

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses; DD Form 2769; OMB Number 0704-0402.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 400.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 400.

*Needs and Uses:* The respondents of this information collection are surviving spouses of each member of the uniformed services who, (1) died before March 21, 1974, and was entitled to retired or retainer pay on the date of death or, (2) was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces during the period beginning on September 21, 1972, and ending on October 1, 1978, and at the time of the member's death would have been entitled to retired pay. The Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105-85, section 644, requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. The DD Form 2769, Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses, used in this information collection, provides a vehicle for the surviving spouse to apply for the benefit. The Department will use this information to determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written request for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense Acquisition University.

**ACTION:** Board of Visitors Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at the Packard Conference Center, Building 184, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia on Wednesday September 16, 1998 from 0900 until 1600. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest and to discuss an external research program. The agenda will also include further discussion and an update on efforts directed toward consolidation of the DAU structure into a unified educational institute.

The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocations of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Mr. John Michel at 703-845-6756.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet. Public hearings will be held for the purpose to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings.

**DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for hearing dates.

**ADDRESSES:** See Supplementary Information section for hearing addresses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Coon, telephone (888) 428-6440.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Developing Home Port Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the United States Pacific Fleet.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) for this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 1996. Public Scoping meetings were held in Bremerton, WA, on February 3, 1997; in Everett, WA, on February 4, 1997; in Pearl City, HI, on February 6, 1997; and in Coronado, CA, on February 10, 1997.

The U.S. Navy has analyzed the environmental effects resulting from construction and operation of facilities and infrastructure needed to support the home-porting of three aircraft carriers. Four possible alternative locations are being considered: Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) Coronado near San Diego, CA; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Bremerton, WA; Naval Station (NAVSTA) Everett, WA; and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNS) Pearl Harbor, HI.

The Navy proposes to construct and operate facilities and infrastructure needed to support the home-porting of three Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers in the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Two Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers will join the U.S. Pacific Fleet, replacing two conventionally powered aircraft carriers (CVs) currently home-ported at NASNI in the Naval Port San Diego, CA. The current location of a third Nimitz-Class aircraft carrier at NAVSTA Everett is being reevaluated in order to increase efficiency of support infrastructure, maintenance, and repair capabilities, and to enhance crew quality of life.

From the four alternative sites locations (NASNI, PSNS, NAVSTA Everett and PHNS), six different alternative home-porting configurations, including the no-action alternative were developed and analyzed. The Navy currently prefers Alternative Two, which would home port two additional Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers at NASNI (for a total of three Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers), home port a total of two Nimitz-Class aircraft carriers in the Pacific Northwest (one at PSNS and one