

furnish the requested information has no adverse effect on either the veteran or the correspondent.

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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,750 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0078" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0025]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, 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 Office of Management, 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 August 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0025" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Request for Consent to Release of Information, VA Form 3288.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0025.

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

*Abstract:* Veterans and their beneficiaries regularly request that copies of documents or information contained in their benefits or medical records be released to third parties, such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals. The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the VA's confidentiality statute (38 U.S.C. 5701) as implemented by 38 CFR 1.526(a) and 38 CFR 1.576(b) require individuals to provide written consent before documents or information can be disclosed to third parties not allowed to receive records or information under any other provision of law, i.e., routine use of a record in a system of records.

VA Form 3288 is completed by veterans or beneficiaries to provide the VA with a written consent to release records or information. Use of the form ensures an individual gives an informed written consent for the release of records or information about himself/herself that is consistent with the statutory requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 and the VA's confidentiality statute.

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of information was published on December 30, 1996 at page 68818.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 18,875 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 7.5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 151,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0025" in any correspondence.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Charter Renewals

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Department of Veterans Affairs has renewed the following four charters: Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee  
Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee  
Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board  
Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service

The charters have been renewed for a 2-year period beginning June 5, 1997, through June 5, 1999.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*  
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