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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average thirty minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. As part of its continuing effort to reduce the paperwork burden, USIA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503.

*Title:* Overseas Activities Data.

*Form Numbers:* IAP-10.

*Abstract:* The form serves as a supplement to SF-86, "Security Investigation Data for Sensitive Positions" and is used to obtain names of persons currently in the United States, who have personal knowledge of the overseas activities of applicants for employment in the domestic or foreign service. The information is for security purposes only.

*Proposed Frequency of Responses:*  
No. of Respondents—200;  
Recordkeeping Hours—.50; Total  
Annual Burden—100.

Dated: November 3, 1995.

Cathy Brown,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Nonsupervised Lender's Nomination and Recommendation of Credit Underwriter, VA Form 26-8736a

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0253.

*Title and Form Number:*

Nonsupervised Lender's Nomination and Recommendation of Credit Underwriter, VA Form 26-8736a.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is submitted to VBA by a nonsupervised lender with the initial application for authority to close loans on an automatic basis or in connection with nominations of additional or new credit underwriters, subsequent to approval. The information is used by VBA to determine if the lender's nominee is qualified to close VA loans on an automatic basis.

*Current Actions:* Title 38, U.S.C., Section 3702(d) provides for nonsupervised lenders to make automatic guaranteed loans if approved

for such purpose, and if the loans are made pursuant to the standards established by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The standards established by the Secretary require that a lender have a qualified underwriter review all loans to be closed on an automatic basis to determine that the loan meets VA's credit underwriting standards.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: October 31, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Study of Environmental Health and Persian Gulf War Syndrome, VA Form 10-20989(NR)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VHA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VHA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* None Assigned.

*Title and Form Number:* Study of Environmental Health and Persian Gulf War Syndrome, VA Form 10-20989(NR).

*Type of Review:* Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

*Need and Uses:* This information collection will be a case controlled study to describe and elucidate the causes of Gulf War Syndrome.

Participants will be 2,000 veterans of the Persian Gulf War who currently reside in Oregon and Washington.

*Current Circumstances:* The overall goal of this epidemiologic survey and case control study is to determine whether the occurrence of unexplained symptoms referred to as "Gulf War Syndrome" is associated with any environmental exposure(s) encountered while in the Persian Gulf War theater. Information collection is necessary to document the presence, onset, duration and severity of symptoms as well as the frequency and type of environmental exposures experienced. The study will be conducted in two phases: Phase I consists of epidemiologic survey activities designed to locate a sample of Persian Gulf War veterans and identify those who may be experiencing unexplained symptoms (potential cases) and those who report no symptoms (potential controls). Phase II will consist of a case control study involving clinical examination and testing activities. Only forms for Phase I survey activities are submitted here; protocols and forms for the Phase II case control will be submitted under separate cover when fully developed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,833 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour and 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn:

Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: VA MATIC Authorization, VA Form 29-0532 and 29-0532-1**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0492.

*Title and Form Number:* VA MATIC Authorization, VA Form 29-0532 and 29-0532-1.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is used by policyholders to authorize deductions from his/her bank accounts to pay insurance premiums. The information is used by VBA to process the policyholder's request.

*Current Actions:* Title 38, U.S.C. 1908(d) provides for the time and method of payment of the premiums on Government Life Insurance policies. No insurance deductions may be made unless a complete authorization is received. The information provided by the policyholder is on a voluntary basis. VA MATIC uses the latest technology in the banking industry (Preauthorized Electronic Funds Transfer) to automatically deduct monthly insurance premium payments for the policyholder's bank account.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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Donald L. Neilson,

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Adjacent Gravesite Set-Aside Survey (1 Year), VA Form Letter 40-40**

**AGENCY:** National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, National Cemetery System (NCS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for