

copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Wanda Burggraff, Revenue Operations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8198.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Excise Tax Return—Alcohol and Tobacco (Puerto Rico).

*OMB Number:* 1512-0497.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5000.25.

*Abstract:* Businesses in Puerto Rico report their Federal excise tax liability on distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, cigarette papers and tubes on ATF F 5000.25. ATF uses this form to identify the taxpayer and to determine the amount and type of taxes due and paid.

*Current Actions:* ATF F 5000.25 has been revised in the plain language format. The form is more user-friendly and is organized in a logical manner that is clearly written in a visually appealing style. The instructions have been changed from a numeric system to an alphabetical system. Several instructions have been consolidated into a chart format for easier reference.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 130.

*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.

Dated: September 11, 2002.

**William T. Earle,**

*Assistant Director (Management) CFO.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certification of Secure Gun Storage or Safety Devices.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Bartlett, National Licensing Center, Atlanta, Georgia 30301, (404) 679-5040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certification of Secure Gun Storage or Safety Devices.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0551.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5300.42.

*Abstract:* The requested information on ATF 5300.42 will be used to ensure that applicants for a Federal firearms license are in compliance with the requirements pertaining to the availability of secure gun storage or safety devices.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 31,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 600.

*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.

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**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Vivian Pena, Firearms Programs Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-7770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Open Letter to Federal Firearms Licensees.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0552.

*Abstract:* The FBI has informed ATF that thousands of licensees have failed to enroll with them to conduct a national instant criminal background check system (NICS). The Open Letter to Federal Firearms Licensees informs the non-enrolled licensees that they cannot transfer a firearm to a nonlicensed individual without first contacting the FBI and conducting a NICS check.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 18,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 306.

*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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
**Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (POW) will be held on October 7-9, 2002, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121. Each day the meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

The agenda for October 7 will begin with an introduction of Committee members and dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for POW veterans and/or the public to address the Committee. The Committee will also discuss future plans for the VA POW Learning Seminars, and conclude with a report from the Expert Medical Panel on Presumptive Conditions. The agenda on October 8 will include a report on VA's Compensation and Pension Service programs in progress, and a report on the activities of the Veterans Health Administration. VA will also present to the Committee a proposal to establish POW Regional Compensation Examination Units in ten to twelve Regional Offices, modeled after the Seattle and Jackson paradigms. The committee will also take up consideration of priority for POWs in Long-Term Health Care programs, and hear a report from the National Institute of Health Agency Follow-up on Morbidity and Mortality in Heart Disease and Stroke among former POWs. The session will conclude with a report from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies, followed by a general discussion. On October 9, the Committee's Medical and Administrative subcommittees will break out to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee. Additionally, the Committee will review and analyze the comments discussed throughout the meeting for the purpose of assisting and compiling a final report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance

of the meeting, in writing only, to Mr. Ronald J. Henke, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. A report of the meeting and roster of Committee members may be obtained from Mr. Henke.

Dated: September 12, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Ronald R. Aument,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
**Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC) will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 528, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on VA issues related to geriatrics and gerontology thereby enhancing services and programs available to aging veterans.

The topics to be presented/discussed include:

- Site visit to Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (GRECCS)
- Update on current issues of the Millennium Act
- Geriatrics and Extended Care Initiatives
- Status of Geriatric Fellowship Program
- Update on Aging Research in VA

Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Jacqueline Holmes, Staff Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group, at (202) 273-8539.

Dated: September 12, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Ronald R. Aument,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff.*

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