

October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1975).

**ACTION:** I hereby determine that the objects on the list specified below, to be included in the exhibit, "Jade in Ancient Costa Rica," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York, New York, from on or about September 15, 1998, to on or about February 28, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0060]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

**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 for information needed to process beneficiaries claim for payment of insurance proceeds.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 1998.

**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. 2900-0060" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5038.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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 and Form Numbers

- Claim for Life Insurance Proceeds (NSLI & USGLI), VA Form 29-4125.
- Claim for Monthly Installments (NSLI), VA Form 29-4125a.
- Claim for One Sum Payment (NSLI & USGLI), VA Form 29-4125b.
- Claim for Monthly Installments (USGLI), VA Form 29-4125k.
- Invitation and Claim for One Sum Payment (NSLI & USGLI), VA Form Letter 29-764.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0060.

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

*Abstract:* The forms and form letter are used by beneficiaries applying for proceeds of Government Insurance policies. The information is used by VA to process the beneficiaries claim for payment of the insurance proceeds.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 8,938 hours.

- VA Form 29-4125—8,200 hours.
- VA Form 29-4125a—463 hours.
- VA Form 29-4125b—50 hours.
- VA Form 4125k—125 hours.
- FL 29-764—100 hours.

*Total Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 6 minutes.

- VA Form 29-4125—6 minutes.
- VA Form 29-4125a—15 minutes.
- VA Form 29-4125b—6 minutes.
- VA Form 4125k—15 minutes.
- FL 29-764—6 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 85,850.

- VA Form 29-4125—82,000.
- VA Form 29-4125a—1,850.
- VA Form 29-4125b—500.
- VA Form 4125k—500.
- FL 29-764—1,000.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra S. McIntyre,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0076]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 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 for information needed to determine an applicant's credit worthiness and ability to repay a loan.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 1998.

**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. 2900-0076" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5038.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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 and Form Number:* Request to Creditor Regarding Applicant's Indebtedness, VA Form Letter 26-250.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0076.

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

*Abstract:* The form letter is used to obtain credit information from landlords and creditors of veterans-applicants for guaranteed loans, prospective purchasers of VA-acquired properties and potential assumers of guaranteed loans in release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 7,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45,000.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra S. McIntyre,**  
Management Analyst, Information  
Management Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0130]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 requirements relating to securing information from holders of VA-guaranteed loans regarding a loan to be foreclosed.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 1998.

**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. 2900-0130" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5038.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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 and Form Number:* Status of Loan Account—Foreclosure or Other Liquidation, Form Letter 26-567.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0130.

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

*Abstract:* The form letter is used to obtain information from holders of VA-guaranteed loans regarding a loan to be foreclosed. The information is used to specify the amount, if any, to be bid at the foreclosure sale.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 20,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra S. McIntyre,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0138]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

**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 determine the amounts of any deductible expenses paid by the claimant and/or commercial