

(5) Ensure that pertinent issues are brought to the attention of Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations in a timely manner, so that feedback can be obtained;

(6) Encourage the Secretary to work with other Federal agencies and Congress so that Native American Veterans are not denied the full benefit of their status as both Native Americans and Veterans;

(7) Highlight contributions of Native American Veterans in the Armed Forces;

(8) Make recommendations on the consultation policy of the Department on Tribal matters;

(9) Support a process to develop an urban Indian organization confer policy to ensure the Secretary confers, to the maximum extent practicable, with urban Indian organizations; and

(10) With the Secretary's written approval, conduct other duties as recommended by the Committee.

*Authority:* The Committee was established in accordance with section 7002 of Public Law 116–315 (H.R. 7105—Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020). In accordance with Public Law 116–315, the Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters relating to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native American Veterans. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity, makes recommendations to the Secretary on ways the Department can improve the programs and services of the Department to better serve Native American Veterans.

*Membership Criteria:* OTGR is requesting nominations for the current vacancies on the Committee. The Committee is composed of 15 members. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including:

(1) At least one member of each of the 12 IHS service areas is represented in the membership of the Committee nominated by Indian Tribes or Tribal organization.

(2) At least one member of the Committee represents the Native Hawaiian Veteran community nominated by a Native Hawaiian Organization.

(3) At least one member of the Committee represents urban Indian organizations nominated by a national urban Indian organization.

(4) Not fewer than half of the members are Veterans, unless the Secretary determines that an insufficient number of qualified Veterans were nominated.

(5) No member of the Committee may be an employee of the Federal Government.

In accordance with Public Law 116–315, the Secretary determines the number and terms of service for members of the Committee, which are appointed by the Secretary, except that a term of service of any such member may not exceed a term of two years. Additionally, a member may be reappointed for one additional term at the Secretary's discretion.

*Professional Qualifications:* In addition to the criteria above, VA seeks—

(1) Diversity in professional and personal qualifications;

(2) Experience in military service and military deployments (please identify your Branch of Service and Rank);

(3) Current work with Veterans;

(4) Committee subject matter expertise; and

(5) Experience working in large and complex organizations.

*Requirements for Nomination Submission:*

Nominations should be typewritten (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include: (1) a letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone number(s), and email address; (3) the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume, *not to exceed five pages* and (4) a summary of the nominee's experience and qualification relative to the *professional qualifications* criteria listed above.

The individual selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. All members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its Federal advisory committees is balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas,

males & females, racial and ethnic minority groups, and Veterans with disabilities are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: August 7, 2023.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0215]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Information To Make Direct Payment to Child Reaching Majority

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veteran's 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0215" in any correspondence. During the comment

period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0059” in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

*Authority:* Title 38 U.S.C. 1310, 1313, 1542, and 101(4).

*Title:* Request for Information to Make Direct Payment to Child Reaching Majority (VA Form Letter 21P-863).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0215.

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

*Abstract:* The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), administers an integrated program of benefits and services established by law for veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries.

Title 38 U.S.C. 1310, 1313, 1542, and 101(4) provide for payment of death pension or dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) to an eligible veteran’s child when there is not an eligible surviving spouse and the child is between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school. Until the child reaches the age of majority, payment is made to a custodian or fiduciary on behalf of the child. An unmarried schoolchild who is not incompetent is entitled to begin receiving direct payment on the age of majority. Regulatory authority is found in 38 CFR 3.403, 3.667, and 3.854.

Form Letter 21P-863 is used to gather the necessary information to determine a schoolchild’s continued eligibility to VA death benefits and eligibility to direct payment at the age of majority. If the collection were not conducted, VA would have no means of determining a child’s current address, marital status, and school attendance. Without this information, continued entitlement to death benefits and eligibility for direct payment at the age of majority could not

be determined, and proper payment would not be made. This is an extension only with no substantive changes and the respondent burden has not changed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3 Hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10., that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (ACFPOW) will conduct a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual) on August 30, 2023 and August 31, 2023 at various times and multiple locations in Washington, DC. The meeting sessions will begin and end as follows:

Public participation will commence as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Open session
August 30, 2023 .....	8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.—Eastern Standard Time (EST).	810 Vermont Avenue NW, Sonny Montgomery Room 230, Washington, DC 20420/Webex Link and Call-in Information Below.	Yes.
August 31, 2023 .....	9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. (EDT) ...	Washington VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington, DC 20420/Webex Link and Call-in Information Below.	Yes.
August 31, 2023 .....	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (EDT) ...	Washington VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington, DC 20420.	No.
August 31, 2023 .....	1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (EDT) .....	810 Vermont Avenue NW, Sonny Montgomery Room 230, Washington, DC 20420/Webex Link and Call-in Information Below.	Yes.

Sessions are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting a tour of VA facilities. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans’ privacy and personal information, by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38 U.S.C., for Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (FPOW), and to make recommendations on the needs of

such Veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

On Wednesday, August 30th, the Committee will assemble in open session from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for discussion and briefings from senior leadership with Veterans Affairs Central Office, Veterans Benefits Administration and Veterans Health Administration officials.

On Thursday, August 31st, the Committee will assemble in open session from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for

discussion and briefings from VA Washington DC Healthcare and the Baltimore Regional Office officials. The Committee will then convene a closed session from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to tour the Washington DC VA Medical Center in conjunction with lunch.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should contact, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee on Former