

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-0304 is used to gather the necessary information to determine a claimant's eligibility for a monetary allowance and appropriate level of payment. Under title 38 U.S.C. 1815, Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Born with Certain Birth Defects, authorizes payment of monetary benefits to, or on behalf of, certain children of female veterans who served in Republic of Vietnam. To be eligible, the child must be the biological child; conceived after the date the veteran first served in Vietnam during the period February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; and have certain birth defects resulting in permanent physical or mental disability.

Under title 38 U.S.C. 1805, Spina Bifida Benefits Eligibility, authorizes payment to a spina bifida child-claimant of parent(s) who performed active military, naval, or air service during the Vietnam era during the period January 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975 or after the date the veteran first served in or near the demilitarized zone in Korea during the period September 1, 1967 to August 31, 1971. The child must be the natural child of a Vietnam veteran, regardless of age or marital status, who was conceived after the date on which the veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era. Spina Bifida benefits are payable for all types of spina bifida except spina bifida occulta. The law does not allow payment of both benefits at the same time. If entitlement exists under both laws, benefits will be paid under 38 U.S.C. 1815.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 72 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 430.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0577]

### Proposed Information Collection (Spina Bifida Award Attachment Important Information) 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 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 a spina bifida child of Vietnam veterans' eligibility for ancillary benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 14, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through the 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: [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0577" 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:* Spina Bifida Award Attachment Important Information, VA Form 21-0307.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0577.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-0307 is used to provide children of Vietnam veterans who have spina bifida with information about VA health care and vocational training and the steps they must take to apply for such benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 19 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0704]

### Proposed Information Collection (VA/DOD Joint Disability Evaluation Board Claim) 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 revision 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 an injured or ill service member's eligibility for participation in a joint DOD/VA Disability Evaluation Board and VA compensation after separation from service.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 14, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS), <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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0704" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the 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:** VA/DOD Joint Disability Evaluation Board Claim, VA Form 21-0819.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0704.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** As a result of President Bush's Interagency Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes, VA and the Department of Defense (DOD) have agreed to develop a joint process in which Global War on Terror

(GWOT) service member's are evaluated to assign disability ratings, which will be used to determine military retention, level of disability for retirement, and VA disability compensation. VA Form 21-0819 will be used to gather the necessary information to determine the service member's eligibility.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 7,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per**

**Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 14,000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0736]

### Proposed Information Collection (Authorization To Disclose Personal Beneficiary/Claimant Information to a Third Party) 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 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 allow VA to share claims information with the family members or designee of severely injured service members or beneficiary who are unable to communicate with VA due to their injuries.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 14, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through

Federal Docket Management System (FDMS), <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: [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0736" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the 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:** Authorization to Disclose Personal Beneficiary/Claimant Information to a Third Party, VA Form 21-0845.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0736.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21-0845 is completed by severely injured service members or beneficiary who are unable to communicate with VA due to their injuries, to authorize release of certain claims information to an agent or person(s) whom they designate. The form will aid family member(s) in making well-informed decisions regarding a seriously ill or injured claimant or beneficiary and also allow the designee to receive updated information on certain decisions made regarding claims and payments.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 1,667 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 5 minutes.