

the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555, or write Eileen Cain, CAP Office, P.O. Box R, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. The Agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

**John Mannion,**

*Director, Program Planning & Quality.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Midwest District

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Midwest Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Clive, Iowa.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, and Friday, December 7, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra McQuin at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, December 7, 2001, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Country Inn & Suites, 1350 N.W. 118th Street, Clive, Iowa. The Citizen Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Public comments will be welcome during the meeting, or you can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Citizen Advocacy Panel, Mail Stop 1006 MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221.

The Agenda will include the following: Reports by the CAP sub-groups, presentation of taxpayer issues by individual members, and discussion of issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

**Cathy VanHorn,**

*Director, CAP, Communication and Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 14, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to [ahunt@omb.eop.gov](mailto:ahunt@omb.eop.gov); and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, fax to (202) 906-6518, or e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Sally W. Watts at [sally.watts@ots.treas.gov](mailto:sally.watts@ots.treas.gov), (202) 906-7380, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information

collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

**Title of Proposal:** Merger Applications.

**OMB Number:** 1550-0016.

**Form Number:** Interagency Bank Merger Application.

**Regulation requirement:** 12 CFR 563.22(a), 12 CFR 546, and 12 CFR 552.13.

**Description:** The Bank Merger Act and the OTS merger regulations require a savings association that proposes to combine with either another savings association or insured depository institution to obtain written approval from the OTS.

**Type of Review:** Renewal.

**Affected Public:** Savings Associations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 16.

**Estimated Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Burden Hours per Response:** 31 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 496 hours.

**Clearance Officer:** Sally W. Watts, (202) 906-7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**OMB Reviewer:** Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

**Deborah Dakin,**

*Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0095]

#### 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 information needed to determine net income derived from farming.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 14, 2002.

**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](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0095" 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:* Pension Claim Questionnaire for Farm Income, VA Form 21-4165.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0095.

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

*Abstract:* A claimant's eligibility for VA pension benefits is determined, in part, by countable income. VA Form 21-4165 is used to develop the necessary income and asset information peculiar to farm operations. The information is used by VA to determine whether the claimant is eligible for VA benefits. If eligibility exists, the information is used to determine the proper rate of benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and Farms.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 12,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25,000.

Dated: November 2, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary

**Genie McCully,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0394]

### 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 verify school attendance of Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) child beneficiaries.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 14, 2002.

**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](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0394" 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:* Certification of School Attendance—REPS, VA Form 21-8926.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0394.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-8926, Certification of School Attendance—REPS is used to verify that an individual who is receiving REPS benefits based on schoolchild status is in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits. The program pays VA benefits to certain surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981 or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 300 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0496]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.