

USPTO's goal in examinations accelerated by certificate will be a final disposition within 12 months of accelerated status being granted, not including the time for any appeals to the PTAB. As of January 2014, the average pendency for Track One prioritized examinations was 5.1 months from petition grant to allowance, while the average pendency for all applications was 28.3 months.

Acceleration Requirements

In order to receive acceleration, the patent owner or patent applicant must agree to the following conditions. Accelerated patent applications may not contain at any time more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims, or any multiple dependent claims. A humanitarian certificate can be redeemed in a patent application appeal or reissue application appeal to the PTAB at any time after a docketing notice has issued and before the matter is assigned to a PTAB panel. A certificate can only be redeemed for reexamination acceleration at the following points: (i) With the request for reexamination; (ii) during the period for patent owner comment after grant of proceeding; or (iii) when a final rejection is appealed to the PTAB. Certificates will not be accepted for reexamination proceedings at other times. During an accelerated reexamination, no more than three new independent claims and 20 total new claims may be added. New claims are those beyond the number contained in the patent at the time of the reexamination request. Claims may be added without triggering this limit by canceling an equal number of existing claims. All submissions in accelerated examinations must be filed electronically via EFS-Web. All petitions filed in the matter must be filed in good faith. Petitions for Revival and Requests for Continued Reexamination may not be filed. Failure by the applicant to abide by these conditions may result in the acceleration being revoked without return of the certificate and the matter reverting to normal processing.

Acceleration Recommendations

To receive the greatest benefit from acceleration in an *ex parte* reexamination proceeding, the applicant is requested to do the following. The Patent Owner's Statement will be considered to be waived when a certificate is filed with a request for reexamination. If the patent owner desires to reserve the right to make a statement, however, the certificate should be filed instead during the

statutory window for filing the Patent Owner's Statement after the reexamination proceeding has been granted. Acceleration will proceed from that point forward.

Even where submissions in the accelerated matter are not required to be filed electronically, those submissions should be filed electronically. Conducting more than one examiner interview during prosecution should be avoided. Responses to all Office actions should be submitted within one month of receiving the Office action. Petitions should be avoided as much as possible. Failure to meet these conditions may result in longer processing times by the USPTO than the goals given above, but the matter will continue to receive accelerated processing as described herein to the extent possible.

In all instances, certificate redemption is subject to available USPTO resources at the Director's discretion. If accelerating the matter would negatively impact other applicants, the USPTO may decline to redeem the certificate.

Dated: March 31, 2014.

Michelle K. Lee,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and, Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2013-OS-0231]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 5, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571-372-0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: 2014 Pentagon/Mark Center Transportation Commuter Survey; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 2800.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2800.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 700.

Needs And Uses: Per requirements in the Administrative Instruction (AI) 109, and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPIC) approved Base Relocation and Closure (BRAC) #133 Transportation Management Plan (TMP), the WHS Transportation Management Program Office (TMPO) will conduct surveys of both Federal and non-Federal employees in order to monitor the effectiveness of the various Pentagon and Mark Center Transportation Programs and Strategies. The purpose of the surveys is to gather travel mode choice information from DoD employees and contractors located at the Pentagon and Mark Center. Information gathered from this effort will be used to refine the DoD shuttle service and travel demand management strategies currently being implemented at each facility to reduce traffic congestion. The results of the transportation/commuter surveys will be utilized to accomplish the aforementioned tasks and to support future transportation related improvement efforts to enhance transportation to and from the Pentagon, Mark Center and DoD facilities in the National Capital Region.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

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

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.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 4800

Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: March 31, 2014.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Explore Subcommittee; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open subcommittee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Explore Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC). The meeting is open to the public. For more information about the Committee and the Honor Subcommittee, please visit <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/AboutUs/FocusAreas.aspx>.

DATES: The Explore Subcommittee will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Conference Room, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renea C. Yates; Designated Federal Officer for the committee and the Explore Subcommittee, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA 22211, or by email at renea.c.yates.civ@mail.mil, or by phone at 703-614-1248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This subcommittee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (41 CFR 102-3.150).

Purpose of the Meeting: The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery is an independent Federal advisory committee chartered to provide the Secretary of the Army independent advice and recommendations on Arlington National Cemetery, including, but not limited to, cemetery administration, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master

planning for the cemetery. The Secretary of the Army may act on the committee's advice and recommendations. The primary purpose of the Explore Subcommittee is to review and recommendations to the parent committee on efforts to preserve the historic essence of Arlington National Cemetery and the development of an interactive means to share the Cemetery's unique history with the nation and the world.

Proposed Agenda: The subcommittee will review and discuss: the status of the Mementos Collection designation as a Historic Memorial Collection in accordance with the parent committee's recommendations accepted by the Secretary of the Army; events planned for Arlington National Cemetery's 150th Anniversary and improvements to Cemetery walking tours and the Web site; the Living memorial and possible uses of technology to improve Cemetery capabilities to act on family desires to perpetually commemorate its loved one(s).

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The Women in Military Service for America is fully handicapped accessible. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Ms. Renea Yates, the subcommittee's Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written Comments and Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the subcommittee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Ms. Renea Yates, the subcommittee's Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the subcommittee. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written

comments or statements with the subcommittee Chairperson, and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the subcommittee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the subcommittee until its next meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the subcommittee is not obligated to allow the public to speak; however, interested persons may submit a written statement or a request to speak for consideration by the subcommittee. After reviewing any written statements or requests submitted, the subcommittee Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite certain submitters to present their comments verbally during the open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the subcommittee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Remember Subcommittee; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open subcommittee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Remember Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC). The meeting is open to the public. For more information about the Committee and the Honor Subcommittee, please visit <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/AboutUs/FocusAreas.aspx>.

DATES: The Remember Subcommittee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Conference Room, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renea C. Yates; Designated Federal Officer for the committee and the Remembrance Subcommittee, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery,