

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 98-32.

*Abstract:* This revenue procedure provides information about the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) programs for Batch Filers and Bulk Filers (Filers). EFTPS is an electronic remittance processing system for making federal tax deposits (FTDs) and federal tax payments (FTPs). The Batch Filer and Bulk Filer programs are used by Filers for electronically submitting enrollments, FTDs, and FTPs on behalf of multiple taxpayers.

*Current Actions:* The number of Bulk and Batch filers participating in the EFTPS has increased due to two factors. First, the Service eliminated its magnetic tape program for the reporting of federal tax deposits and certain estimated income tax payments effective with respect to deposits or payments made after January 31, 2000. Secondly, the number of taxpayers required by the regulations issued under § 6302(h) of the Code to make FTDs using EFTPS has increased.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 82 hours, 23 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 123,567.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of

information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: May 11, 2001.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting of the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC).

**SUMMARY:** In 1998 the IRS established the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC). The primary purpose of ETAAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggests improvements.

There will be a meeting of ETAAC on Thursday, May 31, 2001. The meeting will be held in the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that are planned to be discussed are listed below.

#### Summarized Agenda for Meeting Thursday, May 31, 2001

9:00 Meeting Opens  
11:30 Break for Lunch  
1:00 Meeting Resumes  
3:00 Meeting Adjourns

The topics that are planned to be covered are as follows:

- (1) Small Business Plans
- (2) e-Services 2002 Releases
- (3) Lessons Learned—2001 Filing Season
- (4) Preview of Report to Congress

**Note:** Last minute changes to these topics are possible and could prevent advance notice.

**DATES:** The meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that

accommodates approximately 100 people, including members of ETAAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. To get your name on the access list, notification of intent to attend the meeting should be made with Ms. Robin Marusin by May 25, 2001. Ms. Marusin can be reached at 202-622-8184. Notification of intent should include your name, organization and phone number. If you leave this information for Ms. Marusin in a voice-mail message, please spell out all names. A draft of the agenda will be available via facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call Ms. Robin Marusin on or after Thursday May 24 to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you. Please note that a draft agenda will not be available until that date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To get on the access list to attend this meeting, to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you, or to get general information about ETAAC, call Robin Marusin at 202-622-8184.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ETAAC reports to the Director, Electronic Tax Administration, who is the executive responsible for the electronic tax administration program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the development and implementation of the Internal Revenue Service' (IRS') strategy for electronic tax administration will help achieve the goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they are reimbursed for their travel and lodging expenses to attend the public meetings, working sessions, and an orientation each year.

**Terence H. Lutes,**

*Director, Electronic Tax Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-ALS]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to conduct a study of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis among Gulf War veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-ALS" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**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, 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:* A Study of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Among Gulf War Veterans.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-NEW-ALS.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* This study is designed to investigate the occurrence and to identify the causes of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) among Gulf War veterans. The study will further define

the epidemiology of the neurological disease among veterans under the age of 45, and will determine whether there is a higher than expected occurrence. ALS is a rare disease in patients under the age of 45, which is the group of the majority of veterans on active duty during the Gulf War. The study will also ascertain the probable (possible) etiology of ALS. The result of the data collection will have importance for both the VA in achieving its mission to provide for the health of veterans and for the larger society in understanding ALS. The study will indicate whether veterans deployed to the Persian Gulf during the Gulf War are at elevated risk of ALS.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 756 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 6 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 126.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0325]

### 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 June 18, 2001.

**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 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0325."

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Certificate of Delivery of Advance Payment and Enrollment, VA Form 22-1999V.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0325.

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

*Abstract:* VA is authorized to pay educational assistance to veterans and other eligible individuals pursuing approved programs of education. If certain requirements are met, VA is authorized to issue payments in advance of the beginning date of training. The schools or training establishments deliver advance payments and are required to certify the deliveries to VA. The schools or training establishments are also required to report the following to VA: (1) The failure of the student to enroll; (2) an interruption or termination of attendance; or, (3) a finding of unsatisfactory attendance conduct or progress. VA Form 22-1999V serves as the certificate of delivery of the advance payment and also the report of any changes in training status.

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 March 6, 2001 at page 13632.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,779 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,353.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0325" in any correspondence.

Dated: May 10, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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