

collection of information should be received on or before August 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Robert Wilson, Office of Management (047F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: robert.wilson@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Wilson at (202) 273-8898 or FAX (202) 273-9346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, OM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OM's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OM'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: Donations to National Veterans Museum (Via Credit Card), VA Form 5579a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA Form 5579a will be used to accept donations via credit cards from individuals and corporations who wish to make a contribution to VA's National Veterans Museum. The Museum will tell the story of VA's link to American history. A range of interactive exhibits will introduce visitors to the services provided by VA and its precursors including the: (1) Benefits programs; (2) health care services and medical research and (3) National Cemeteries. The Museum will include state-of-art theatrical presentations, a Connection Center where visitors can use multimedia computer terminals with Internet access, and interactive audio-visual exhibits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 83 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 minute.
Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: May 14, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Genie McCully,

Acting Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information used 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to request a beneficiary's current mailing address and to inform him or her that their monthly insurance checks have been suspended.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Suspension of Monthly Check, VA Form 29-0759.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: When funds are returned to VA from the Department of the Treasury due to a beneficiary's check not being cashed within one year from the issued date, VA Form 29-0759 is used to inform the beneficiary that his or her monthly insurance checks have been suspended. The form will also be used to obtain the beneficiary's current address or if desired, a banking institution for direct deposit for monthly checks.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Dated: May 17, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Genie McCully,

Acting Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0320]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail:

denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0320."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0320" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Escrow Agreement for Postponed Exterior Onsite Improvements, VA Form 26-1849.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0320.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1849 is provided as a service to veterans, builders/sellers, and escrow agents to use in situations involving escrows. A VA loan amount cannot exceed the reasonable value of the property as determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The reasonable value is predicated on the completion of all improvements. In certain circumstances, such as adverse weather or other specified unavoidable conditions, the completion of some improvements may have to be postponed. For these situations, VA has developed escrow procedures whereby a builder/seller deposits at least one and one-half times the cost of completing the improvements into an escrow account held by a third party. The funds can only be used for the purpose of finishing the postponed improvements and are released when the improvements have been completed. These escrow procedures provide incentive to builder/sellers to complete all postponed improvements and are standard

practices in both the real estate and mortgage lending fields.

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 December 19, 2001, at page 65531.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total

Respondents: 10,000.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Genie McCully,

Acting Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Board of Veterans' Appeal, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Board of Veterans' Appeal (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail:

denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0085."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0085" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:

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

b. Withdrawal of Services by a Representative.

c. Filing of Representative's Fee Agreements and Motions for Review of Such Agreements.

d. Motion for Review of Representative's Charges for Expenses.

e. Request for Changes in Hearing Date.

f. Motion for Reconsideration.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0085.

Type of Review: Extension 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. *Filing of Representative's Fee Agreements and Motions for Review of Such Agreements:* Agreements for fees charged by individuals or organizations for representing claimants and appellants before VA are filed with, and reviewed by, the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The information is used to determine whether such fees are excessive or unreasonable.

d. *Motion for Review of Representative's Charges for Expenses:* Expense reimbursements claimed by individuals and organizations for representing claimants and appellants before VA have been monitored for fairness for many years. The information is used to review changes by claimants' representatives for expenses to afford protection to such claimants from overreaching by unscrupulous representatives, to monitor fees charged by representatives, and to ensure that fee limitations are not avoided by mischaracterizing fees as expenses.

e. *Request for Changes in Hearing Date:* VA provides hearings to