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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New]

Proposed Information Collection (Women Veterans Healthcare Barriers Survey)

AGENCY: Veterans Health 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 Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 May 10, 2013.

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, Women Veterans Healthcare Barriers Survey" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Women Veterans Healthcare Barriers Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (Women Veterans Healthcare Barriers Survey).

Type of Review: New data collection.
Abstract: Women Veterans comprise one of the fastest growing subpopulations of Veterans. Today, there are more than 1.8 million living women Veterans, more than 500,000 of whom have enrolled in the VA Health Care System. Over the last decade, the number of women Veterans using VA health care has nearly doubled. VA is responding by improving access and services for women. The study will help

us better understand barriers women Veterans face accessing VA care, the comprehensiveness of care, and improve our understanding of the long-term consequences of military deployment. The data collected will allow VA to plan and provide better health care for women Veterans and to support reports to Congress about the status of women Veterans' health care.

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 January 23, 2013, at page 4983.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,400.

Dated: April 4, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Robert C. McFetridge,

Director, Office of Regulations Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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