

- a. VA Form 26-1874—60 minutes.
 - b. VA Form 26-1874a—20 minutes.
- Frequency of Response:* On occasion.
Estimated Number of Total

Respondents: 26,806.

- a. VA Form 26-1874—25,806.
- b. VA Form 26-1874a—1,000.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0324]

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 revision 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 make a decision on a veteran's claim for insurance benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0324" 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., 3501-3520), 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, 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: Supplement Physical Examination Reports.

a. Supplemental Physical Examination Report, VA Form 29-8146.

b. Attending Physician's Statement, VA Form 29-8158.

c. Supplemental Physical Examination Report (Diabetes—Physician's Report), VA Form 29-8160.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0324.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used to obtain complete information as to the physical and/or mental condition of a veteran who has submitted an application for Government Life Insurance or reinstatement of eligibility. The information is used to process the insured's request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,080 hours.

a. VA Form 29-8146—220 hours.

b. VA Form 29-8158—1,000 hours.

c. VA Form 29-8160—220 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. VA Form 29-8146—45 minutes.

b. VA Form 29-8158—45 minutes.

c. VA Form 29-8160—45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,440.

a. VA Form 29-8146—750.

b. VA Form 29-8158—165.

c. VA Form 29-8160—165.

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Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 at (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan Guaranty Application, VA Form 10-0365.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA is authorized to guarantee loans for construction or rehabilitation of multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans. Loans may include amounts to acquire land, refinance existing loans, finance acquisition of furniture, equipment, supplies and materials and to supply working capital for the organization. The information collected is used to determine financial and program service provider eligibility and apply criteria to rate each application; and to obtain information necessary to ensure minimal defaults and delinquencies, interest subsidies, or other payments.

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 15, 2002, at page 2015.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on April 11 and 12, 2002, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 230, Washington, DC 20420. On Thursday, April 11, the meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, April 12, the meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health

consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War.

The meeting will begin with a discussion of the Committee's goals and work plan, led by the Chairman, Mr. Jim Binns Jr. The Committee will receive briefings on research initiatives affecting Gulf War veterans. Those briefings will focus on epidemiology, risk factors, the nature of the disease, treatments, research policies, and other related topics. The meeting will include opportunities to discuss the material presented in the briefings, and planning for the Committee's first annual report.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

Dated: March 22, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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