

being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, IT invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of IT's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of IT'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 to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0078.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The form letter is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as; process a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder. Completion of the form is voluntary and failure to furnish the requested information has no adverse effect on either the veteran or the correspondent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,000.

Dated: April 13, 2000.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0466]

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, with 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 for information needed to verify beneficiaries' deposit remaining at a financial institution against a fiduciary's accounting.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 3, 2000.

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. 2900-0466" 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 (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: Certificate of Balance on Deposit and Authorization to Disclose Financial Records, VA Form 27-4718a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0466.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Fiduciaries are required to obtain certifications that the balances remaining on deposit in financial institutions as shown on accountings are correct. The form is completed by a certifying official at a financial institution who must also affix the financial seal or stamp. An Estate analyst reviews the information provided on this form when auditing accounting to determine the veracity of the information supplied by fiduciaries. The purpose is to prevent fiduciaries from supplying false certification, embezzling funds, and possibly prevent and/or identify fraud, waste, and abuse of government funds paid to fiduciaries on behalf of VA beneficiaries.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or Other for-Profit, Not for Profit Institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,185 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,700.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Amended Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to conduct a recurring computer program matching Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit recipient records with VA pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) records.

The goal of this match is to compare income status as reported to VA with benefit records maintained by RRB.

VA plans to match records of veterans and surviving spouses and children who receive pension, and parents who receive DIC, with Railroad Retirement benefit records maintained by RRB. The match with RRB will provide VA with data from the RRB Research File of Retirement and Survivor Benefits.

VA will use this information to update the master records of VA beneficiaries receiving income dependent benefits and to adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. Otherwise, information about a VA beneficiary's income is obtained only from reporting by the beneficiary. The proposed matching program will enable VA to ensure accurate reporting of income.

Records To Be Matched

VA records involved in the match are VA's system of records, Compensation, Pension, Education with Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22) first published at 41 FR 9294, March 3, 1976, and last amended at 63 FR 37941 (July 14, 1998). The RRB records consist of information from the Research File of Retirement and Survivor Benefits, System of Records RRB 225 and RRB 26 contained in the Privacy Act Issuances, 1991 compilation, Volume V, Pages 518–519. In accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552a(o)(2) and (r), copies of the agreement are being sent to both Houses of Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is provided in accordance with provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100–503.

DATES: The match will start no sooner than June 5, 2000, and end not more than 18 months after the agreement is properly implemented by the parties. The involved agencies' Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) may extend this match for 12 months provided the agencies certify to their DIBs within three months of the ending date of the original match that the matching program will be conducted without change and that it has been conducted in compliance with the original matching program.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may submit written comments to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between 8

a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Trowbridge (212A), (202) 273–7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information is required by Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552b(e)(12), the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and OMB.

Approved: April 25, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of Systems Notice; Appointment of New System Manager

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice; amendment of systems of records.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans (VA) is changing the System Manager, system number and address in three systems of records.

DATES: These amendments are effective on May 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Field Liaison Staff (20SA), Office of Information Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–6947.

Approved: April 18, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Notice of Amendment to Systems of Records

1. The system identified as 38VA23, “Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem-VA,” published at 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75), completely revised at 47 FR 367 (1/5/82) and amended at 48 FR 45491 (10/15/83), 50 FR 13448 (4/4/85), 60 FR 32210 (6/20/95), 63 FR 7196

(2/12/98), and 64 5862 (2/5/99) is amended to read as follows:

38VA21

SYSTEM NAME:

Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem-VA

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

2. The system identified as 45VA23, “Veterans Assistance Discharge System” which was established at 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75), completely revised at 47 FR 367 (1/5/82), and amended at 51 FR 36894 (10/16/86), and 52 FR 24086 (6/26/87) is amended to read as follows:

45FVA21

SYSTEM NAME:

Veterans Assistance Discharge System-VA.

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

3. The system identified as 60VA23, “Repatriated American Prisoners of War-VA” established at 44 FR 36287 (6/21/79) and amended at 46 FR 16173 (3/11/81), 48 FR 38708 (8/25/83), and 50 FR 36952 (9/10/85) is amended to read as follows:

60VA21

SYSTEM NAME:

Repatriated American Prisoners of War-VA.

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

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