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**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 26, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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**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 Military Pay, Standards and Compliance, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS-JFMB/CL, ATTN: Ms. Laurie Eldridge, 1240 East 9th Street, Room 1781, Cleveland, Ohio 44199, or call Ms. Eldridge at (216) 204-3631.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment; DD Form 397; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection allows the government to collect the signatures and information needed to pay a death gratuity. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1475-1480, a designated beneficiary(ies) or next-of-kin can receive a death gratuity payment for a deceased Service member. This form serves as a record of the disbursement of the death gratuity. The DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 36, defines the eligible beneficiaries and procedures for payment of the death gratuity. To provide internal controls for this benefit, and to comply with the above-cited statutes, the information requested is needed to substantiate the receipt of the benefit.

*Affected Public:* Individuals who are beneficiaries of the Service member's death gratuity.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1208.

*Number of Respondents:* 2416.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* .5 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

The Service Casualty Office completes the upper portion of the DD Form 397 and then provides the form to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries complete their portion of the DD Form 397 and then sign the form and have it witnessed. Once the documents are completed they are forwarded to DFAS for payment.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DoD-2007-OS-0144]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Service, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces the proposed revision of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection 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 hours of the information to be collected; and (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.

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**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 Defense Security Service, ATTN: Ms. Valerie Heil, Personnel Security Clearance Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314, or telephone Ms. Heil at 703-325-6050. *Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Personnel Security Investigation Projection for Industry Survey; DSS Form 232; OMB Number 0704-0417.

*Needs and Uses:* The execution of the DSS Form 232 is an essential factor in projecting the needs of cleared contractor entities for personnel security investigations (PSIs). This collection of information requests the assistance of the Facility Security Officer to provide projections of the numbers and types of PSIs. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions and used to track against actual PSI submissions. The form will be distributed electronically via a web-based commercial survey tool.

*Affected Public:* Business, or other profit and non-profit organizations under Department of Defense Security Cognizance.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 15,188.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,150.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 75 minutes.

*Frequency:* Annually.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISP)," stipulates that the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Agent for inspecting and monitoring the contractors, licensees, and grantees who require or will require access to classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their

respective employees. E.O. 12829 also authorizes the Executive Agent to issue, after consultation with affected agencies, standard forms that will promote the implementation of the NISP.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence assigned DSS to exercise authority and responsibility for central operational management of DoD PSI workload projections, and monitoring of PSI funding and investigation quality issues for DoD components to include cleared contractors under the National Industrial Security Program. In the past, DSS has relied on historical data for agency budget projections regarding the numbers of PSIs required by cleared contractor entities; however, historical data did not provide a particularly accurate or credible estimate of such workload. In this annual collection of information, DSS asks the Facility Security Officers of cleared contractor entities to provide projections of the numbers and types of personnel security investigations required as well as providing a description of the methodology used for the projections, and the percentage of the cleared contractor's projections representing DoD and non-DoD (NISP) agencies PSI requirements for cleared contractors. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions and to track against actual cleared contractor's actual PSI submissions.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has responsibility to conduct PSIs and the subsequent periodic reinvestigations (PRs) in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 5, Part 736.

Representative of various industry associations, the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC), the Military Services, various elements of the Department of Defense and other Federal Government Agencies are familiar with the annual survey.

Dated: December 7, 2007.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[Docket No. DoD-2007-HA-0140]**

**Proposed 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 a proposed 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 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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to TRICARE Management Activity—Aurora, Special Contracts and Operations Branch, 16401 E. Centretch Pkwy, Attn: Pamela A. Maloney, Aurora, CO 80011-9066, or telephone

Pamela A. Maloney, TRICARE Management Activity, Special Contracts and Operations Branch at (303) 676-3709.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Mail Order Registration; OMB Control Number 0720-TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain personal data from TRICARE eligible beneficiaries as application for enrollment into the Department of Defense's TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

Respondents are active duty members of the armed forces, eligible retirees and their family members who are the recipients of the TRICARE pharmacy benefits. All eligible beneficiaries must complete the registration form in order to enroll into the program. Once the form is completed and signed by the beneficiary; the form is mailed to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts Inc. The information on the form is logged into a secure database. The form is destroyed after the data is transferred.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary of Defense**

**Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees**

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing (hereafter referred to as the Committee).