

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:* Application for Designation as Management Broker, VA Form 26-6685.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0191.

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

*Abstract:* It is the general policy of the VA to utilize the services of local brokers in the sale and management of VA-owned properties. Generally management activities are conducted by staff personnel only when the property is in close proximity to a VA field station and no reputable local brokers are willing to represent the VA. Each management broker wishing to represent the VA must submit a signed VA Form 26-6685. The information collected on the form, as well as other relevant material, such as a credit report, is used to determine the qualifications and acceptability of those management brokers who apply to participate in this program.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 63 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally on-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0563]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 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 information needed to determine the feasibility of conducting additional scientific research on "health hazards" resulting from exposure to dioxin and herbicides used in Vietnam.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (191A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0563" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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:* Army Chemical Corps Vietnam Veterans Health Study, Phase II, VA Form 10-20998(NR).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0563.

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

*Abstract:* In July 1993, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (IOM) issued its report "Veterans and Agent Orange: Health Effects of Herbicides Used in Vietnam" containing six research recommendations including a recommendation that this proposed study of Army Vietnam Chemical Corps veterans be conducted. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs approved the IOM research recommendations in general and informed the Congress of his decision by letter of September 27, 1993. If the information for the study is not collected, VA will not be able to do the study and will have failed to comply with the intent of Congress when Public Law 102-4, the "Agent Orange Act of 1991" was enacted. In addition, the results of the study will be valuable to VA in formulating compensation and medical benefits policies for veterans of the Vietnam War.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 2,531 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,375.

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