

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act mandates that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, will conduct a study to determine: (1) The extent to which former members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces experienced physical assault of a sexual nature or battery of a sexual nature while serving on active duty for training; (2) the extent to which such former members have sought counseling through VA relating to these incidents; and (3) the additional resources that, in the judgment of the Secretary, would be required to meet the projected need of these former members for such counseling.

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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,375 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,500.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB 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–VHA2" in any correspondence.

Dated: November 6, 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. 2900–0393]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, 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 Acquisition and Materiel Management, 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 December 24, 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 to: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0393" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) part 813—Simplified Acquisition Procedures.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0393.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* VA issues requests for quotations (RFQs) under procedures of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 13 and VAAR part 813 for the acquisition of goods and services necessary to operate the Department. In addition, VA requests information from vendors to establish blanket purchase agreements (BPAs). Any individual or business wishing to submit an offer on an RFQ or respond to a request to establish a BPA may do so. VA will use the information to determine which business or individual VA should issue a purchase order for the acquisition of goods or services or to determine which business or individual VA should establish a BPA. This collection of information covers only those acquisition-related actions conducted under the procedures of FAR part 13 and VAAR part 813 that affect 10 or more persons and are, therefore, subject to the PRA. Such actions include open market competitive acquisitions between \$25,000 and \$100,000 and, for commercial items, acquisitions between \$100,000 and \$5 million where simplified procedures are used.

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Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 24, 2001, at page 44667.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions and state, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,650.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,650.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB 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. 2900–0393" in any correspondence.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary:

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Illnesses Not Associated With Service in the Persian Gulf During the Persian Gulf War

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice; clarification.

**SUMMARY:** In a notice published July 6, 2001 (66 FR 35702–35710), we stated in the **SUMMARY** paragraph, "As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, under the authority granted by the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), and the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–368, 112 Stat. 3315, has determined that there is no basis to establish a presumption of service connection for any disease based on service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War."

The purpose of this notice is to clarify that the September 7, 2000, National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report entitled "Gulf War and Health, Volume 1. Depleted Uranium, Sarin, Pyridostigmine Bromide, Vaccines" covered only those items. This notice also is to clarify that VA's July 6, 2001, notice was intended to convey to the public that the Secretary of Veterans

Affairs, under the relevant statutory authorities, had determined only that, at that time, there was no basis for establishing a presumption of service connection for any illness suffered by Gulf War veterans based on exposure to depleted uranium, sarin, pyridostigmine bromide, and certain vaccines.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Bisset, Jr., Consultant or Bill Russo, Attorney-Advisor, Compensation and Pension Service, Regulations Staff, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273-7213 and (202) 273-7211, respectively.

**Anthony J. Principi,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee will meet at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefit Administration Conference Room 542, 1800 G St., NW, Washington, DC, on Monday, December 10, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2001. The agenda for this inaugural meeting will include overview of VA policies concerning approval of licensing and certification testing. The majority of this initial meeting will be dedicated to

determining the functions of the Committee. Established by Public Law 106-419, the purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and counsel to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters regarding the requirements of organizations or entities offering licensing and certification tests taken by individuals entitled to payment under VA's education and training programs and on related issues as the Committee determines is appropriate. Those planning to attend this open meeting should contact Ms. Lynn M. Cossette or Mr. William G. Susling at (202) 273-7187 by November 30, 2001.

Dated: November 15, 2001.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**Nora E. Egan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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