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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment; DD Form 397; OMB Control Number 0730-0017.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement allows the government to collect the signatures and information needed to pay a death gratuity. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1475-1480, a designated beneficiary(ies) or next-of-kin can receive a death gratuity payment for a deceased service member. This form serves as a record of the disbursement. The DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 36, defines the eligible beneficiaries and procedures for payment. To provide internal controls for this benefit, and to comply with the above-cited statutes, the information requested is needed to substantiate the receipt of the benefit.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 230.5 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 461.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

The service Casualty Office completes the upper portion of the DD Form 397 and provides the form to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries complete their portion of the form and then sign and have it witnessed. Once the documents are completed, they are forwarded to DFAS for payment.

Dated: October 6, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (“the University”), Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Quarterly meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following meeting of the Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (“the Board”).

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 3, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. (Open Session) and 10:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. (Closed Session).

**ADDRESSES:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Everett Alvarez Jr. Board of Regents Room (D3001), Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Nuetzi James, Designated Federal Officer, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, D3002, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone 301-295-3066; email [jennifer.nuetzi-james@usuhs.edu](mailto:jennifer.nuetzi-james@usuhs.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting notice is being published under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, on academic and administrative matters critical to the full accreditation and successful operation of the University. These actions are necessary for the University to pursue its mission, which is to educate, train and comprehensively prepare uniformed services health professionals, officers, scientists and leaders to support the Military and Public Health Systems, the National Security and National Defense Strategies of the United States, and the readiness of the Uniformed Services.

*Agenda:* The actions scheduled to occur include the approval of the minutes from the Board meeting held on August 5, 2015; recommendations regarding the awarding of post-baccalaureate degrees; recommendations regarding the approval of faculty appointments and promotions; and recommendations regarding award nominations. The Board Chair will present information on the University Presidential Search Subcommittee. The USU President will provide a report on recent actions affecting academic and operational aspects of the University. The Dean for the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine and the Dean for the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing will provide incoming class information. The Executive Dean of the Postgraduate Dental College will report on academic program information. Member reports will include updates from the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, Henry M. Jackson Foundation, the Vice President for Finance and

Administration and the Vice President for External Affairs. The University Faculty Senate will report on relevant faculty issues. The University Inspector General (IG) will provide an update on IG issues. An overview of the Measures of Effectiveness in Defense Engagement and Learning (MODEL) and global health impacts will be presented. A brief overview of the Tri-Service Center for Oral Health Studies will be presented. A closed session will be held, after the open session, to discuss active investigations and personnel actions.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to Federal statute and regulations (5 U.S.C. Appendix, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165) and the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Jennifer Nuetzi James five business days prior to the meeting, at the address and phone number noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2, 5-7), the Department of Defense has determined that the portion of the meeting from 10:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in consultation with the Office of the DoD General Counsel, has determined in writing that a portion of the committee’s meeting will be closed as the discussion will disclose sensitive personnel information, will include matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the agency, will involve allegations of a person having committed a crime or censuring an individual, and may disclose investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes.

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its approved agenda pertaining to this meeting or at any time regarding the Board’s mission. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Board may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be received at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting, otherwise, the comments may not be provided to or

considered by the Board until a later date. The Designated Federal Officer will compile all timely submissions with the Board's Chair and ensure such submissions are provided to Board Members before the meeting.

Dated: October 6, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2013-OS-0128]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 8, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions

from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Services—Indianapolis, DFAS-ZPR. ATTN: La Zaleus D. Leach, 8899 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46249, [Lazaleus.Leach@DFAS.MIL](mailto:Lazaleus.Leach@DFAS.MIL), 317-212-6032.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Request for Information Regarding Deceased Debtor, DD Form 2840, OMB Number 0730-0015.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information on deceased debtors from probate courts. Probate courts review their records to see if an estate was established. They provide the name and address of the executor or lawyer handling the estate. From the information obtained, DFAS submits a claim against the estate for the amount due the United States.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 167.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 2,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

DFAS maintains updated debt accounts and initiates debt collection action for separated military members, out-of-service civilian employees, and other individuals not on an active federal government payroll system. When notice is received that an individual debtor is deceased, an effort is made to ascertain whether the decedent left an estate by contacting clerks of probate courts. If it is determined that an estate was established, attempts are made to collect the debt from the estate. If no estate appears to have been established, the debt is written off as uncollectible.

Dated: October 6, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2014-OS-0075]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, DFAS announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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