

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0365]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Revision**

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Cemetery System (NCS) 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to a request for disinterment from a national cemetery.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Frances Willis, National Cemetery System (402D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0365" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frances Willis at (202) 273-5189.

**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, NCS invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCS'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 and Form Number:* Request for Disinterment, VA Form 40-4970.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0365.

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

*Abstract:* Interments made in national cemeteries are permanent and final. Disinterments will be permitted for cogent reasons, and then with prior written authorization only, usually by the Cemetery Director. Approval can be granted when all immediate family members of the decedent, including the person who initiated the interment, give their written consent. An order from a court of local jurisdiction can be accepted in lieu of submitting VA form 40-4970. The form is used to allow a person to request removal of remains from a national cemetery for interment at another location. The information is used for approving or disapproving the disinterment request.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 33 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 197.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0112]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response

to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the release of personal liability to the Government for a VA-guaranteed mortgage.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 28, 1997.

**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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0112" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

**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 and Form Number:* Statement of Holder or Servicer of Veteran's Loan, Form Letter 26-559.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0112.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* Veteran-borrowers may sell their home subject to the existing VA-guaranteed mortgage lien without the prior approval of the VA if the commitment for the loan was made prior to March 1, 1988. However, if they wish to be released from personal liability to the Government in the event of a subsequent default by a transferee, the VA must determine, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 3713(a), that: (1) the loan payments are current; (2) the transferee will assume the veteran's legal liabilities