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**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (19E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (NVVLS) in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff, (202) 273—8310 or FAX (202) 273—9386. These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104—13; 44 U.S.C. 3501—21), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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.

*Titles:* a. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, (all components), VA Form 10—21064a.

b. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, (all components with the exception of psychological testing), VA Form 10—21064b.

c. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, Non-Response Telephone Interview, VA Form 10—21064c.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900—New (NVVLS).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (NVVLS) is a follow-up to the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study (NVVRS) conducted in 1986 through 1987 to sample veterans who served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975. The NVVRS found that 15.2 percent of the men and 8.5 percent of the women who had served in Vietnam were current cases of posttraumatic

stress disorder (PTSD). The rates of PTSD for those veterans exposed to high levels of war-zone stress were dramatically higher than the rates for those with low/moderate levels of war-zone stress exposure. Because of the high rates of PTSD, the strong evidence for the persistence of this syndrome, and the strength of its association with war-zone stress exposure, it is imperative that the VA has information about the current functioning of the participants in the original study. To address the important need for followup data and for an understanding of the current functioning of Vietnam veterans, the VA has contracted with Research Triangle Institute to conduct the NVVLS, follow-up study of the original cohort from the NVVRS. This follow-up of the NVVRS sample will be unique in the field and will enhance and supplement the original findings. The specific aims of this study are to assess:

a. Current prevalence of PTSD, with particular attention to changes in caseness from initial assessment and to variables that might be associated with such changes;

b. Current prevalence of cardiovascular disorders and their precursors and risk factors, with particular attention to their relationship to war-zone stress exposure and PTSD;

c. Current prevalence of other psychiatric disorders and other postwar readjustment problems, with particular attention to their relationship to chronic disease outcomes; and

d. Healthcare utilization patterns, with particular attention to sociodemographic and other variable that moderate service use.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4,426 hours.

a. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (all components), VA Form 10—21064a—3,261.

b. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, (all components with the exception of psychological testing) VA Form 10—21064b—1,154.

c. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, Non-Response Telephone Interview, VA Form 10—21064c—11.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* a. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (all components), VA Form 10—21064a—

11.50 hours.

b. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, (all components with the exception of psychological testing) VA Form 10—21064b—6.75 hours.

c. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, Non-Response Telephone Interview, VA Form 10—21064c—20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,605.

a. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (all components), VA Form 10—21064a—650.

b. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, (all components with the exception of psychological testing) VA Form 10—21064b—855.

c. National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study, Non-Response Telephone Interview, VA Form 10—21064c—100.

Dated: December 8, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Jacqueline Parks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—0118]

### 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 determine whether an eligible person who enrolled in a program at one school is entitled to receive education benefits for enrollment at a second school.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 13, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail comments to:  
*nancy.kessinger,VBAVACO@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0118" 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:* Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools), VA Form Letter 22-315.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0118.

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

*Abstract:* When a student receiving VA education benefits is enrolled at two training institutions, the institution at which the student pursues his or her approved program of education must verify that courses pursued at a second or supplemental institution will be accepted at full credit toward the student's course objective. Educational payment for courses pursued at the second institution is not payable until evidence is received verifying that the student is pursuing his or her approved program while enrolled in these courses. VA Form Letter 22-315 serves as this certification of acceptance. VA claims examiner send the form letter to the student to have the certifying official of his or her primary institution to list the course or courses pursued at the second institution for which the primary institution will give full credit. Without this information, benefits cannot be authorized for any courses pursued at other than the primary institution.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,550 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,300.

Dated: December 3, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Jacqueline Parks,**

*IT Specialist, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0021]**

**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 justify the extension of forbearance to the veteran-borrower as opposed to foreclosure.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 13, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0021" 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. 3501-3521), 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.

*Titles:*

a. Notice of Default, VA Form 26-6850.

b. Notice of Default and Intention to Foreclose, VA Form 26-6850a.

c. Notice of Intention to Foreclose, VA Form 26-6851.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0021.

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

*Abstract:* Holders of guaranteed loans are required to notify VA within 45 days of a loan default due to nonpayment of any installment for a period of 60 days from the date of the first uncured default. Holders are also required to notify VA of their intention to foreclose. After delivery of such notice to VA and 30 days has passed, the holder can begin court proceedings, give notice of sale under power of sale, or otherwise take steps to terminate the debtor's rights in the security.

VA Forms 26-6850 and 26-6851 require that servicing efforts are fully explained so that VA can determine whether supplemental servicing could develop further information to justify the extension of forbearance to the veterans-borrower as opposed to foreclosure. The information provided is used to coordinate the actions of VA and the holder to ensure that all legal requirements regarding foreclosure and claim payment are met. VA Form 26-6850a is filed by holders when defaults are determined insoluble by holders at the time the notice of default is filed with VA. This form provides both notice of default and intent to foreclosure together on one form.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, and Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 66,166