

Frequency of Response: One-time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Dated: February 4, 2014.
By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2014-02623 Filed 2-6-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0654]

Agency Information Collection (Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran-Relatives) Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 March 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through *www.Regulations.gov*, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0654” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email *crystal.rennie@va.gov*. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0654.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran-Relatives, VA Form 20-0344.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0654.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VBA employees, non-VBA employees in VBA space and Veteran Service Organization employees who have access to VA’s benefit records complete VA Form 20-0344. The individuals are required to provide personal identifying information on themselves and any Veteran relatives, in order for VA to identify and protect benefit records. VA uses the information collected to determine which benefit records require special handling to guard against fraud, conflict of interest, improper influence etc. by VA and non-VA employees.

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 15, 2013 at page 68905.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,834 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,000.

Dated: February 4, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2014-02622 Filed 2-6-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Research Career Scientists	February 20, 2014	* VA Central Office.
Aging & Neurodegenerative Disease	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Psychological Health & Social Reintegration	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Regenerative Medicine	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke	February 25-26, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Sensory Systems/Communication Disorders	February 26, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 27, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
VA-ORD Historically Black College and University Research Scientist Training Program	February 27, 2014	* VA Central Office.
Career Development Award Program	February 27-28, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic Rehabilitation	February 27-28, 2014	VHA National Conference Center.
Spinal Cord Injury	March 3, 2014	* VA Central Office.

The addresses of the meeting sites are: (* Teleconference). VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

VHA National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and

Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the

program. Because some of the meetings will be in a Government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo ID for checking in. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research

applications and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects).

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to attend the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of

Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email tiffany.asqueri@va.gov at least 5 days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

Dated: February 4, 2014.

Jeffrey M. Martin,

Office Manager, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2014-02628 Filed 2-6-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE P