

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Headquarters, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS-HQ/FMM, ATTN: Mr. Clyde Saunders 1931 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22240-5291.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Mr. Clyde Saunders, (703) 607-5038.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Dependency Statements; Parent (DD Form 137-3), Child Born Out of Wedlock (DD Form 137-4), Incapacitated Child Over Age 21 (DD Form 137-5), Full Time Student 21-22 Years of Age (DD Form 137-6, and Ward of a Court (DD Form 137-7); OMB Number 0730-007.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is used to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependent rate, travel allowance, or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card. Information regarding a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated

child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court is provided by the military member or by another individual who may be a member of the public. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide at least one-half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Vol. 7A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreases the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 24,300 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 19,440.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1.25 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

When military members apply for benefits, they must complete the form which corresponds to the particular dependent situation (a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court). While members usually complete these forms, they can also be completed by others considered members of the public. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. Without this collection of information, proof of an entitlement to a benefit would not exist. The requirement to complete these forms helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste, and abuse of dependent benefits.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the

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

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 293; OMB Number 0704-0004.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 8,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 8,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,000.

*Needs and Uses:* Former members of the Armed Forces who received an administrative discharge have the right to appeal the characterization or reason for separation. Title 10 of the U.S.C., Section 1553, and DoD Directive 1332.28 established a Board of Review consisting of five members to review appeals of former members of the Armed Forces. The DD Form 293, "Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States," provides the respondent a vehicle to present to the Board their reasons/justifications for a discharge upgrade as well as providing the Services the basic data needed to process the appeal.

*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 requests 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force