

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0567]

Agency Information Collection (PMC) Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Cemetery 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 National Cemetery Administration, 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before *February 22, 2010*.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://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. 2900-0567" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records 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. 2900-0567."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: President Memorial Certificate (PMC), VA Form 40-0247.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0567.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The PMC is automatically issued without a request from the next of kin as part of processing a death

benefits claim. The PMC allows eligible recipients (next of kin, other relatives or friends) to request additional certificates and/or replacement or corrected certificates upon the receipt of the original PMC.

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 November 13, 2009, on page 58684.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,004.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 240,132.

Dated: January 15, 2010.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet on March 1-2, 2010, and March 3-4, 2010, at the Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to

the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The sessions on March 1 and 4 will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The sessions will be closed as follows for the Board's review of research and development applications:

March 1—from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 2—from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 4—from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 5—from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The reviews involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that focus on the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing positions of the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open sessions should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Federal Designated Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or at (202) 461-1740.

Dated: January 14, 2010.

By direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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