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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 5, 2003.

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: United States Air Force Academy Candidate Writing Sample; USAFA Form O-878; OMB Number 0701-0147.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 4,100.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 4,100.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 4,100 hours.

Needs and Uses: This form is used to collect a writing sample on candidates applying to the United States Air Force Academy. The writing sample is used to evaluate background and aptitude for commissioned service.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Reinstatement of Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed reinstatement of public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the reinstatement of information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity, Medical benefits and Reimbursement System, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, ATTN: Marty Maxey, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed reinstatement of information collection, please write to the above address or call TRICARE Management Activity, Medical benefits and Reimbursement Systems at (303) 676-3627.

Title Associated with Form, and OMB Number: Request for Reimbursement of Capital and Direct Medical Education Costs.

Needs and Uses: The TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors will use the information collected to reimburse hospitals for TRICARE/CHAMPUS' share of capital and direct medical education costs.

Affected Public: Individuals; business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,532.

Number of Respondents: 5,400.

Respondents are institutional providers and admitting physicians.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes for physicians.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984, Pub. L. 98-94 amended Title 10, section 1079(j)(2)(A) of the U.S.C. and provided the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) with the statutory authority to reimburse institutional providers based on diagnosis-related groups (DRGs). The CHAMPUS DRG-based payments apply only to hospital's operating costs and do not include any amounts for hospitals' capital or direct medical education costs. Any hospital subject to the DRG-based payment system, except for children's hospitals (whose capital and direct medical education costs are incorporated in the children's hospital differential), who want to be reimbursed for allowed capital and direct medical education costs must submit a request for payment to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractor. The request allows TRICARE to collect the information necessary to properly reimburse hospitals for its share of these costs. The information can be submitted in any form, most likely in the form of a letter. The contractor will calculate the TRICARE/CHAMPUS share of capital and direct medical education costs and make a lump-sum payment to the hospital.

The TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system is modeled on the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) and was implemented on October 1, 1987. Initially, under 42 CFR 412.46 of the Medicare regulations, physicians was required to sign attestation and acknowledgment statements. These requirements were implemented to ensure a means of holding hospitals and physicians accountable for the information they submit on the Medicare claim forms. Being modeled on the Medicare PPS, CHAMPUS also adopted these requirements. The physicians attestation and physician acknowledgment required by Medicare under 42 CFR 412.46 are also required for CHAMPUS as a condition for payment and may be satisfied by the same statements as required for Medicare, with substitution or addition of "CHAMPUS" when the word "Medicare" is used. Physicians sign a physician acknowledgement, maintained by the institution, at the time the physician is granted admitting privileges. This acknowledgement indicates the physician understands the importance of a correct medical record,

and misrepresentation may be subject to penalties.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received 60 days from publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Program Integration) (Legal Policy), ATTN: Lt Col Patrick W. Lindenmann, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 697-3387; facsimile (703) 693-6708.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from

the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 293; OMB Control Number 0704-004.

Needs and Uses: Former members of the Armed Forces who received an administrative discharge have the right to appeal the characterization or reason for separation. Title 10 of the U.S.C., section 1553, and DoD Directive 1332.28 established a Board of Review consisting of five members to review appeals of former members of the Armed Forces. The DD Form 293, Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States, provides the respondent a vehicle to present to the Board their reasons/justifications for a discharge upgrade as well as providing the Services the basic data needed to process the appeal.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,000.

Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Frequency: One-time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Under Title 10 U.S.C., section 1553, the Secretary of a Military Department established a Board of Review, consisting of five members, to review appeals of former members of the Armed Forces. This information collection allows an applicant to request a change in the type of military discharge issued. Applicants are former members of the Armed Forces who have been discharged or dismissed (other than a discharge or dismissal by sentence of a general court-martial), or if the former member is deceased or incompetent, the surviving spouse, next-of-kin, or legal representative who is acting on behalf of the former member. The DD Form 293, Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States, provides the former member an avenue to present to their respective Service Discharge Review Board their reasons/justifications for a discharge upgrade as well as providing the Services the basic data needed to process the appeal.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Group of Advisors Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the National Security Education Board Group of Advisors. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Board concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: April 28-29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Marriott University Park, 880 East Second Street, Tucson, AZ 85719.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Director for Programs, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn P.O. Box 20010, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: colliere@ndu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Security Education Board Group of Advisors meeting is open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting date change.

SUMMARY: On Friday, March 21, 2003 (68 FR 13906), the Department of Defense announced closed meetings of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Missile Defense, Phase III—Modeling and Simulation. The meeting originally planned for May 1-2, 2003, has been rescheduled to May 12, 2003, at the Institute for Defense Analyses, 1801 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA.