

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0601]

**Proposed Information Collection (Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans); 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 refinance a delinquent VA-guaranteed loan with a lower interest rate.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 17, 2011.

**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 (20M33), 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. 2900-0601" 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:* Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0601.

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

*Abstract:* Veterans may refinance an outstanding VA guaranteed, insured, or direct loan with a new loan at a lower interest rate provided the veteran still owns the property used as security for the loan. The new loan will be guaranteed only if VA approves it in advance after determining that the borrower, through the lender, has provided reasons for the loan deficiency, and has provided information to establish that the cause of the delinquency has been corrected, and qualifies for the loan under the credit standard provisions.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 25 hours.

*Estimated Annual Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

Dated: March 15, 2011.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011, in conference room 23 at 131 M Street, NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission.

The agenda will include a review of the VA research portfolio and a summary of current budget allocations.

The Council will also provide feedback on the direction/focus of VA's research initiatives.

Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements for the Council's review to Margaret Hannon, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (12), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail at [Margaret.Hannon@va.gov](mailto:Margaret.Hannon@va.gov). Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Hannon at (202) 443-5614.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**William F. Russo,**

*Director of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will meet on April 4-8, 2011. The sessions will be open to the public on April 4-6, April 7 (from 2:45 p.m. until 5 p.m.) and April 8. The Committee will meet at the following locations and times:

Room C-7 at Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC:

April 4, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.;

April 5, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.;

April 6, 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.; and

April 8, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, NW., Washington, DC:

April 7, 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Suite 400 at 1575 I Street, NW., Washington, DC:

April 7, 2:45 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority Veterans, to assess the needs of minority Veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On April 4, the Committee will receive briefings and updates on the roles of the advisory committee, ethics,

Center for Minority Veterans, Office of Policy and Planning, Human Resources and Administration, and a round table discussion with ex-officio members. On April 5, the Committee will receive briefings and updates on the National Cemetery Administration, Veterans Health Administration, senior executive staff briefing, and Veterans Benefits Administration. In the morning on April 6, the Committee will have a panel discussion with Center for Women Veterans, Center for Faith Based, Office of Survivors Assistance, and Non-Governmental Organizations Ombudsman and receive updates from the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. In the evening, the Committee will attend a Town Hall meeting in the Springfield, Virginia area, exact time and location to

be determined. On the morning of April 7, the Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect patient privacy as the Committee tours the VA Medical Center. Closing portion of the session is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). In the afternoon, the Committee will have exit briefings with the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration. The Committee will also work on their After Action Report. On April 8, the Committee will receive public comments from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet to give comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. In the afternoon,

the Committee will continue work on their After Action Report.

Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Mr. Ronald Sagudan at Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or e-mail at [Ronald.sagudan@va.gov](mailto:Ronald.sagudan@va.gov). Any member of the public wishing to attend or seeking additional information should contact Mr. Sagudan or Mr. Dwayne Campbell at (202) 461–6191 or by fax at (202) 273–7092.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**William F. Russo,**

*Director of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel.*

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