

**AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:**

The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and 38 U.S.C. 5106 authorize VA to enter into this CMA with SSA.

**PURPOSE(S):**

To re-establish a CMA with SSA for determining eligibility to continue to receive benefits authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS:**

Veterans and beneficiaries who apply for VA income benefits.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS:**

VA will provide SSA with an electronic file in a format defined by SSA that contains the necessary identifying information for applicable beneficiaries and their dependents. Each VA input file will contain variables such as: Social Security Number for Primary Number Holder; Last Name; First Name; Middle Name/Initial; Date of Birth (MMDDCCYY); Sex Code (Blank); VA File Number; Agency Code "VA"; Type of Benefit; Veteran with Spouse Indicator; Payee Number; Type of Record; Verified Payment Indicator; Verification Indicator; Processing Code "212"; Verification Account Number (VAN); and Blanks, or Multiple Request Code. SSA will match the file against the Enumeration System and MBR will generate an output file with information on: Verification code; Death Indicator; Filler; Verification Code; Type of Benefit—Retirement (R), Disability (D) or Survivor (S); Monthly Benefit Credited (MBC); Monthly Benefit Payment (MBP); Medicare Deduction (SMI-B); Effective Date of Monthly Social Security Payment "CCYYMM"; LAF Code (D=Deferred/withheld money), (E=Monies paid through the Railroad Board), (C=Current pay)) for each of VA's records containing a verified SSN.

**SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:**

SSA will disclose the necessary benefit information electronically from the files of the MBR, system of records number 60-0090, last fully published at 71 FR 1826 (January 11, 2006), amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), and at 78 FR 40542 (July 5, 2013). SSA will disclose SSN verification information from the Enumeration System, system of records number 60-0058, last fully published at 75 FR 82121 (December 29, 2010), amended at 78 FR 40542 (July 5, 2013), and at 79 FR 8780 (February 13, 2014).

VA records involved in this match are in "VA Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational

Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA" (58 VA 21/22/28), a system of records that was first published at 41 FR 9294 (March 3, 1976), last amended and republished in its entirety at 77 FR 42593 (July 19, 2012).

**Signing Authority**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs approved this document on May 4, 2017 for publication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**Agency Information Collection Activity Under Review: Proposed Information Collection, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker and Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery**

**AGENCY:** National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 17, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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 [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0222" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* Public Law 104-13; U.S.C. 3501-21.

*Title:* VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker, and VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0222.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) updated its current VA Form 40-1330 and VA Form 40-1330M. The original VA Form 40-1330 and 40-1330M is a request for a Government-furnished headstone or marker, or medallion, respectively. The updates to the form include the following:

- Change to the Applicant Definition, who can apply for a Government headstone, marker or medallion;
  - Information about the Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) program and the option to receive a PMC in addition to the headstone, marker or medallion;
  - Changes in eligibility for a medallion, consistent with section 301 of Public Law 114-315;
  - Addition of language that clarifies that "mandatory" and "optional" inscription items are provided in English, and that "additional" inscription items may be provided in English or non-English text that consists of the Latin Alphabet or numbers;
  - Addition of information on VA Form 40-1330 and VA Form 40-1330M related to whether the Veteran was previously determined by VA to be eligible for burial, and related to whether the request is initial or for a replacement headstone or marker;
  - Addition of "Iraq" and "Afghanistan" as indicators of "War Service," consistent with Public Law 114-315;
  - Addition of Age at the Time of Death on VA Form 40-1330 and VA Form 40-1330M; and
  - Addition of demographic information for statistical reporting purposes only on VA Form 40-1330 and VA Form 40-1330M.
- 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 at 82 FRN 17740 on April 12, 2017.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 88,643 Burden Hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 Minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* One-time.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 166,135.

By direction of the Secretary.  
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