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Title: Financial Counseling Statement, VA Form 26-8844.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0270.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is part of VA's supplemental servicing program for helping veteran-borrowers who are seriously delinquent on guaranteed or insured VA home loans. In VA's supplemental servicing effort, financial counseling is performed in appropriate cases to afford veteran-borrowers the maximum assistance possible to retain their homes during periods of temporary financial difficulty. The information collected is used by VA to make recommendations to the borrower in an effort to help the borrower cure the default status of the loan.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: February 8, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0463]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information provided by veterans receiving military pay for Reserve and National Guard participation to waive either VA benefits or military pay and allowances.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances, VA Form 21-8951.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0463.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The data collected is information provided by veterans receiving military pay for Reserve and National Guard participation to waive either VA benefits or military pay and allowances.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 700 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0570]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health 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 Health Administration (VHA), 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 March 25, 2002.

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, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0570."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Generic Clearance for the Veterans Health Administration Customer Satisfaction Surveys.
OMB Control Number: 2900-0570.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards,