

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900-0377]****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 for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to repurchase a default loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 24, 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. 2900-0377" 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: Claim for Repurchase of Loan, VA Form 26-8084.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0377.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8084 is used and completed by the holder of a delinquent vendee account, which has been guaranteed by VA. The holder of a delinquent vendee account is legally entitled to repurchase of the loan by VA when the loan has been continuously in default for three months and the amount of the delinquency equals or exceeds the sum of two monthly installments.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 421 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 842.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Respiration	September 18, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Nephrology	September 20, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Mental Hlth & Behavioral Sciences	September 21-22, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging & Clinical Geriatrics	September 25, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Gastroenterology	September 25-26, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiovascular Studies	September 29, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Epidemiology	September 29, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery	October 2, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Endocrinology	October 5-6, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Alcohol & Drug Dependence	October 6, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Infectious Diseases	October 12-13, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology-C	October 13, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
General Medical Science	October 16-17, 2000	Washington Plaza.
Oncology	October 16-18, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Hematology	October 19, 2000	Washington Plaza.
Immunology	October 26-27, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology-D	October 26-27, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee	December 7, 2000	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are:
Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

These subcommittee meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in

each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the

program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meetings involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site

visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the subcommittee meetings, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly

frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the

subcommittees should contact LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 408-3630.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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