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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,200 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,400.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0460]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits 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 Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 January 2, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0460.” 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 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0460” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26–8497.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0460.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 26–8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant’s income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26–8497 is provided. The form is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

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*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 25,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Total Respondents:* 150,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records 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 January 2, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to “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 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “2900-New.”

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Study of Health and Communications of Veterans for the War Related Illnesses and Post-Deployment Health Issues, VA Form 10–21060(NR).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this study is to develop a plan for clinical, research, risk communication and educational activities for war-related illnesses and post-deployment health issues.

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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,750 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,500.

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