

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98–525.

AGENDA: January 2000 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Ninety-Second Meeting (November 18, 1999) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Unsolicited Grant Applications; Other General Issues.

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Dated: January 3, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (Survey of Benefits Usage)]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Planning and Analysis, 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 Planning and Analysis (OP&A), 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 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "Survey of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Usage."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Usage.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The proposed telephone survey is intended to collect data as part of a program evaluation to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs which assist the survivors of veterans and servicemembers who die of service-connected disabilities (in the case of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation) or with service-connected disabilities (in the case of Insurance) and certain other veterans. This evaluation will fulfill the ongoing requirements of Public Law 103-62, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; Title 38, U.S.C., section 527, Evaluation and Data Collection; and Title 38 CFR, § 1.15, Standards for Program Evaluation. In addition, this evaluation will fulfill the specific requirements of Public Law 105-368, Section 303, Assessment of Effectiveness of Insurance and Survivor Benefits Programs for Survivors of Veterans with Service-connected Disabilities.

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 October 28, 1999, at page 58130.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Time Per Respondent and Annual Burden:

a. Beneficiaries of DIC Program:
789 Spouses @ 35 minutes per response = 460 hours.

203 Children @ 35 minutes per response = 118 hours.

b. 1,643 Nonparticipating Servicemembers/Veterans @ 35 minutes per response = 411.

c. 1,637 Subscribing Servicemembers/Veterans @ 20 minutes = 546 hours.

d. 1,220 Insurance Beneficiaries @ 30 minutes = 610.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,492.

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 "Survey of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Usage."

Dated: December 28, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

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Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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