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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 Numbers: Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485; and Information About Modified Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8700.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0166.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used by the insureds to apply for cash replacement insurance to replace the amount of Modified Life Insurance that was reduced at age 65. The information is used by VA to initiate the granting of the coverage for which applied.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 642 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,700.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0442]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 February 13, 1998.

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. 2900-0442."

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Request for Armed Forces Separation Records, VA Form Letter 21-80e.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0442.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to establish entitlement to VA compensation or pension benefits, a veteran must have had active military service which resulted in separation under other than dishonorable conditions. VA Form Letter 21-80e is completed by the veteran to furnish information relative to his/her military service. The information is used to aid VA in requesting verification of military service. Benefits cannot be paid without verification of service.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 12, 1997 at page 32147.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 102,000.

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. 2900-0442" in any correspondence.

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