

Dated: April 19, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,  
Management Analyst.

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**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits  
Administration, Department of Veterans  
Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before June 28, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* None assigned.

*Title and Form Number:* Direct Deposit Enrollment, VA Form 24-0296 (Test).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Need and Uses:* The form will be used to gather the necessary information required to enroll VA Compensation and Pension beneficiaries in the Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) program for recurring benefits payments. The information will be used to process the payment data from VA to the beneficiary's designated financial institution.

*Current Actions:* Regulatory authority contained in 31 CFR 209 provides the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the right to

authorize the appropriate disbursing officer to make a recurring Federal payment to a beneficiary by sending to the financial institution designated by the beneficiary a payment that is drawn in favor of that institution and is for credit to the account of the beneficiary, in lieu of payment by check drawn to his order. To accomplish this, the beneficiary to whom the recurring payment will be made should provide VA with a written request on a form promulgated by the Treasury Department or such agency-adapted form for the purpose which designates the financial institution.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,800 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 2 minutes.

*Frequency of Responses:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 84,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the reports should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0086.

*Title and Form Number:* Request for Determination of Eligibility and Available Loan Guaranty Entitlement, VA Form 26-1880.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is completed by an applicant to establish eligibility for Loan Guaranty benefits, request restoration of entitlement previously used, or request a duplicate Certificate of Eligibility due to the original being lost or stolen. The information furnished on VA Form 26-1880 is necessary for VBA to make a determination on whether or not the applicant is eligible for Loan Guaranty benefits.

*Current Actions:* The form used by VBA to determine an applicant's eligibility for Loan Guaranty benefits, and the amount of entitlement available. Each completed form is normally accompanied by proof of military service. If eligible, VBA will issue the applicant a Certificate of Eligibility to be used in applying for Loan Guaranty benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 117, 093 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 468,372.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0066.

*Title and Form Number:* Request to Employer for Employment Information

in Connection with Claim for Disability Benefits, VA Form 29-459.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is used to request employment information in connection with a claim for disability insurance benefits.

*Current Actions:* The information collected on the form is used by VBA to establish the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 862 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,167.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Advisory Committee on Former  
 Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, in Room 930, from May 28, 1996, through May 30, 1996. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. each day and will

be open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the need of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The Committee will receive briefings and hold discussions on various issues affecting health care and benefits deliver, including, but not limited to, the following: education and training of VA personnel involved with former prisoners of war; the status of privately and publicly funded research affecting former prisoners of war; past and current legislative issues affecting former prisoners of war; the various disabilities and sequelae of long-term captivity; and the procedures involved in processing claims for service-connected disabilities submitted by former prisoners of war.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Mr. J. Gary Hickman, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20420. Submitted material must be received at least five business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may be asked to clarify submitted material prior to consideration by the Committee.

A report of the meeting and a roster of Committee members may be obtained from Mr. Hickman.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.  
 Heyward Bannister,  
*Committee Management Officer.*

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