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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Dependents' Application for VA Educational Benefits (Under Provisions of Chapters 33 and 35, of title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0098.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 22-5940 is completed by spouses, surviving spouses and children of veterans or servicemembers to apply for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) and Post-9/11 GI Bill Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) benefits. VA will use the information collected to determine whether a claimant qualifies for DEA or Fry Scholarship benefits and if the program of education the applicant wishes to pursue is approved for assistance.

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 25, 2012, at page 3844.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

- a. VA Form 22-5940—14,870.
- b. Electronic submission—7,407.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:*

- a. VA Form 22-5940—45 minutes.
- b. Electronic submission—25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

- a. VA Form 22-5940—19,827.
- b. Electronic submission—17,777.

Dated: April 18, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0018]

**Proposed Information Collection (Application for Accreditation as Service Organization Representative) Activity: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of General Counsel (OGC), 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. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine accredited service organization representatives' qualification to represent claimants before VA.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Ken Lee, Office of General Counsel (02), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [ken.lee@va.gov](mailto:ken.lee@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0018" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Lee at (202) 461-7651 or FAX (202) 273-6404.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, OGC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OGC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OGC'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.

*Title:* Application for Accreditation as Service Organization Representative,

VA Form 21; Accreditation Cancellation Information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0018.

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

*Abstract:* Service organizations are required to file an application with VA to establish eligibility for accreditation for representatives of that organization to represent benefit claimants before VA. VA Form 21 is completed by service organizations to establish accreditation for representatives, recertify the qualifications of accredited representatives.

Organizations requesting cancellation of a representative's accreditation based on misconduct or incompetence or resignation to avoid cancellation of accreditation based upon misconduct or incompetence, are required to inform VA of the specific reason for the cancellation request. VA will use the information collected to determine whether service organizations representatives continue to meet regulatory eligibility requirements to ensure claimants have qualified representatives to assist in the preparation, presentation and prosecution of their claims for benefits.

*Affected Public:* Not-for profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,003 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,780.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (26-1852)]

**Proposed Information Collection (Description of Materials) Activity: Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans 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