

authorized by law, but only such information as is necessary and relevant to such audit or oversight function.

(3) Routine uses will include disclosure to contractors and their agents, grantees, experts, consultants, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other work assignment for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records. Individuals provided information under this routine use are subject to the same Privacy Act requirements and limitations on disclosure as are applicable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office employees.

(4) Routine uses will also include the Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses Nos. 1–5, 8–10, and 13, as found at 46 FR 63501–63502 (December 31, 1981).

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:**

Not applicable.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Paper copy and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By number assigned (called P or R number) or by serial number, title of invention, applicant information or docket number, if any. Records are stored in a searchable database.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Buildings employ security guards. Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel who are properly screened, cleared, and trained. Where information is retrievable by computer, all safeguards appropriate to secure the system (hardware and software) are utilized.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records retention and disposal is in accordance with the series records schedules.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Patent Examining Technology Center 3600, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Information about the records contained in this system may be obtained by sending a request in writing, signed, to the system manager at the address above or to the address

provided in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B for making inquiries about records covered by the Privacy Act. Requesters should provide their name, address, and record sought (including serial number or P number, if known) in accordance with the procedures for making inquiries appearing in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The general provisions for access, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned appear in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B. Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Subject individuals or their duly appointed representatives.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

Dated: March 26, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD–2013–OS–0068]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information. Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to: the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, ATTN: CPO (Colonel Phil Waite), 1400 Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1400, or call the Directorate for Community and Public Outreach at (703) 695–3845.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Request for Armed Forces Participation in Public Events (Non-Aviation), DD Form 2536 and Request for Military Aerial Support, DD Form 2535; OMB Number 0704–0290.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is necessary to evaluate the eligibility of events to receive Armed Forces community relations support and to determine whether requested military assets are available.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal governments; Federal agencies or employees; for-profit and non-profit institutions; and individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 17,850.

*Number of Respondents:* 51,000.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 21 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are individuals or representatives of Federal and non-Federal government agencies, community groups, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and civic organizations requesting Armed Forces support for patriotic events conducted in the civilian domain. DD Forms 2535 and 2536 record the type of military support requested, event data, and sponsoring organization information. The completed forms provide the Armed Forces the minimum information necessary to determine whether an event is eligible for military participation and whether the desired support is permissible and/or available. If the forms are not provided, the review process is greatly increased because the Armed Forces must make additional written and telephonic inquiries with the event sponsor. In addition, use of the forms reduces the event sponsor's preparation time because the forms provide a detailed outline of information required, eliminate the need for a detailed letter, and contain concise information necessary for determining appropriateness of military support. Use of the forms is essential to reduce preparation and processing time, increase productivity, and maximize responsiveness to the public.

Dated: March 27, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2013-OS-0065]

##### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD(P&R)), Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a

proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, ATTN: Kathleen McDonnell, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox 10, Alexandria, Virginia 22350-5000, or call 571-372-1168.  
*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), Standard Form 186 (SF-186); OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to fulfill the requirement of the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act

(UOCAVA), 46 U. S. C. 1973ff wherein the Secretary of Defense is to prescribe the Federal write-in absentee ballot for absent uniformed service voters and overseas voters in general elections for Federal office.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households: Uniformed Services members, eligible family members, U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S. who have requested a State absentee ballot but did not receive one with enough time to vote and return it, and UOCAVA citizens in States that allow the form to be used to apply for voter registration.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 300,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,200,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are UOCAVA citizens who desire to vote in a Federal election but did not receive an absentee ballot from their State of residency with enough time to vote and return it. The information provided by these citizens is used by the States to determine if the citizen is a resident of a jurisdiction within that State, has previously requested an absentee ballot (when applicable) and therefore eligible for the enclosed ballot to be counted. In States that allow the form to be used as a voter registration form, the information provided is used by the States to determine if the citizen is a resident of a jurisdiction within that State, and therefore eligible to vote within that jurisdiction and to provide absentee ballots to these citizens for Federal elections held within each calendar year. This form is mandated by 42 U.S.C. 1973ff. The Department of Defense does not receive, collect nor maintain any data provided on the form by these citizens; this data is collected and maintained by the individual States. The burden in the collection of this data resides in the individual States. If the form is not provided, UOCAVA citizens would not have access to the emergency backup ballot and thus, may be disenfranchised from their right as a U.S. citizen to participate in the electoral process. The previous Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot is the edition dated 08-2011. The form has been updated for usability and consistency. The most significant changes on the form are as follows: The Agency Disclosure Statement has been added to the instruction page of the form as per OMB guidance. Block 2 classification has been clarified to include activated National Guard