

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 ensure that statements submitted by or on behalf of a claimant is true and correct.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0075" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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, 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.

Title: Statement in Support of Claim, VA Form 21-4138.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0075.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Statements submitted by or on behalf of a claimant must contain a

certification by the respondent that the information provided to VA is true and correct in support of various types of benefit claims processed by VA. VA Form 21-4138 is to be used to collect the statement in support of such claims. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 188,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 752,000.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0094]

Proposed Information Collection (Supplement to VA Forms 21-526, 21-534, and 21-535 (For Philippine Claims)); 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 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 whether a claimant served in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or in recognized guerrilla organizations.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 24, 2008.

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Title: Supplement to VA Forms 21-526, 21-534, and 21-535 (For Philippine Claims), VA Form 21-4169.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0094.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4169 is used to collect certain applicants' service information, place of residence, proof of service, and whether the applicant was a member of pro-Japanese, pro-German, or anti-American Filipino organizations. VA uses the information collected to determine the applicant's eligibility for benefits based on Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or recognized guerrilla services.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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