

needed to determine a deceased veteran's eligibility for burial benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0003" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 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.

Title: Application for Burial Benefits (Under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 23), VA Form 21-530.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0003.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Form 21-530 to apply for burial benefits, including transportation for deceased veterans. VA will use the information collected to determine the veteran's eligibility for burial benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and businesses or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 300,000.

Dated: November 24, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0098]

Agency Information Collection (Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance) 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. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or 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. 2900-0098" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0098."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Under Provisions of Chapter 35, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0098.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-5490 is completed by a veteran's spouse,

surviving spouse, or children to apply for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) benefits. DEA benefits are payable if the veteran is permanently and totally disabled, died as a result of a service-connected disability, missing in action, captured or detained for more than 90 days. VA uses the data collected to determine the claimant's eligibility to DEA benefits.

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 on September 23, 2008, at pages 54898-54899.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 22,566.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 45 minutes

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,088.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (VAARS 810.7108 and 819.7113)]

Agency Information Collection (Mentor-Protege Program Application and Reports) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Office of Management (OM), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through

www.Regulations.gov, or 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-New (VAARS 810.7108 and 819.7113)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail: *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (VAARS 810.7108 and 819.7113)."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:

a. Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 819.7108, Application Process.

b. Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 819.7113, Reports.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (VAARS 819.7108 and 819.7113).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Department of Veterans Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clauses 819.7108 and 819.7113 will be used to institute a mentor-protégé program whereby large businesses agree to provide mutually developmental support to veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business. VA will use the data to measure the protégé progress against the developmental plan contained in the approved agreement and to report the specific actions taken by the mentor to increase the participation of the protégé as a prime or subcontractor to VA.

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 on September 25, 2008 at pages 55598-55599.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VAAR Clause 819.7108, Application Process—50 hours.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—150 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:

a. VAAR Clause 819.7108, Application Process—60 minutes.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VAAR Clause 819.7108, Application Process—50.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—50.

Total number of Responses: 200.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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