

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 Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Child, VA Form 21-4183.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0103.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4183 is used by a child under age 18 to apply for dependency and indemnity compensation where the surviving spouse was not entitled or is no longer entitled to receive benefits or by a child age 18 or over regardless of the surviving spouse's entitlement. The form is used in lieu of VA Form 21-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension by Widow(er) or Child, in order to help reduce the reporting burden of a child under 18 when information about the deceased veteran's spouse is not required.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,975 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,900.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0252]

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 needed to authorize nonsupervised lenders to close loans on an automatic basis.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 4, 2001.

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 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0252" 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 Authority to Close Loans on an Automatic Basis—Nonsupervised Lenders, VA Form 26-8736.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0252.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8736 is used by nonsupervised lenders requesting approval to close loans on an automatic basis. Automatic lending privileges eliminate the requirement for submission of loans to VA for prior approval. Lending institutions with automatic loan privileges may process and disburse such loans and subsequently report the loan to VA for issuance of guaranty. The form requests information considered crucial for VA to make acceptability determinations as to lenders who shall be approved for this privilege.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

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Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0342]

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 August 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0342."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles

a. Other On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Training Agreement and Standards, VA Form 22-8864 (Training Programs Offered Under Title 38 U.S. Code Section 3677 and 3678).

b. Employer's Application to Provide Training, VA Form 22-8865 (Under Title 38 U.S. Code Section 3677 or 3678).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0342.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses the information on VA Form 22-8864 to ensure that a trainee is entering an approved training program. VA Form 22-8865 is used to ensure training programs and agreements meet statutory requirements for approval of an employer's job training program.

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 8, 2001, at pages 14000 and 14001.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 450 hours.

a. VA Form 22-8864—225 hours.

b. VA Form 22-8865—225 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 120 minutes.

a. VA Form 22-8864—30 minutes.

b. VA Form 22-8865—90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

a. VA Form 22-8864—450.

b. VA Form 22-8865—150.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316.

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0342" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-IRIS]

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.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF

THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail to: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-IRIS" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Inquiry Routing and Information System (IRIS).

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW-IRIS.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The World Wide Web is a powerful medium for the delivery of information and services to veterans, dependents, and active duty personnel worldwide. The proposed Inquiry Routing and Information System (IRIS) would allow a VA customer to be able to submit his or her questions at any time and receive answers more quickly than through standard mail. Because the system is automated, inquiries would be directed to the appropriate individual/office automatically. The contact information being solicited will be used to identify the particular veteran. VA

personnel will use the contact information to determine the location of a specific veteran's file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as processing a benefit claim or filing material in the individual's claims folder.

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 February 15, 2001, at page 10564.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-IRIS" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Illnesses Not Associated With Service in the Gulf During the Gulf War

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, under the authority granted by the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-742 through 2681-749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), and the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-368, 112 Stat. 3315, has determined that there is no basis to establish a presumption of service connection for any disease based on service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bisset, Jr., Consultant or Bill Russo, Attorney-Advisor, Compensation and