

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0427]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine the healthcare needs of former prisoner of war.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0427" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (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 and Form Number: Former POW Medical History, VA Form 10-0048.

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Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA physicians complete VA Form 10-0048 during a claimant's medical examination. The data collected will be used to evaluate the healthcare, disability compensation or rehabilitation needs of former prisoner of war.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 113 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Dated: June 15, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Monday, July 31, 2006, at VA's Office of Research and Development, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. in Room 900, and conclude by 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission. The agenda will include a review and discussion of the council's annual report for 2006 and a strategic overview of VA research.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Dr. Jay Freedman, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0267. Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to jay.freedman@va.gov or mailed to Dr. Freedman at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: June 20, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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