

the **Federal Register** and on a publicly accessible website of the Department. VA published the **Federal Register** Notice on September 18, 2015 (80 FR 56550). VA also published the Independent Assessment Report on its website at [https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets\\_and\\_details.asp](https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets_and_details.asp). Since then, VA has simplified the website content to give Veterans easier access to practical information about eligibility and participation in the Veterans' Choice Program. As part of this redesign, VA moved the Independent Assessment Report to <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICY/PLANNING/section1.asp>. This **Federal Register** Notice informs the public of this change so that Veterans and other stakeholders will continue to have access to these important resources.

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the **Federal Register** for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrissee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 23, 2018, for publication.

Approved: January 23, 2018.

**Jeffrey Martin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0463]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Notice of Waiver of Compensation or Pension To Receive Military Pay and Allowances

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

**Title:** Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances (VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0463.

**Type of Review:** Re-instatement of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2 are used by reservists/guardsmen to file a waiver a VA disability benefits in order to receive active or inactive duty training pay.

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 at 82 FR 213 on November 06, 2017, page 51482.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 3,500 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 21,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0024]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Insurance Deduction Authorization

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0024" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

**Title:** Insurance Deduction Authorization VA Form 29-888.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0024.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Collection.

**Abstract:** These forms are used by veterans to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make deductions from benefit payments to pay premiums, loans and/or liens on his/her insurance contract. The information requested is authorized by law, 38 CFR 8.8. This form was allowed to expire due to high level of work volume and staffing changes.

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 at 82 FR 230 on December 1, 2017, page 57031.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 622 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3732.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and

Survivor Advisory Committee will meet on March 1-2, 2018. On March 1, the Committee will meet in open session at 11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Building 500, Room 1281, Los Angeles, CA, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On March 2, the Committee will be touring the VA facility and breaking into small groups to participate in discussions and listening sessions with facility staff, families, caregivers, and survivors. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect from disclosure Veterans' information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Therefore, on March 2, the meeting will be closed to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters related to: Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors across all generations, relationships, and Veterans status; the use of VA care and benefits services by Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors, and possible expansion of such care and benefits services; Veterans' family, caregiver, and survivor experiences; VA policies, regulations, and administrative requirements related to the transition of Servicemembers from the Department of Defense (DoD) to enrollment in VA that impact Veterans' families, caregivers,

and survivors; and factors that influence access to, quality of, and accountability for services and benefits for Veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors.

On March 1, the agenda will include information briefings on VA's Veterans Experience Office, Caregiver Support Office, VA's Choose Home Initiative, and community partners. The Committee's subcommittees on Education and Awareness, Access and Eligibility, and Gaps and Innovation will report out on activities since the last meeting. Public comments will be received at 4:15 p.m. on March 1, 2018.

Individuals wishing to make a public comment should contact Lauren Barone at [laureen.barone@va.gov](mailto:laureen.barone@va.gov) and are requested to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. In the interest of time, each speaker will be held to a 5 minute time limit.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Barone at (716) 364-3639 or at [laureen.barone@va.gov](mailto:laureen.barone@va.gov).

Dated: January 31, 2018.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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