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Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures. Applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about June 10, 1996.

Dated: November 7, 1995.

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Deputy Associate Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[Form Letter 40-12]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Gravesite Reservation Survey; Virginia

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 the collection of information should be received by January 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to George Vogel, National Cemetery System (403C), Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420. 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: 2900-0357.

Title and Form Number: Gravesite Reservation Survey, VA Form Letter 40-12.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form letter is used to determine whether individuals holding gravesite reservations in

national cemeteries wish to continue the reservation and whether their eligibility for the reservation has been affected.

Current Actions: From the late 1940's until January 1962, the Department of the Army allowed active duty servicepersons and surviving spouses of deceased veterans interred in national cemeteries to reserve gravesites for their interments. Recurring gravesite reservation surveys are necessary as some holders become ineligible, are buried elsewhere, or cancel their reservation; therefore, reserved gravesites would exist forever without use.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

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 7, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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