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**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Wayne Kenney, National Cemetery Area Office (787), Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 11720, 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19101. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the NCS request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document NCS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0546.

*Title and Form Number:* Adjacent Gravesite Set-Aside Survey (1 Year), VA Form Letter 40-40.

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

*Need and Uses:* The information requested by the form letter is needed to determine if individuals holding gravesite set-asides in national cemeteries wish to retain the set-aside and whether their eligibility for the set-aside has been affected.

*Current Actions:* In 1982, the Adjacent Gravesite Set-Aside Program was established which allows cemeteries to administer gravesites set-aside at cemeteries where 4'x8' single-depth interments are authorized. This program permits an adjacent gravesite being set aside at the time of the first interment of a veteran—s family for its future use. An automated Adjacent Gravesite Set-Aside Survey System (AGSSS) was developed and managed by the staff at Philadelphia National Cemetery Area Office. A database was formulated to record the names of the holders and contain information about the particular adjacent gravesite set-aside (AGS). Computer generated form letters are sent to AGS holders annually to ascertain their wish to retain their set-aside, or wish to relinquish it. If a holder cancels his/her set-aside or becomes ineligible, the gravesite set-aside is then relinquished, and will be used for another eligible veteran and/or dependent. Upon return of the form letter, action is taken by the national cemetery staff to update the database.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6,334 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 38,000.

**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: November 2, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Monthly Record of Training and Wages, VA Form 20-1905c**

**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:* 2900-0176.

*Title and Form Number:* Monthly Record of Training and Wages, VA Form 20-1905c.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Need and Uses:* The requested information is used to verify the training history and to determine the continuing entitlement to benefits. The form reports

the number of hours spent each month on each unit of training.

*Current Actions:* For each chapter 31 rehabilitation program participant, VBA is required to define the instruction that a facility provides and certify program pursuit and attendance. VA Form 20-1905c is provided to on-job training establishments and to trainers in certain special programs for use if they do not normally maintain similar records of progress in training. This usage includes training programs that neither the Department of Labor nor a joint apprenticeship council has approved. In general, these establishments do not have an extensive history of providing on-job training, but VA has approved them for chapter 15 or 31 participants. In addition, facilities may use the form for eligible persons training under Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 35. The authority to collect this information is provided in 38 U.S.C., Sections 3104, 3111, and 3677. The monthly collection of chapter 31 wage data is required by 38 U.S.C., Section 3108(c)(1) and 38 CFR 21.296.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

**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: Financial Statement, VA Form 26-6807**

**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:* 2900-0047.

*Title and Form Number:* Financial Statement, VA Form 26-6807.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is completed by respondents (veteran-obligors and prospective assumers) in connection with release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases. The information collection is essential to determinations for release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases.

*Current Actions:* Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C., 3714, VA may release original veteran-obligors from personal liability arising from the original guaranty of their home loans, or the making of a direct loan, provided purchasers/assumers meet the necessary requirements, among which is qualifying from a credit standpoint. Substitution of entitlement is authorized by 38 U.S.C., 3702(b)(2) and prospective veteran-assumers must also meet the creditworthiness requirements. The form may also be used to determine a borrower's financial condition in connection with efforts to reinstate a seriously defaulted guaranteed, insured, or portfolio loan. In addition, the form may be used in determining the eligibility of homeowners for aid under the Homeowners Assistance Program, Public Law 89-754, which provides assistance by reducing losses incident to the disposal of homes when military installations at which the homeowners

were employed or serving are ordered closed in whole or in part.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 30,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

**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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Director, Information Management Service.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request; Request for Postponement of Offsite or Exterior Onsite Improvements—Home Loan, VA Form 26-1847**

**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.

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**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:* 2900-0040.

*Title and Form Number:* Request for Postponement of Offsite or Exterior Onsite Improvements—Home Loan, VA Form 26-1847.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form serves as the lender's and veteran's request for guaranty of home loan for which offsite or exterior onsite improvements are incomplete to permit the veteran's occupancy of the property. Without this information, it would not be possible for loans to be guaranteed in such cases with adequate protection for the veteran and VA, and for veterans to occupy affected properties.

*Current Actions:* VA is directed by Title 38 U.S. Code with assuring that properties proposed for VA financing meet certain standards, are suitable as dwellings, and that proposed loans do not exceed the VA-established reasonable value of the property. The reasonable value, in case of new construction, is based on the anticipated value of the dwelling and all improvements after completion. New homes often cannot be completed in every respect because of weather conditions or other circumstances. However, VA policies permit the closing of loans in such cases when the house itself is basically complete, but certain offsite or exterior onsite improvements are incomplete. For such cases, funds amounting to one and one-half times the cost of completion must be deposited with a third party, or other incentives to completion must be present which are acceptable to VA. Escrow funds may only be used to complete the remaining improvements. These procedures make it possible for loans to be guaranteed in such cases with adequate protection for the veteran and VA, and for veterans to occupy affected properties.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to