

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0128]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; 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 existing collection in use without an OMB control number, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine claimants' eligibility to reinstate lapsed Government Life Insurance policy.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0128" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 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.

Titles:

a. Notice of Lapse—Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-389.

b. Application for Reinstatement, VA Form 29-389-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0128.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Abstract: VA Forms 29-389 and 29-389-1 are used to inform claimants that their government life insurance has lapsed or will lapse due to non payment of premiums. The claimant must complete the application to reinstate the insurance and to elect to pay the past due premiums. VA uses the data collected to determine the claimant's eligibility for reinstatement of such insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,459 hours.

a. VA Form 29-389—3,399 hours.

b. VA Form 29-389-1—1,060 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. VA Form 29-389—12 minutes.

b. VA Form 29-389-1—10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,352.

a. VA Form 29-389—16,993.

b. VA Form 29-389-1—6,359.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary:

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting for January 19-20, 2006 at the Embassy Suites DC Convention Center, 900 10th Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. On January 19, the meeting will end at 4:45 p.m., and on January 20 the meeting will end at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and death attributable to military service.

The agenda for the meeting will include updates on the proposed work plans of the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM), firsthand accounts of disabled service members and veterans, an overview of the VA benefit claims appellate process and a discussion of future field visits to be conducted by Commission members during calendar year 2006.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested parties may provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting, by e-mail to veterans@vetscommission.intranets.com or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: December 9, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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