

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 153,833 burden hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 412,787

Dated: February 13, 2015.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0085]

### Agency Information Collection (Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals) Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, 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 Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0085" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:

a. Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9.

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative.

c. Request for Changes in Hearing Date.

d. Motions for Reconsideration.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0085.

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

#### Abstract:

a. Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9, may be used by appellants to complete their appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) from a denial of VA benefits. The information is used by BVA to identify the issues in dispute and prepare a decision responsive to the appellant's contentions and the legal and factual issues raised.

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative: When the appellant's representative withdraws from a case, both the appellant and the BVA must be informed so that the appellant's rights may be adequately protected and so that the BVA may meet its statutory obligations to provide notice to the current representative.

c. Request for Changes in Hearing Date: VA provides hearings to appellants and their representatives, as required by basic Constitutional due-process and by Title 38 U.S.C. 7107(b). From time to time, hearing dates and/or times are changed, hearing requests withdrawn and new hearings requested after failure to appear at a scheduled hearing. The information is used to comply with the appellants' or their representatives' requests.

d. Motions for Reconsideration: Decisions by BVA are final unless the Chairman orders reconsideration of the decision either on the Chairman's initiative, or upon motion of a claimant. The Board Chairman, or his designee, uses the information provided in deciding whether reconsideration of a Board decision should be granted.

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 at 79 FR 71506 on December 2, 2014.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for profit, and Not for profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

a. Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9—52,287 hours.

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative—183 hours.

c. Request for Changes in Hearing Date—1,343 hours.

d. Motions for Reconsideration—642 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:*

a. Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9—1 hour.

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative—20 minutes.

c. Request for Changes in Hearing Date—15 minutes (hearing date change), 15 minutes (request to withdraw a hearing),—1 hour (requests change a motion).

d. Motions for Reconsideration—1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:*

a. Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9—54,340.

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative—550.

c. Request for Changes in Hearing Date—3,070.

d. Motions for Reconsideration—642.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee: National Academic Affiliations Council Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the National Academic Affiliations Council will be held March 31, 2015–April 1, 2015 in the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) Conference Room, 1800 G Street NW., Suite 870, Washington, DC. The March 31st sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. On April 1st, sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

On March 31, the Council will discuss strategies for continued Graduate Medical Education (GME) expansion pertaining to the 2014 Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability (VACAA) Act; potential for health professions education expansion in rural areas; and potential new VA academic partnerships. On April 1, the Council will discuss nursing education, hear remarks from the Deputy Secretary of