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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (NSV)]

Proposed Information Collection (National Survey of Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Activated National Guard and Reserve Members, Family Members and Survivors) Activity; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Policy and Planning, 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 satisfy the requirements detailed in Public Law 108-454, section 805. This project will collect information on awareness, demographics, health care, disability, life insurance, burial benefits, employment, education and training, and vocational rehabilitation. This project will provide information needed to support VA policy, planning, and quality improvement decisions.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Maribel Aponte, Office of Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (NSV)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte at (202) 461-5790 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 and Planning 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: National Survey of Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Activated National Guard and Reserve Members, Family Members and Survivors (NSV).

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW (NSV).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The NSV will be conducted to obtain needed information that is not available in VA administrative files. The survey will be used to help VA improve services for beneficiaries and their families. For the first time, the NSV will include active duty service members; activated National Guard and Reserves; and family members and survivors in addition to veterans. The scope of the survey will be expanded to address the requirements of Public Law 108-454, section 805, to assess awareness of veterans' benefits and services. The NSV provides VA, Congress, stakeholders, and the public more accurate descriptions and assessments of the characteristics of the veteran population to evaluate existing programs and policies, to establish baseline measures before planning and implementing new programs and policies, and to monitor progress of programs and policies and their impacts on the population. The NSV will provide information to support VA policy, planning, and quality improvement decisions.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 14,165 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10.81 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 78,599.

Dated: February 2, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0321]

Proposed Information Collection (Appointment of Veterans Service Organization or Individuals as Claimant's Representative) Activity; 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 currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether claimant appointed a veterans service organization or an individual to prosecute their VA claims.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://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. 2900-0321" 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.

Titles: Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative, VA Form 21-22 and Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative, VA Form 21-22a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0321.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Forms 21-22 and 21-22a to appoint a veterans service organization or an individual to assist in the preparation, representation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits and to authorize VA to disclose any or all records to the appointed representative.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VA Form 21-22—27,083 hours.

b. VA Form 21-22a—533 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VA Form 21-22—325,000.

b. VA Form 21-22a—6,400.

Dated: February 2, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs will be held March 10-11, 2009, at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On March 10, the session will be held in Room 630 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on March 11, the session will be held in Room 230 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also provides advice to the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by

the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or visual impairment, loss of extremities or loss of function, deafness or hearing impairment, and other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of March 10, the Committee will be briefed by a representative from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and the Chief Consultant for Rehabilitation Services on Audiology and Speech Pathology Programs. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive briefings from the Chief Consultant for Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders, the Chief of Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer, and the Director of Blind Rehabilitation Service. On the morning of March 11, an update will be provided by the Chief of Ophthalmology Services.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Mr. Larry N. Long, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Services (117D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Long at (202) 461-7354.

Dated: February 5, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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