

in Washington, DC on June 13, 2024 on “China’s Stockpiling and Mobilization Measures for Competition and Conflict.”

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public will be able to attend in person at a location TBD or view a live webcast via the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Visit the Commission’s website for updates to the hearing location or possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to view the hearing online or in person.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202–624–1496, or via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

**ADA Accessibility:** For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** This is the sixth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2024 reporting cycle. The hearing will evaluate the Chinese Party-state’s efforts to prepare society for a period of enhanced competition, crisis, or conflict. First, the hearing will examine Chinese leaders’ rhetoric and efforts to instill a siege mentality in the Chinese public. Next, the hearing will examine China’s efforts to materially and financially prepare its economy for a crisis or conflict scenario through efforts to boost domestic production capacity, sanction-proof its economy, and attain self-sufficiency in key sectors. Finally, the hearing will assess the China’s national defense mobilization system and ability to leverage civilian resources during a crisis.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Carte P. Goodwin and Cliff Sims. Any interested party may file a written statement by June 13, 2024 by transmitting it to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as

amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113–291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: May 24, 2024.

**Christopher Fioravante,**  
*Director of Operations and Administration,*  
*U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0881]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Lay/Witness Statement**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0881.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Program-Specific information:** Nancy Kessinger, 202–632–8924, [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov).

**VA PRA information:** Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Lay/Witness Statement (VA Form 21–10210).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0881.  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

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

**Abstract:** VA Form 21–10210 is used by the claimant to gather lay or witness

statements that support an existing claim for benefits/services. Without this information, VA may not be able to efficiently and successfully process claims that may require additional statements associated with a claim for benefits/services. No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

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 89 FR 20298, Thursday, March 21, 2024.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 10,767 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**

64,603 per year.

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 5103, and 5101(a), 38 CFR 3.159 and 3.303, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Maribel Aponte,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0075]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Statement in Support of Claim**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0075.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Statement in Support of Claim (VA Form 21–4138).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0075  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21–4138 is used to provide self-certified statements in support of various types of claims processed by VA. Statements submitted by or on behalf of a claimant should contain certification by the respondent that the information provided is true and correct. This form facilitates claims processing by providing a uniform format for the certification statement. No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has increased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

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 89 FR 20299, March 21, 2024.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 317,265 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,269,058 per year.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, 38 U.S.C. 501, 38 CFR 3.150.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0760]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Paralympics & Olympics Monthly Training Allowance Application and Certification**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Program-Specific information:* Veta Brooks-Berryman, 202–480–4633, [Veta.Brooks1@va.gov](mailto:Veta.Brooks1@va.gov).

*VA PRA information:* Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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:* Paralympics & Olympics Monthly Training Allowance

Application and Certification (VA Forms 0918a & 0918b).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0760.

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

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

*Abstract:* Section 703 of the Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2008, Public Law 110–389, authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to administer a monthly assistance allowance to a veteran with a service-connected or non-service-connected disability if the veteran is competing for a slot on or selected for the United States Paralympics and Olympics team or is residing at a United States Paralympics or Olympics training center. The Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events will use VA Forms 0918a and 0918b to collect information to certify eligibility for the monthly assistance allowance, verify the veteran’s mailing address, confirm that he or she has been accepted by the Paralympics or Olympics to compete in a specific Paralympic or Olympic sport, and to determine their marital status and number of dependents for the purpose of assessing payment amounts.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 43 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 170.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Maribel Aponte,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0404]

**Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Veteran’s Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.