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Dated: 6/23/99.

**Gary Gensler,**

*Under Secretary for Domestic Finance.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Treasures of the Last Empire; Importation for Exhibition

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**SUBJECT:** Culturally significant objects imported for exhibition determinations.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 F.R. 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85–5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "Treasures of the Last Empire," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects on board the Queen Mary, Long Beach, California, from on or about July 25, 1999, to on or about April 25, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lorie J. Nierenberg, Assistant General Counsel, 202/619–6084, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0003]

### 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 reinstatement for 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 the information needed to determine eligibility for burial benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 30, 1999.

**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. 2900–0003" 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:** Application for Burial Benefits, VA Form 21–530.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0003.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, for a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Abstract:** The form is used to apply for burial benefits, including transportation expenses. The information is used by VBA to determine if the deceased veteran had appropriate service and/or disability and that the applicant has made payment for burial or has contracted to make appropriate payment.

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

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 100,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time for most beneficiaries.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 300,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0055]

### 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 for information to determine an unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran eligibility for VA home loan benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 30, 1999.

**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. 2900-0055" 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:** Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unremarried Surviving Spouses, VA Form 26-1817.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0055.

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

**Abstract:** A completed VA Form 26-1817 constitutes a formal request by an unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran for a certificate of eligibility for home loan benefits. The information is used to determine the applicant's basic eligibility for the benefit.

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

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 1,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Generally one time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: January 17, 1999.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0216]

### 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 July 30, 1999.

**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. 2900-0216."

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Reimbursement from Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary, VA Form 21-601.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0216.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Abstract:** The form is used to file a claim for accrued benefits available at the time of a veteran's death. The information is used by VA to determine the appropriate claimant eligible for accrued benefits. Without the information provided on VA Form 21-

601, it would not be possible for VA to obtain the information needed to make a determination and reimburse a claimant.

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 November 6, 1998 at page 60047.

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

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 1,875 hours.

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

**Frequency of Response:** One time for most beneficiaries.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,750.

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. 2900-0216" in any correspondence.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: February 3, 1999.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

Director, Information Management Service.

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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 *et seq.*), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 1999.