

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Judith Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Regional Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—New (EHSRDV)]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (OPP&P), 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 new collection of information, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine the factors impacting employment histories in recently discharged veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to David Paschane, Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (008A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail

David.Paschane@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (EHSRDV)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Paschane at (202) 273-6784 or FAX (202) 273-5993.

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, the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA'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: Employment Histories Survey of Recently Discharged Veterans.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the study is to obtain information on recently discharged veterans and to test the feasibility of a two-wave pilot survey. The data includes recent employment history; occupation; senior management status; employment commensurate with previous work or military experience; experience with training, education, and employment assistance; education; disability status; and geographic mobility.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Time Per Respondent and Annual Burden: 647 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,940.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0386]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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 includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-6950 or e-mail:

denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0386." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0386" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet, VA Form 26-8923.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0386.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38 U.S.C. 3729(a) requires VA to collect a funding fee in connection with guaranteed or direct loans. The fee is payable for both home and manufactured home loans. To be eligible for the guaranty, lenders must submit VA Form 26-8923, and VA Form 26-1820, Report and Certification of