

beneficiary. VA may recognize representatives of service organizations to assist beneficiaries in the prosecution of VA claims, but no individual shall be recognized unless such individual has filed a power of attorney, executed in a manner prescribed by VA.

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, 2000 at pages 4017 and 4018.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 27,083 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 325,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0321" in any correspondence.

Dated: March 4, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee will be held at the Clarion Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Boulevard, Orlando, FL, May 31-June 3, 2000. The meeting begins with participant registration from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, and from 8 am to 5 pm Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, June 2, 2000, in Ballroom C/D Foyer.

The committee, comprised of fifty nine national voluntary organizations, advises the Under Secretary of Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on

how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: To provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

Pre-meeting activities include: Tuesday, May 30, 2000, VAVS Field Staff will meet from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in Salon 5 & 6; the National Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 31, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. in Salon 5 & 6; VISN 8 staff will provide a Health Fair from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Salon 7; there will be an a new member orientation from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in Ballroom D; and from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. there will be an open forum in Ballroom D. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 p.m. featuring Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., as keynote speaker.

On Thursday, June 1, 2000, there will be a Business Session from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Ballroom D. The workshop topics include, Satisfaction Through Service, Salon 4; Volunteerism Corporate Style, Salon 5; Where Have All the Volunteers Gone—Recruitment/Retention, Salon 7 & 8; Homeless Veterans Programs, Salon 9 & 10.

On Friday, June 2, 2000, a NAC Business Session will be held from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m., Ballroom C & D. The educational workshops will be repeated from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., rooms remain the same as on Thursday. The James H. Parke luncheon will be from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. in Ballroom C & D, honoring the 2000 recipient of the James H. Parke Scholarship.

On the morning of Saturday, June 3, 2000, the NAC will hold a Business Session from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Ballroom C & D. A critique of the meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Salon 3 & 4. A closing celebration honoring the NAC Volunteers of the Year will be held in Ballroom C & D, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact: Ms. Laura Balun, Administrative Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, (202) 273-8392.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is revising an existing routine use to the system of records entitled "Personnel and Accounting Pay System-VA" (27VA047) as set forth in the **Federal Register** 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and amended in 48 FR 16372 (4/15/83), 50 FR 23009 (5/30/85), 51 FR 6858 (2/26/86), 51 FR 25968 (7/17/86), 55 FR 42534 (10/19/90), 56 FR 23952 (5/24/91), 58 FR 39088 (7/21/93), 58 FR 40852 (7/30/93), 60 FR 35448 (7/7/95), 62 FR 41483 (8/1/97), and 62 FR 68362 (12/31/97). This system of records contains information on current and former salaried VA employees.

Public Law 103-94 (October 6, 1993) created section 5520a of Title 5, United States Code, which permits the garnishment of Federal employees' wages. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued regulations (5 CFR part 582) which implement the legislation. VA added a new routine use No. 28 on July 7, 1995, to system of records 27VA047 in order to comply with this legislation. This route specifically permitted the disclosure of information to a garnisher concerning the name and address of any new employer of a former VA employee who is the subject of a garnishment by legal process.

In conjunction with a garnishment procedure against a current employee, Federal agencies may also be served with interrogatories, and must respond to them in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5520a and OPM regulations 5 CFR 582.202(a) and 582.303. The information sought under interrogatories is usually personal information protected by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Consequently, VA may provide information in response to the interrogatories only when the Privacy Act authorizes the disclosure.

It is unlikely employees would provide prior consent to the disclosure of information in response to interrogatories. In addition,

interrogatories are not usually accompanied by a court order directing an agency to answer the interrogatories. Consequently, we are revising existing routine use number 28 in order to comply with the provisions on interrogatories found in 5 U.S.C. 5520a and OPM's regulations.

VA has determined the release of information for this purpose is a necessary and proper use of the information in this system of records and the revision of existing routine use number 28 for transfer of this information is appropriate.

An altered system of records report and a copy of the revised system notice have been sent to the House of

Representatives Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and guidelines issued by OMB (59 FR 37906, 37916-18 (7/25/94)).

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed routine use of the system of records to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (O2D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. All relevant material received before May 18, 2000 will be considered. All written comments received will be

available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

If no public comment is received during the 30-day review period allowed for public comment, or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new routine use statement is effective May 18, 2000.

Approved April 4, 2000.

**Togo D. West, Jr.,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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