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**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0094]

### 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 determine an applicant's eligibility for VA benefits based on service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or in recognized guerrilla organizations.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 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. 2900-0094" 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:* Supplement to VA Forms 21-526, 21-534, and 21-535 (For Philippine Claims), VA Form 21-4169.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0094.

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

*Abstract:* Title 38, U.S.C., Sections 101 and 6104 require VA to ascertain from certain applicants service information, place of residence, evidence held by the applicant to prove service, and whether the applicant was a member of pro-Japanese, pro-German, or anti-American Filipino organizations. The information collected is used in determining eligibility for benefits based on Commonwealth Army or recognized guerrilla service.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

Director, Information Management Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0469]

### 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 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 establish entitlement to Government Life Insurance proceeds.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 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. 2900-0469" 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 and Form Numbers:* Certificate Showing Residence and Heirs of Deceased Veterans or Beneficiary, VA Form 29-541.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0469.

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

*Abstract:* The form is used to establish entitlement to Government Life Insurance proceeds in estate cases when formal administration of the estate is not required. The information requested is required by law, Title 38 U.S.C., Sections 1917 and 1950, and is used by

VA to determine entitlement to Government Life Insurance proceeds.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,039 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,078.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0032]

### 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 *et seq.*), 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 October 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0032."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, VA Form 26-1820.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0032.

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

*Abstract:* The form is completed by lenders closing VA guaranteed and insured loans under the automatic or prior approval procedures. Such loans are not subject to prior approval of VA. Lenders are required to submit with VA Form 26-1820 a copy of the loan application (showing income, assets,

and obligations) which the lender requires the borrower to execute when applying for the loan; original employment and income verifications obtained from the borrower's place of employment; original verification of assets; and original credit report. VA Form 26-1820 provides VA with the necessary information on the loan and property sufficient for loan examination determinations and verification of compliance with Title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 37.

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 March 24, 1998 at page 14176.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 130,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time per loan disbursement.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 260,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0032" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0066]

### 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 *et seq.*), 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 October 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0066."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and Form Number:* Request to Employer for Employment Information in Connection with Claim for Disability Benefits, VA Form 29-459.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0066.

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

*Abstract:* The form is used to request employment information in connection with a claim for disability insurance benefits. The information collected is used by VA to establish the insured'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 January 29, 1998 at page 4528.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 862 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,167.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0066" in any correspondence.

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**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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