 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies will be held on October 19, 2006, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Saint Albans Campus, Pratt Auditorium, 179-00 Linden Boulevard, St. Albans, NY. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs on proposed business plans at those VA facility sites identified in May 2004 as requiring further study by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Decision document. The agenda will include a discussion of the summary of the proposed space plan and siting of new multi-specialty outpatient clinic on the VA Medical Center St. Albans campus.

Interested persons may attend and present oral or written statements to the Committee. For additional information regarding the meetings, please contact Mr. Jay Halpern, Designated Federal Officer, (00CARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20024 by phone at (202) 273-5994, or by e-mail at jay.halpern@hq.med.va.gov.

Dated: September 22, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board; 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 Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on October 17-18, 2006, at the Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC. On October 17, the session is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. and on October 18, to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.

The Board advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on the relevance and feasibility of proposed projects and the scientific validity and

propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The session will be open to the public on October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The sessions will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 17 and will be closed the entire day on October 18, 2006 for the Board's review of research and development applications.

During the closed portions of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Deputy Director, Cooperative Studies Program (125), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0183.

Dated: September 22, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 November 13-14, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held in room 200BB at 1575 I (Eye) Street, NW., Washington, DC. 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 of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of the discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the relationship of certain diseases to exposure to ionizing radiation. On November 13, there will be a presentation by VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office.

An open forum for oral statements from the public will be available for 30 minutes in the afternoon each day. People wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be provided three minutes per statement.

Members of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7211, or by fax at (202) 275-1728. Individuals should submit written questions or prepared statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Green at least five days prior to the meeting. Those who submit material may be asked for clarification prior to its consideration by the Committee.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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