

of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application for Voluntary Service, VA Form 10-7055.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0090.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-7055 is used to assist personnel of both voluntary organizations, which recruit volunteers from their membership, and the VA in selection, screening and placement of volunteers in the nationwide VA Voluntary Service program. The volunteer program supplements the medical care and treatment of veteran patients in all VA medical centers. This form is necessary to assist in determining the suitability and placement of potential volunteers.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 8,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Dated: May 16, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0427]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 assess the health care disability compensation or rehabilitation needs of Former Prisoners of War (FPOW).

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0427" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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 and Form Number: Former POW Medical History, VA Form 10-0048.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0427.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-0048 is used to collect data in response to Public Law 97-37 that liberalizes eligibility requirements and extends the existing benefits. The form is completed by veterans and submitted to a VA physician during a medical examination. Without this information VA physician would be unable to assess the health care, disability compensation or rehabilitation needs of Former Prisoners of War.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,575 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,050.

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