

the joint committee, office report, and discussion of next meeting.

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John Fay,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Coffman at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 9 a.m. Pacific Time to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Dave Coffman, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174 or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Dave Coffman. Mr. Coffman can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Panel Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Issue Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 3 p.m., Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or at (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Process-Based Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0680]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (OPP&P), 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 extension of a currently approved collection of information, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine a disability rating system for veterans and their survivors.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to George Fitzelle, Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (008B2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail george.fitzelle@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0680" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Fitzelle at (202) 273-5109 or FAX (202) 273-5993.

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, the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA'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: Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0680.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The data collected on the Veterans' Disability Benefits

Commission survey will be used to determine whether disabled veterans and their survivors are appropriately compensated for impact of disability on quality of life under the current disability rating system. The Veterans' Disability Commission will use the survey data along with other collected information to develop recommendations for the disability benefits program in a report to the President and Congress.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Not-for-Profit-Institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 12,865 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,063.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21083 Series)]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to develop a patient satisfaction survey for hospitalized veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann

W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21083 series)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff, (202) 273-8310 or Fax (202) 273-9381.

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, 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: Pilot of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) and Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients (SHEP) Satisfaction Survey Instruments, VA Forms 10-21083a through 10-21083e. **OMB Control Number:** 2900-New (10-21083 series).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA will conduct a series of five pilots to better understand how the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) questionnaire (either alone or combined with all or part of VA's Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients (SHEP) survey) will perform in measuring patient satisfaction, and how hospitalized veteran patients will respond to healthcare related questions using the HCAHPS questionnaire.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,625 hours.

10-21083a—362.50 hours.

10-21083b—725 hours.

10-21083c—1,087.50 hours.

10-21083d—725 hours.

10-21083e—725 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:

10-21083a—15 minutes.

10-21083b—30 minutes.

10-21083c—45 minutes.

10-21083d—30 minutes.

10-21083de—30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,250.

Dated: June 26, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (EHSRDV)]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (OPPP), 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 August 14, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF

THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374 or Fax (202) 565-7045 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to "2900-New (EHSRDV)."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employment Histories Survey of Recently Discharged Veterans.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (EHSRDV).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA will use the data collected to better understand the employment experiences and opportunities of recently discharged veterans in the job market.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to