

benefits, (including death compensation is applicable), and any accrued benefits not paid to the veteran prior to death.

b. Military Casualty Assistance Officers complete VA Form 21-534 to assist surviving spouse and/or children of veterans who died on active duty in processing claims for dependency and indemnity compensation benefits. Accrued benefits and death compensation are not payable in claims for DIC.

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 June 10, 2008, at pages 32790-32791.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VA Form 21-534—76,136 hours.

b. VA Form 21-534a—600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

a. VA Form 21-534—75 minutes.

b. VA Form 21-534a—15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VA Form 21-534—76,136.

b. VA Form 21-534a—600.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on VA Disability Compensation and Related Benefits; Notice of Establishment

As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Veterans Affairs hereby gives notice of the establishment of the Advisory Committee on VA Disability Compensation and Related Benefits. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs had determined that establishing the Committee is both necessary and in the public interest.

The Advisory Committee on VA Disability Compensation and Related Benefits will advise the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs on establishing and supervising a schedule to conduct periodic reviews of each of the body systems in the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD), and to make recommendations on the possible expansion of VA benefits to address the impact on quality of life, the need for transition assistance, and the potential for successful rehabilitation.

Committee members will be selected by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The Committee's membership will be selected from among recognized experts, veterans, and others with special competence in areas such as disability claims adjudication, vocational rehabilitation, disability programs management, workers' compensation, rehabilitative medicine, mental health research, military medical services management, veterans' benefits advocacy, and survivor benefits advocacy.

Dated: August 19, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Committee Management Officer.

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