

of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Application for Health Benefits, VA Form 10-10EZ.

b. Health Benefits Renewal Form, VA Form 10-10EZR

OMB Control Number: 2900-0091.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-10EZ is used by veterans to enroll for health care benefits.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR is used by veterans to update their application data.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 925,000 hours.

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—525,000 hours.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—400,000.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—45 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

1,900,000

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—700,000.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—1,200,000.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0092]

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 veteran claimants' entitlement to vocational rehabilitation services.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

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 e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0092" 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. 3501-21), 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, 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: Counseling Record—Personal Information, VA Form 28-1902.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0092.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA counselors (either a counseling psychologist or vocational rehabilitation counselor) use the information provided on VA Form 28-1902 to evaluate veteran claimants and assist eligible veterans to plan a suitable program of vocational rehabilitation. If needed, VA must develop a program of assistance and services to improve the veteran's potential to participate in vocational rehabilitation and provide counseling services to help a veteran or other beneficiary eligible under another educational benefit chapter to select an

educational, training, or employment objective.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

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IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0567]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 request additional certificates, replacements or corrections to a President Memorial Certificate (PMC).

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (402B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0567" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mechelle Powell at (202) 501-1960 or FAX (202) 273-6695.

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, NCA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA'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: President Memorial Certificate (PMC), VA Form 40–0247.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0567.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The PMC is a gold foiled-embossed certificate containing the Great Seal of the United States and bearing the President's signature. It is mailed to relatives and friends of deceased, honorably discharged veterans honoring their military service to our Nation. In most cases involving recent deaths, the PMC is automatically initiated for those eligible veterans buried in VA national cemeteries. The local VA Regional Office originates the application process without a request from the next of kin as part of processing death benefits claims.

The PMC Insert is not self-initiated by the general public/eligible recipients. There is no form or application that is used to initiate an original request. Original requests are normally in the form of letters and/or telephone calls from eligible recipients. The purpose of the PMC insert is to allow an eligible recipient, which includes the next of kin, other relatives or friends, *i.e.*, surviving spouses, sons, daughters, grandchildren, and others, to request additional certificates and/or replacements or corrected certificates upon receipt of the original PMC. Replacements are requested due to the PMCs being bent, water soaked, or other damaged during mail handling due to an incorrect name of the deceased veteran.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,479.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 44,363.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0377]

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 repurchase a default loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

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 *mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov*. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0377” 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: Claim for Repurchase of Loan (Chapter 37, Title 38 U.S.C., CFR 36.4600), VA Form 26–8084.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0377.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26–8084 is used to request repurchase of a loan. Under 38 CFR 36.4600(d), the holder of a delinquent vendee account, which has been guaranteed by VA, may request VA to repurchase a loan when it has been continuously in default for three months and the amount of the delinquency equals or exceeds the sum of two monthly installments.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 240 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 480.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0406]

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